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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have had a busy, yet short week of school. Monday and Tuesday were a little more challenging with no recess opportunities, but our students and staff persevered and we were able to get outside on Wednesday. Our students are well into the academic year and many are working on their first writing challenge prompt. For example, fifth graders are writing opinion essays, fourth graders are creating a scene from their own fairy tale and first graders are working on a “super seven sentence.”

So far this year, I have been able to spend more time in classrooms watching and interacting with students and faculty. I have been able to celebrate our teachers’ instructional practices and also pose wondering questions to them. This has led to having more informal discussions and dialogue with my staff. I don’t know if they are always enjoying my opportunity to spend more time in their classrooms, but I am confident that it will be beneficial for all of us in the end.

I am also doing more reading as noted in last week’s newsletter. This week, I read 365 Days of Wonder: Mr. Browne’s Precepts. According to *Merriam-Webster*, a precept is “a command or principle intended especially as a general rule of action.” Or as Mr. Browne states, “words to live by.” Here are a few of my favorites so far:

Kind words do not cost much. Yet they accomplish much. –Blaise Pascal

Be nice to each other. It’s really all that matters. –Dawn Lafferty Hochsprung

When you come to the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on. –Thomas Jefferson

Hard work beats talent when talent doesn’t work. –Shreya

Maybe your family could find a precept that inspires you and hang it on your refrigerator for the month. Then at the beginning of each month add another one.

Have a great, extra-long weekend! See you Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mark your calendars for October 23<sup>rd</sup>, as we are putting on a Spaghetti Supper to show support for Ms. Conway and the LRGH Breast Cancer Department. More information will be coming.

Our PTO Fun Run has been rescheduled to Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like your child to receive a flu shot at our clinic on October 16<sup>th</sup>, please send the form back to the school with your child.

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**Calendar of Events:**

10/5 – No School, Teacher Workshop

10/5 – Curious George Story time, 10:45 a.m. @ Minot-Sleeper Library

10/8 – No School, Columbus Day

10/12 – Flag Football Intramural, 2:00-3:15

10/15 – Fun Run (rescheduled), 10:00

PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

10/16 – Kid's Flu Clinic

10/23 – Spaghetti Dinner, 5:30-7:00

10/25 – Lights ON! ASP @ Kelly Park

10/30 – Picture Retakes

10/31 – Halloween Parade & Food Drive

