

# Meeker Speaker

October 2011

Steve Flynn, Principal

**Fire Safety Month:** The Fire Department will be visiting with Meeker students on Tuesday, October 11. They will present age-appropriate information to each grade level throughout the morning. We will review fire procedures and have fire drills here, and we encourage you to do the same at home.

**Fall Conferences:** If you have not yet signed up for a Parent-Teacher Conference (Nov. 7-10), please call the Meeker office to select a time.

**Clothing Donations:** If you have child-sized elastic-waist pants or boys' underwear that you no longer need, please consider donating them to Meeker. The clothing is helpful when a child has a bathroom accident or bloody nose and needs a change of clothing.

**Recycling:** Please turn in your old, used ink and toner cartridges to the Media Center for recycling. Thanks!

**Media Center News:** The Media Center will be hosting a Book Fair from October 11 through October 13. This is a great way to get books and other items for your child, or to do some early gift shopping. The PTO will again this year be purchasing a book for every student at Meeker. We will do our best when they come down with their class to help them find a book that is at their reading level!

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and we will be sponsoring the Hats To Help Project. The Meeker Students will be collecting New Hats to donate to the Hematology/Oncology Clinic at Blank's Hospital in Des Moines. This clinic treats cancer patients of all ages. In October, we will be collecting loose change to purchase hats. In November, we'll create the Wall of Heroes, where students can put the name of someone they know who has or had cancer on a hat, and we will display those in the hallway. We will also be writing to area businesses asking them to help with our project by gathering hats at their workplaces. If you know of a business that would like to be part of this, please contact Mrs. Dolan in the Media Center.

**Shoes That Fit:** Shoes That Fit is underway! Flyers went home with students on September 23. PLEASE NOTE: Items are often received after December, so please mark sizes for late winter or next year. This also means your child will need a warm coat and gloves **before** the "Shoes That Fit" items arrive. Please send a request for no more than 2 items by October 26th to: Mary Daley, School and Family Counselor, Meeker Elementary. Items include: winter coats, snow pants, winter boots and tennis shoes. Call Mary Daley at 239-3770 with questions.

## **October Dates to Remember:**

Monday, October 3: District-Wide Workshop Day – No School

Thursday, October 6: PTO Meeting - 6:30 p.m., Media Center

Tuesday, October 11: Book Fair in Media Center, 3:15-4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 12: Book Fair in Media Center, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 13: Book Fair in Media Center, 3:30-7:30 p.m.

Family Fun Night, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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**Newsletter Raffle:** Please sign this slip and have your child return it by Friday, October 7, 2011. Students who return a signed newsletter will be eligible for the Newsletter Raffle.  
My child brought the newsletter home for me to read.

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_