November already? It must be, because the leaves are turning, the chill of fall is in the air and hopefully the school year has settled into a productive and positive routine for your family. Recently, we completed our fall district iReady assessments in both math & reading. We also completed our October Arena Conferences Parent Night. Thank you to all the students and parents who attended. It’s imperative that students see your support and communication regarding their academic & behavioral progress. It shows students you understand how important their education is, and helps them view learning as a priority as they become more independent and responsible for their education as they grow older.

The month of November is full of opportunities and important dates for our students. Our fall sports seasons have ended and winter sports will begin. Our annual Veterans Day Program will be held on Thursday, November 10th @ 9:15 and we invite you to attend. There is no school for students on Friday, November 11th to celebrate the Veterans Day holiday. We hope you’ll attend our Eagle Center Harvest Festival on November 17th from 6:00-8:00 pm. We will not have school November 23-25 for Thanksgiving break.

We look forward to continuing to work together to provide your child with the best educational experience here at First Creek Middle School. On behalf of our staff, we hope you have a great Thanksgiving holiday with your family. This year I continue to be thankful for the opportunity to lead an amazingly committed staff, work with supportive families, and with our incredible students within this community.

Warmly,
Tammy M. Larsen
Principal

UNIFORM CHANGE
We want to again extend our utmost appreciation for your patience as we make our upcoming uniform policy change.

The change will go into full effect the beginning of 2nd semester (February 2nd) at this time we will expect all students to comply with the new policy. The new policy requires students to either wear a First Creek T-shirt or sweatshirt. No other ‘tops’ will be allowed.

We will need your help to make this big change. T-Shirts cost $7, crewneck sweatshirts are $20 and hoodie sweatshirts are $25 and can be purchased at any time. We encourage you to budget over the next 3 months to purchase your T-shirts if you haven’t yet done so.

ATHLETICS NEWS
The next session of athletics is Boys Soccer and Volleyball. The first day of practice is Monday, November 14th.

Remember, in order to play, you must have registered on-line through the districts website, turned in your sports physical to the Main Office or Mr. Webster/Athletic Director and purchased your ASB sticker in the Main Office.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Webster—First Creek Athletic Director/253-571-2788.

VISION AND HEARING SCREENING
The state required vision and hearing screening is coming soon! For Middle Schools, the state directs us to screen our current 7th graders. The district screening team along with our school nurse will be conducting the screening on Nov 16th.

We will also screen students new to our district (6th & 8th) or any student referred by parent or teacher.

If there is a concern with your child’s screening results you will be notified by mail and/or phone call.

FALL IS FOR FAMILY & COMMUNITY
Thursday, November 17th is our 5th annual Healthy Harvest Festival from 6-8 pm.

This interactive event is packed with lots of fun for the whole family with activities including health and safety education and resources, healthy cook demonstrations, refreshments, raffles, Zumba, Thanksgiving baskets, and more!

If you have any questions or need more information, contact Fahren Johnson in our Eagle Center.

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