Too much fun last weekend to write a weekly! Please take the time to read the information sent out on Red Ribbon Week this week in an earlier email.

- A huge THANK YOU on behalf of our whole school community to Keri Lynn Barneson for chairing Harvest Fest! This is a considerable task in and of itself, but even more so given the fact that Keri's eldest child just entered kindergarten and she had never attended it before! She was fortunate to have much help, but even so, she was the glue holding the pieces together.
- One of the most popular events at Harvest Fest was the HAUNTED HALLWAY, a labor (and it is a LOT of labor) of love and creativity from Rohde Hill. Our kids LOVED it and I overheard many excited conversations about it as I walked around. Another HUGE thank you to Rohde, his family, and helpers. It is a very large task to set this up and break it down.
- Our annual fall fundraiser is over (although you can still place online orders and we'll get credit). This undertaking is significant as the money raised funds our budget for this year. We are so fortunate to have Breda Morgano still running it along with her helpers. I am pleased to let you know that because of her efforts, and with your support, we met our budget goal and will be able to fund all that we planned for our children and community. Thank you!
- Lions' Club members will be in to conduct a vision screening for our K students on Wednesday.
- Congrats to Andrew M for coming in first place in last Saturday's Fun Run, and to Mason H. and Sophia H. for their 4th place ties.
- Classroom Halloween parties and our annual parade will be held on Halloween Day, October 31st. We'll be collecting candy afterwards to donate to our service troops as a part of "Operation Gratitude". We'll be doing this in conjunction with a local dentist's office, who pays to ship out the donations. Please encourage your children to make a sacrifice in selecting some to give - not JUST the ones that they (and you) don't like!
- Chilly weather is here. We will continue to go outdoors. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. Here's a tip to help ensure your child's clothing does not remain lost if that happens: www.kiddotags.com - a tip shared by one of our parents who uses this site and is VERY happy with the quality and durability of these labels. PLUS if you enter the code HARVEST18 at checkout you'll get a 40% discount! This offer runs through the remainder of this calendar year. This is a great way to ensure that your child's clothing will remain FOUND and not LOST. Or to limit at home arguments about whose toy/water bottle/sweater is whose! From another perspective, I needed labels for my mom's clothing when we had to place her in a facility. There were some mix ups and losses until I figured out to do that. My husband wants them for his tools that he loans out to family members - before he loses anymore!

Go Pats and Sox!!

Janice