

A note from Your John Ireland Parent Advisory Committee Chair:

Hello Everyone,

October marked the end of the first quarter and it's hard to believe we are already 25% through the school year. Before you know it Christmas will be here, then Luck of the Irish and summer will be back. The time sure does fly by. Make sure to take some time and enjoy these moments before they are gone, as a 6th grade parent I can vouch for how quickly they fly by.

We opened this month's meeting discussing the opening of the clothing store one last time before Christmas. If you missed the last one hopefully you were able to get in on this one. By the time you are reading this it will have already been closed. Here's a tip for your next order, if you are looking to get an item in Tall but don't see it, just order the regular size selection. Then call in with your order number and they can change it to a tall. This only applies to cotton items such as t-shirts, long sleeve shirts and sweatshirts.

Next up we discussed how we did in the scarecrow contest at Go Therapy. Unfortunately we didn't place in the top 3 but we still had an awesome scarecrow. The scarecrow was designed and decorated by the kindergarten class so if you see a kindergartener tell how good a job they did.

That brought us to Trunk or Treat. What a beautiful night and what a great success Trunk or Treat was this year with the most trunks we have ever had 21! We also had more people than we could count and it was good to see the kids out in their costumes playing games and trunk or treating. Hope to see you again next year.

We got the totals from our community night at Jake's Pizza and we made \$200.31 in just 2 short hours. Thank you to all that were able to help that night and those that came and got dinner. We may have another possible opportunity so stay tuned for more information.

The Challenge grant is an amazing opportunity offered to us through Best Buy and the Richard Schulze Foundation. As of November 12th we have raised \$10,000 of the \$25,000 goal that was set. If we can hit our goal the foundation will double the amount giving us \$50,000. There is still time to make donations that qualify for the grant, the deadline is December 15th. If you have any questions regarding the grant please contact the office.

If you or anyone you know has any talents or desires to help create a virtual tour for school, please contact the office.

We are still looking at finding a way to connect us all as parents and have an event where we can get together and socialize. If you have any ideas or suggestions of things that you would like to do, please contact a member of the committee and let us know. We are open to all ideas and suggestions.

Thank you

Chris Mish, JIPAC Chair