

October 18, 2020

Good evening Charger Families,

This is Melissa Baird, Principal of Inverness Middle School, with another edition of our *Weekly News Flash!*

The end of the first quarter is October 23rd, and we are quickly finishing up our fall sports! On Tuesday, Charger Cross Country has a meet at Citrus Springs Middle, and we have another Charger Football game vs. South Sumter at Citrus High. On Wednesday, we have Volleyball Championships at Citrus Springs Middle School, and we have Charger Golf at Inverness Golf and Country Club. Please remember that all spectators must practice social distancing, wear masks, and will need to purchase a digital ticket online prior to attending sporting events. You may purchase your tickets through the Citrus County Schools website by using this link:

<https://www.citruschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=737701&pageId=28106103&fbclid=IwAR2k0b5g1LN7DriIWBa8zniTyMuBOxxpVV3eui3O77vhgNDrrYXRx03qCyc>.

We have an exciting two weeks planned during which faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the planned activities. Unity Day is Wednesday, October 21st and we encourage students and faculty to wear orange because we are united against bullying. Thursday, October 22, is wear purple for Domestic Violence Awareness Day. Also, Red Ribbon Week is October 26th through October 30th. The kick-off to Red Ribbon Week is Friday, October 23rd and we ask for all students and staff to wear red. Our theme days for Red Ribbon Week are Monday, October 26: Give drugs the boot! Wear your favorite western clothing; Tuesday, October 27: Chargers stand together! Wear blue and white; Wednesday, October 28: Doing drugs in tacky! Dress like a tacky tourist; Thursday, October 29: My future is bright! Wear bright/neon colors; and Friday, October 30: Building drug-free-character! Dress like your favorite fictional character. Please remember that the dress code applies every day – no pajamas, full face coverings, or props will be permitted.

As a reminder, please make sure that your student brings a refillable water bottle to school every day. If you need assistance in supplying a refillable water bottle for your child, please contact your child's guidance counselor. Also, if your child is sick please keep them at home. If you have had them tested for COVID-19, they must remain at home until you have the test results. We must all do our part to ensure a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff.

Congratulations to our support staff who were nominated for School Related Employees of the Year, and well as our teachers who were nominated for Teacher of the Year! Additionally, we have changed our fall SAC meeting date to November 16th, and we hope that our families have a wonderful week! Chargers stay tuned for your next *Weekly News Flash* on Sunday, October 25th!

Thank you,
Mrs. Baird