Good morning! The weeks just seem to be flying by and before you know it, we will be at winter break! However, we have a great deal of learning to do prior to letting the kiddos leave us for two full weeks! Speaking of winter, it feels quite a bit cooler outside today and the students will need to start layering in order to be prepared for walking club and recess. We will go outside daily if it is 15 degrees or above. It is always better to be more prepared than to be cold outside. We have a few coats to lend out, but not many.

**Spelling Bee:**

The first round of the Spelling Bee will be on Wednesday, October 16th. This will be the 15-word written test. The 3rd-5th grade students who score the highest will move onto the spoken round. If we have students receiving 15/15, those will move on. If no one receives a perfect score, we will move to those getting a 14/15. Finalists will be determined and the spoken round will be held on October 24th when it will be determined which student will represent Sagewood at the district level on November 21st.

**Student Council:**

Every year, Student Council has one fundraiser to help provide monies for things that they feel strongly in supporting. These funds go towards our weekly recycling, Timberwolf ticket winner prizes, treats for students who have earned lunch with the principal and guidance counselor, and donations to local causes. If you are interested in participating (not required but yummy and fun for Thanksgiving), find a Student Council member or come to the office between October 25th- November 11th and sign up to purchase a Bundtini cake decorated for Thanksgiving or Bundtini cupcakes. 20% comes back to Student Council. See the attached flyer for details.

**PTO:**

The Sagewood PTO is currently looking into a fundraiser for the Spring called a Boosterthon/Fun Run. We would still have the carnival but not as a fundraiser, just for fun! Attached is a flyer about this new type of fundraiser. We will be voting at the next PTO meeting on Oct 28th so please join us if you have questions or would like to vote.

**Health Screenings:**

Sagewood will be conducting health screenings on Friday, November 1st from 8:30 am-10:45 am. We are looking for parent volunteers from 8:15 am to 10:45 am that day to assist in doing hearing, vision, and dental screenings, as well as checking heights and weights for students. If this is something you would be interested in helping with, please contact Sarah Franklin at sarahkfranklin@hotmail.com.

**Cash for Education:**

Please continue to send in your Box Top clips, or scan your purchases in the app! The first Box Tops contest will end on Thursday, October 24th, with the class collecting the most Box Tops earning a prize! Also, please remember to watch for the TAGG symbol at local businesses, and TAGG your purchases for Sagewood! Finally, keep those Hy-Vee grocery and gas receipts from all over town coming! We are collecting the receipts through December 31st, 2019.

**Fall Fundraiser:**

Donation Raffle Ticket Sales are over. Time to prepare for the big event, **The 2019 Costume Ball: A Not so Scary FUNdraiser Event**. Put on your costumes and head to school **Thursday, Oct 17th** to dance the night away and maybe win some prizes, too! **Doors open at 6:00pm** and admission is $10/student ($30 max/family). For students who sold Donation Raffle Tickets, Parents and Children under 5yrs admission is FREE!

Costumes must comply with district policy, no weapons, no blood and no scary masks. Anyone wearing any of these items will be asked to remove them at the door.

We are still looking for some help with decoration supplies. Items still needed are:

LED String lights in orange, purple, white & green (have some, need more)

Jack-o-Lantern Trick or Treat Pails (have some, need more)

Please bring any items you can lend to Sagewood by Tuesday, Oct. 15. Don't forget to put your name on the items. We will return all borrowed items the week following the event. We appreciate your help keeping waste and cost down for this very fun event.

**Sagewood Night Out:**

Don and Millie’s Family Dinner Night
Tuesday Oct 15th ALL day! 161st and Maple
Dine in or drive thru!
Mention Sagewood when ordering and PTO will get a percentage of sales!!!

**Sagewood Elementary Fun night with the Lancers!**

October 26th at 7:05 pm

Sagewood is hosting a fun night at the Omaha Lancers game and our 3rd-grade class will be singing the National Anthem!

Tickets will be available at a discounted rate with $3-$6 per ticket sold going back to our school based on participation.