

# Cougar e-BLAST

## Friendly Reminders . . .



### Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

- Board of Education Meeting, 6:00pm, District Office Boardroom, or join virtually on the 301 BOE YouTube channel

### Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

- **No School**, Institute Day

### Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

- End of Quarter 1

### Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

- Retake Picture Day for IN PERSON Students  
Please notify your child's teacher if you are requesting a retake

### Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

- Retake Picture Day for REMOTE ONLY Students  
A-K Please sign up for a retake appointment on the [Sign Up Genius](#)  
L-Z Please sign up for a retake appointment on the [Sign Up Genius](#)

### Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

- Students may wear Halloween costumes to school.
  1. Items representing weapons are not allowed.
  2. Students should not wear costumes which appear bloody or promote gore (If in doubt, check with your child's teacher or the school office).
  3. Any hair preparations need to be completed at home.
  4. No face coverings such as Halloween masks can be worn. Students will need to adhere to the CDC mask guidelines in place since the first day of school.
  5. Props will not be allowed this year as there will be no parade, or party celebrations during the in-person day. Please keep all props at home.

### Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report Cards Posted to Parent Portal, 4:00pm

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## **Student Daily Work/Homework**

There seems to be some misunderstanding of expectations for what students are to be doing/completing when they are at home and not engaged in their in person instruction. To clarify, when students are not engaged in their specials classes during the 2.5 hours of the morning/afternoon, they are to be working on their daily extension work, or homework. Any work sent home with a student is an extension of their work during in person class time and is expected to be completed. Daily work is also on student Canvas pages for students to complete. Please refer to the Parent Night videos for information about daily work expectations. If you have any specific questions or concerns about daily work, or homework, please reach out directly to your child's teacher. Thank you in advance for assisting your child in getting daily assignments completed whether they are online or hard copy.

## **End of First Quarter**

The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter comes to an end on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please take a few moments to review your child's grades with them prior to this date in the event there is a missing assignment, project, or test that needs to be completed prior to then.

## **Signatures Needed in Skyward**

District 301 Board Policy states that the Student Handbook, including the District disciplinary policy and rules, shall be distributed to the students' parents/guardians within 15 days of the beginning of the school year or a new student's enrollment. Students and their parents/guardians must acknowledge receipt of the Student Handbook upon receipt of the handbook. For your convenience, the Handbook is available through Skyward Family Access (Parent Portal).

If you have not yet completed this step, please log into Skyward, go to Online Forms, and complete this.

The Second Semester Survey is also listed in the Online Forms and will remain open through Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please sign into your Skyward Parent Portal during this time to make your selection for your student(s). If you do not complete this form for your student(s), your student(s) will continue to participate in the attendance option he/she is participating in during the first semester.

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October 15, 2020



Dear Parents,

We can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to the more than 650,000 American service members who died in battle or the 1.4 million who were wounded. We can, however, recognize and thank the 25 million veterans still living today. Even though we can't honor our veterans in our typical way here at Country Trails, we still want to make sure they know how much we appreciate their sacrifice and we want to make sure our students learn how important the day is.

To help honor our veterans we are asking our students to write a letter to a hero. It can be to a specific veteran that they know or it can be an open letter to any veteran. Please take the time to talk to your children about the sacrifices our service members make to ensure our freedom. Our goal is to send our school's letters to Hines VA Hospital. Please send your letters back to school by Wednesday, November 4th. If your child is full remote, he/she can send the letter electronically to their teacher. If you have a veteran or service member in your family please feel free to write and send your letter to them.

We would also like to invite our families to send in pictures of family members that have served or who are currently serving. We plan to honor these service members in a social media display through our school/district social media for our families and community to see. Please complete this form to share your photos with us, [Our Family's Veteran](#). If you have any questions or concerns regarding sending the photos, please contact [Kristin.Milnamow@central301.net](mailto:Kristin.Milnamow@central301.net). Due to time constraints, pictures sent after Nov 1st cannot be included in our slide show.

Finally, in order to help our students understand the importance of the day, we would love to invite any veterans or active duty service members to either read a book about the military or to speak with a class about their experience in the military. These would need to be done virtually, through Google Meet. If you have someone who would be willing and able to do this, please complete the following: [Veterans' Day Sharing](#)

Thank you for your support,

The CT Veteran's Day Committee