

# Parent Update: Week of October 16

## **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, November 7. In the next few weeks, teachers will be sending home paperwork to schedule conferences. To accommodate parent work schedules, there will be two sessions that day: 12:45-3:45 and 5:00-7:45.

## **Greenock Fire Department Visit Schedule**

October is Fire Safety Month. The Greenock fire department will be visiting both Greenock and Mount Vernon on Tuesday, October 17 to educate students about fire safety. Students will have the opportunity to explore a fire engine after the classroom presentation.

## **Mount Vernon Kindness Tree**

As part of the #bethekindkid Kindness in Action Campaign, the Mount Vernon GATE students have created a Kindness Korner in the cafeteria to display how kindness is being spread throughout our school. During lunch periods, students have the opportunity to visit the corner and read about kindness, decorate a card or do a kindness activity. The cornerstone of this area is the Kindness Tree where students are encouraged to think about ways that someone has been kind to them and record that action on a leaf to be placed on the tree. Between now and November 13, the tree will continue to grow as kindness spreads throughout our community.

## **Toys and Valuables in School**

Please do not send your child to school with toys or other valuables. These items can be easily lost and/or cause a distraction in the classroom.

## **Resource Spotlight: IXL Skill Plans**

IXL provides students with individualized skill plans based upon each child's academic performance. As students move through their assigned skill plan, it recalibrates to ensure that students receive the appropriate progression to move their learning forward. While many teachers only ask that students work on IXL in the classroom, others do assign skill plans for homework.