I'm using my extra hour this morning to get back on track with this!

Congratulations to Jack C for winning a special ride to school from the Salem Fire Department on Friday morning! He was kind enough to share with his family. Wish the weather had been better – but I'm sure it was an experience he'll long remember!

I think attendance at this year's Halloween Parade reached an all time high! Thank you for helping us balance fun, excitement, and student safety!

We have 9 paper boxes filled to the brim with candy to send to Pediatric Dentistry who will ship it out as a participant in Operation Gratitude! Thank you for your support of our troops and for helping our students value their work.

Spindel Eye Associates will be here for grades 1, 3, & 5 as well as the Lion Club (take 2) for K to do eye screenings this week. If your children are in grades 2 or 4 and you are concerned about their eyesight, let me know ASAP. Spindel is coming tomorrow (Monday).

Tuesday is a voting day and staff will be parking at Triumphant Church and walking or shuttling to school to leave spaces for our voters. A high turnout is expected. A reminder that the gym access doors are locked on that day. Band will be in the cafeteria.

Salem's Rotary Club will be distributing special-more-than-dictionaries to our third graders on Tuesday. This is an annual event/treat that our students look forward to each year. We are grateful to club members for their donation of books for us and for their time and efforts in making Salem a better community in which to live, learn, and work.

Wednesday we have our first Paint Party for grades K-2 – an event we had to split into two dates because of such a great turn out! Volunteers to help are always needed for sign ins/outs and helping with canvases and paints (and spills sometimes!). Thank you, Maria Kench, who organizes this popular event for our children.

A reminder that NEXT Monday, the 12th, school is closed in observance of Veterans’ Day. Tuesday the 13th is Parent-Teacher Conferences, and also a day out of school for students. You do NOT have to sign in that day when you come for your scheduled time. Please alert the teacher or office if you are unable to make your scheduled appointment for any reason.

As the weather gets colder, we continue to go out. At this point, IF shorts are going to be worn to school, there needs to be leggings or tights (not sure of correct terms anymore) under them for warmth. If your family is in need of winter clothing, we have some nice, warm, lightweight, new jackets donated by the Salem Knights of Columbus.

Our annual Giving Tree request letters will be going home and posted on our web page soon. We’ll send out a Giving Tree purchase-a-gift letter later in the month.

Congrats to our D8 Rams Cheerleaders for their First Place in the STATE and our D10 cheerleaders for placing THIRD in the state! Cheers to Mrs. Strob, NS teacher and cheer coach!

We welcome back Ms. Sullivan on Monday from her maternity leave – a bittersweet day for her I’m sure. We were so fortunate to have Lancaster adjust their schedules so that Mrs. Joan Yeaton could be her for October to help us out.

Our fabulous fundraising team is looking for help to check in and sort our orders to get them into parents’ hands ASAP. Can you spare an hour? Sign up at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d49a4a92ba5fe3-fall