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Principal's Message

Happy October Laurel Literacy Families!
We have finished beginning of the year assessments. These assessments give us information about how students are performing and where we can offer additional support. Teachers will share these assessments with you at Parent Conferences and discuss ways to best support your little learner.

We have had a couple of concerns brought up about pick up and drop off. Please do not have pets loose in the car during arrival and pick up. We want to be respectful of the staff assisting your children. Also, children have been in vehicles without state mandated car seats or boosters. Please be sure to follow regulations for your littles.

Check out the pictures on the next page from Hispanic Heritage Month celebration and from Ms. Giudice's second grade class enjoying flashlight reading. During the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, we enjoyed the tremendous food shared by families and staff, salsa dancing, stories of Hispanic descent and games of dominoes. The kids, families, and staff had a great time!

A couple of reminders from our handbook:

- we do not allow outside food for class celebrations
- all adults picking up MUST have an ID
- all bus students must have an adult at the bus stop to be dismissed.

Enjoy the weekend! ~Mrs. Dwyer

Parent Corner

Every month we celebrate Students of the Month with two types of honors. One is the Wise Owl- this student shows either strong academic abilities or excels in academic behaviors like grit or perseverance. The other is the Star Student. This student is really a rockstar in class or a kind community member- the type of kid that makes Laurel a great place to be. Be on the look out to see if your little one is honored one month!

Attendance Matters- Board of Education Policy No. 5113.2(b)

The following excerpt is from our Board attendance policy. The following list of reasons are considered excused absences:

For absences one through nine, an absence shall be considered "excused" when a child does not attend school and appropriate documentation is provided by the student's parent/guardian approving the absence, due to:

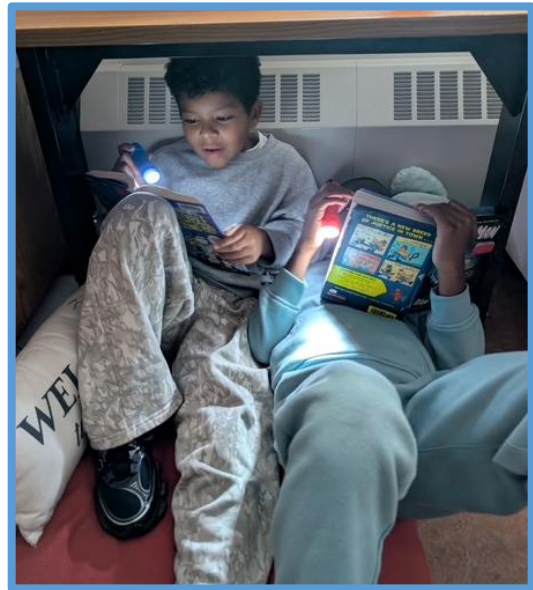
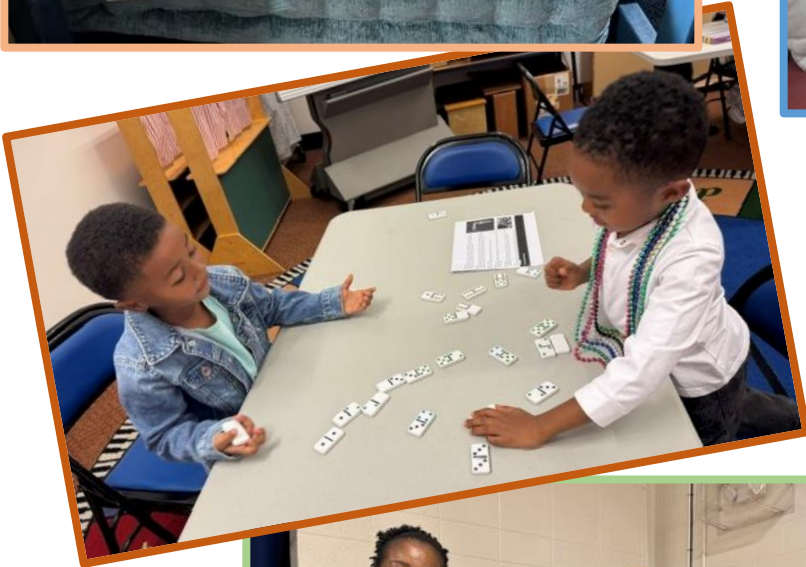
- A. Illness or injury,
- B. Death in the immediate family,
- C. Religious obligation,
- D. Court appearance,
- E. School sponsored activity,
- F. Lack of transportation that is normally provided by a district other than the one the students attends, (This reason does not require documentation.)
- G. An emergency, or
- H. Other exceptional circumstances and extraordinary educational opportunities preapproved by a District administrator and in accordance with SDE guidelines. ...All other absences with or without written explanation shall be considered unexcused.

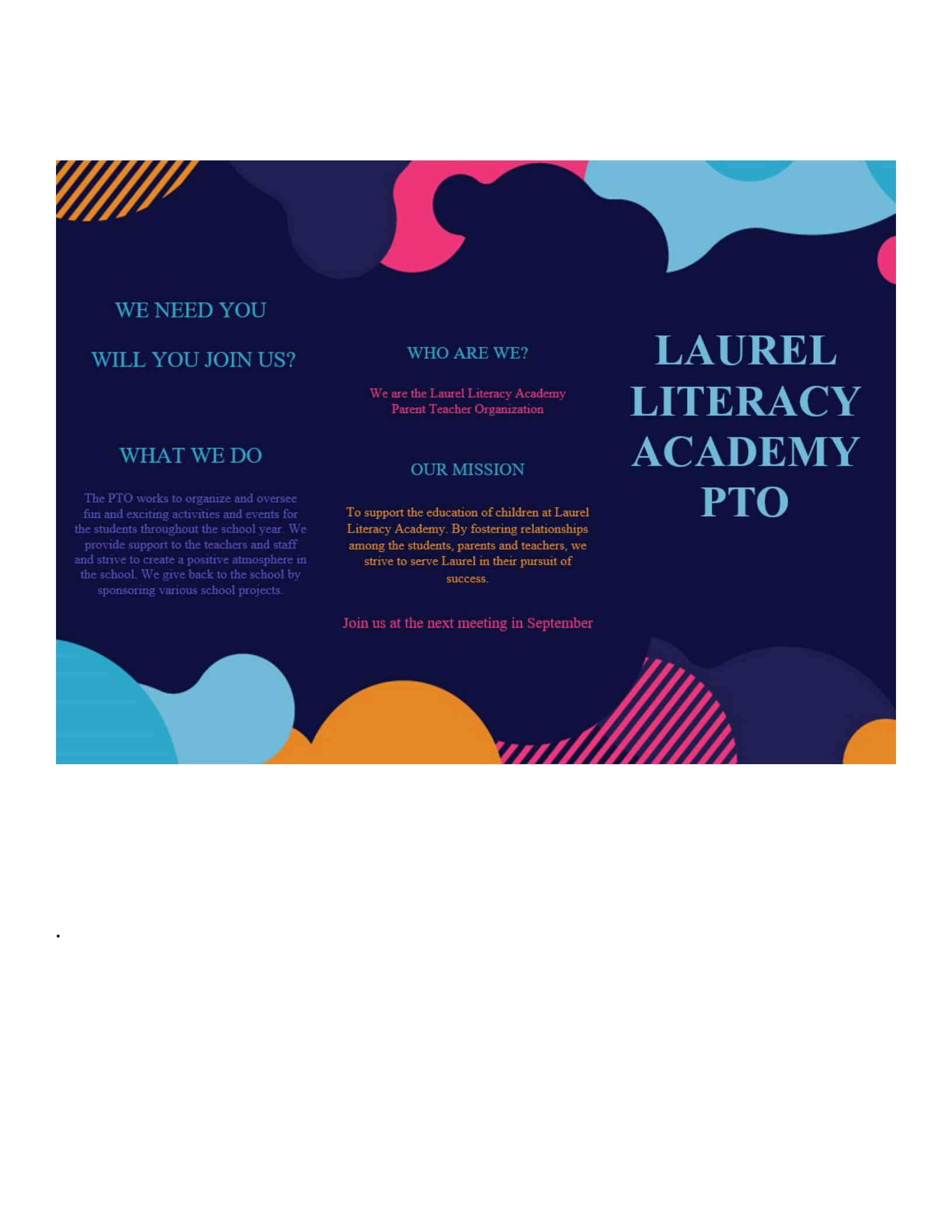
For the tenth absence and all others thereafter, the same reasons cited above shall constitute "excused" absences. Documentation by a medical professional is required for illness, regardless of the length of the absence once the tenth absence is recorded."

All other reasons are considered unexcused. Every day a child is out of school, they miss almost four hours of academic instruction!

Important Dates

- Oct 26-30 Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct 28-30 Parent Conferences, Early Dismissals
- Oct 29 Career Day
- Nov 3 No School, Election Day
- Nov 11 No School, Veteran's Day





WE NEED YOU

WILL YOU JOIN US?

WHAT WE DO

The PTO works to organize and oversee fun and exciting activities and events for the students throughout the school year. We provide support to the teachers and staff and strive to create a positive atmosphere in the school. We give back to the school by sponsoring various school projects.

WHO ARE WE?

We are the Laurel Literacy Academy
Parent Teacher Organization

OUR MISSION

To support the education of children at Laurel Literacy Academy. By fostering relationships among the students, parents and teachers, we strive to serve Laurel in their pursuit of success.

Join us at the next meeting in September

LAUREL LITERACY ACADEMY PTO

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