Greetings and my, has the weather changed! With that being said, we will go outside for Walking Club and recess as long as the weather permits. We have changed the temperature to 15 degrees at the district level so please send your children prepared to stay warm for one to two recesses. We have our picture retakes next Wednesday the 9th so if you are new to Sagewood after the year started or if you do not like your initial pictures taken, please plan on having your child ready for pictures on this morning. Bring the original packet back if you have already ordered it. Enjoy the weekend and another great week is on its way!

**Growth Mindset:**

This week we had our first Pack Time. In our groups this year, we will be focusing on Growth Mindset. We will be teaching our groups that it is okay to struggle and experience a bit of frustration in order to succeed.  It’s only natural for parents and teachers alike to want to help children be happy and flourish in everything that they do. However, we must understand as adults that students/your children must be allowed to experience failure and use their problem-solving skills to help them navigate through it and achieve a deeper knowledge from it. Our hope is that our students will use these tools both at school and at home to be resilient, build character, and their self-esteem. Students at every age will experience setbacks, disappointments, and mistakes. As their adult advocates, we want to help them to become grounded and well-rounded, and ultimately succeed in their education and in life.

**Spelling Bee:**

We have the opportunity once again this year to be a part of the District Spelling Bee. This will be offered for any student in grades 3-5.  A permission slip will be going home on the 9th of October if your child is interested in participating. This is not required.  These will need to be returned by the 14th. The first round of the Spelling Bee will be the 14th. Finalists will be determined at each grade level and the Final Round will be held on October 25th where it will be determined which student will represent Sagewood at the district level on November 21st. The students will receive a packet of words to study from and words will be chosen from the packet in random order.

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**Family Dinner Night**

October 7th AND 8th Marcos Pizza (168th and Blondo)

Mention Sagewood when ordering and our school will get 15% back when calling in an order and 20% off when ordering online.

Also, tell them your student’s teacher and the class with the most participation will receive a pizza party!

**Fall Fundraiser/Dance:**

The Fundraiser has kicked off!  Donation Ticket sales are due back to the school office by October 11th. Information Brochures and Ticket books were sent home in backpacks Wednesday, Sept. 25th.  If you have any questions about the Fundraiser & Costume Ball Event please contact Janel Asuncion at janelasuncion@gmail.com.

We are looking for parents/middle & high school students interested in volunteering at our event.  If you or your MS & HS students are interested in helping out, please follow this link to sign up. Signup Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b084bafac2ea20-20191> . We appreciate your help with this event.

 In an effort to cut costs and waste, we are also asking for some help supplying the decorations for the event. If you have any of the following items and will allow us to borrow them please deliver them to the school before Oct. 11th with your name & contact # taped to the item or contact Janel Asuncion. All borrowed items will be returned the week following the event. Thank you for your help!

 LED light strings in white, purple, orange or green

Jack-o-Lantern Trick or Treat Pails

(1) LED projector with Halloween themed light show program

**DIRECTORY:**  Directories have been distributed to every Sagewood family.  Thank you to **Steve & Jenny Minino with the Hopkins Minino Home Team** for sponsoring this directory for the 5th year!  Because of their generosity, the PTO and our Sagewood families do not incur any charges for this service.  We appreciate your support towards the Sagewood PTO!

**Cash for Education:**

Please continue to help raise money to support  Sagewood by getting credit for the things you are buying anyway! Don’t forget to TAGG your local purchases in their app, utilize the Box Tops app or send the clips you find into your child’s classroom, and keep all Hy-Vee gas and grocery receipts to turn in at school! All these things really add up!

**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.

**See attached flye**r for more info and permission slip for 3rd graders that need to be turned in by Oct 11th.