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Dear Effort Christian School Parents and Guardians,

As we welcome cooler weather and fall colors, I want to share what will be happening here at Effort Christian School during the month of October. One of the highlights of this month will be "Back to School Night" on Thursday, October 22 at 6:00 PM in the Family Life Center. This will be a potluck, so please bring a main dish or a large side to share. The teachers and I will be providing desserts. Students' work will be displayed in the Family Life Center as well as in the classrooms. Come fellowship, meet Effort Christian School families, and see some of the exciting things your child has been doing at school. To avoid duplicate food items for our potluck, there will be a sign-up sheet outside Mrs. Marshall's room in the Family Life Center.

Our mascot submissions were great! The voting took place on Sept. 29, however, it was very close (within a vote or two) for two mascot suggestions. I would like to give students, parents, and staff another opportunity to vote for just these two suggested mascots. We will take votes on Monday and Tuesday. Here are the two mascots and their descriptions:

Eagles – *Isaiah 40:31 "But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up their wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and faint not."*

The person who suggested this writes, "To me, that says those who seek God's guidance and help through prayer will be strengthened like the eagle – to soar even in conflict, to have strength and endurance that they couldn't have without God."

Mustangs (white) *Revelations 19 "And I saw heaven opened and behold a white horse, and he that sat upon him is called Faithful and True and in righteousness he doth judge and make war...And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean...And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of Kings and Lord of Lords"*

The person who suggested this writes, "A mustang is based on verses in Revelation 19 which refer to Christ's second coming on a white horse."

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Building the Future

"I know the plans I have for you...plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

The horse is one of the magnificent animals in the Bible. He is a symbol of spiritual strength, power, support, and swiftness. Our Lord Jesus can be seen riding on a white horse in the book of Revelation. Proverbs 21:31 says: 'The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the LORD.' In other words, we can not win in life through our own strength - we need the Lord to help us."

Here are some important dates for October:

- October 1 - Penny Power has begun! We are working towards blessing a family in need from our community in the upcoming holiday seasons.
- October 7 - Last day to turn in pizza money for Friday, Oct. 9
- October 8 - Fire Safety Awareness Month - Mr. Braunger will be talking with our students about fire safety and what he does as a fire fighter
- Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration - Mrs. Beynon will be cooking Spanish dishes with our 1-4 grade students
- October 9 - End of the first grading period.
- October 9 - Early dismissal 1:00 PM (There will be no extended care or after school care on this day.)
- October 12 - Holiday - no school
- October 16 - Kindergarten field trip to the Paramount Theater
- October 16-17 - Effort Baptist Church Fall Yard Sale; Friday 9 AM-7PM; Saturday 7 AM - 12PM; donations for gently used and sellable items being accepted now.
- October 19 - Report cards - Teachers will make arrangements with you about parent/teacher conferences.
- October 22 - "Back To School Night" 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center
- October 24 - Upward Basketball and Cheerleading registration in the Family Life Center 12 PM-5 PM (\$65)
- October 31 - Upward Basketball and Cheerleading registration in the Family Life Center 8 AM - 12 PM (\$65)
- October 31 - Hallow Him/Trunk or Treat 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM church parking lot; popcorn, cotton candy, food concessions

I have included the pizza order form for Oct. 9. Also, I would like to change our advertising picture in the Fluvanna Review from time to time, and I will be taking individual and group pictures throughout the year. I understand parents were asked to give permission for their child to be photographed or videotaped, however, I want to make sure I have permission to publish in an advertisement. Please fill out the form if you give me permission to use your child's picture in our ad.

Have a great weekend!!! Feel free to call or email me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Blessings,

Joyce Parr
School Director