



# THE KANE CHRONICLE

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## Classroom News

World Smile Day is Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Staff and students are being encouraged to wear yellow and their happy, smiling faces.

The students have already filled their Compliment Jar once, and they're halfway to filling it again. As a reward, the class has decided to have a P.J. / Comfy Clothes / Stuffed Animal Day. This will take place on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. (*Participation is optional.*)

Progress Reports will be sent home in a couple weeks. These are supposed to give you a brief snapshot of your child's behavior and work habits between report card periods. They should be returned to school with a parent signature.



## Curriculum News

In Math, we continue to study decimals as we learn multiple ways to rename them, find equivalents, and make comparisons with them. We are also discovering patterns with relationship to place value (10x greater, 10x less, 1/10 of, ÷ 10, and 100x greater).

In Language Arts, we have started to practice answering open response questions in response to reading a selection. This has included identifying the big ideas or reasons, determining the best evidence, and then explaining the evidence. Students also continue to work with their narrative writing, as they try to apply what they're learning from focus lessons, such as telling the story from the inside out (1<sup>st</sup> P.O.V.).



In Science, we continue to learn about rocks (sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic rocks) and the rock cycle. In the next round of "Science Seekers" students will study weathering and erosion, and their impact on the earth's surface. These concepts will further help each team determine the best site to send paleontologists to look for fossils.



In Social Studies, we will finish our practice with latitude and longitude activities before the Map Skills Test is administered on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. A study guide for this assessment was handed out last week.



## October Scholastic Book Orders

are due Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>



Columbus Day

## No School on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

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## No School on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

Teacher Professional Development Day



## The Autumn Adventure Book Report Project

is due Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

(*Project directions and rubric can be found on our website.*)