



# AUSTIN CREEK BULLETIN



Michael Kellison, Principal

October 27, 2011

Dear Austin Creek Families,

It is hard to believe that the first trimester of the school year is coming to a close. With that in mind, I wanted to take time to reflect upon the first three months of the 2011-2012 school year.

We kicked the year off with our annual class list posting party. Always a blast! The first day of school was filled with excitement over the prospects of another wonderful year at Austin Creek. Back to School Night was informative and set the tone for the year with the teachers and parents. Our sixth grade students attended their four day, three night outdoor education camp. We held our first ever Safety Week. Lastly, we held our second annual school Walkathon. Sprinkled in there was some very effective teaching and learning. Needless to say, we are off to a great start and look to continue to do amazing things here at Austin Creek throughout the rest of the year.

This year we are implementing a social-emotional curriculum called, “**The Toolbox.**” Your children should have informed you by now that we have learned three tools so far, with nine more still to come. So far we have learned the *Breathing Tool*, the *Quiet/Safe Place Tool*, and most recently the *Listening Tool*. Attached to this newsletter is a letter from the founder of Toolbox with a description of the *Listening Tool*. Please take time to review this letter and talk with your child about the tools that they have learned this year.

Lastly, I invite you to attend our next Austin Creek Parent’s Club meeting on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 6:30 pm in the multi-purpose room. We will discuss the results of the Walkathon. Following that meeting, a representative from **The Toolbox** will be here to present an overview of the program to parents. His presentation will begin at 7:00 and conclude at 8:15. It is my hope that you can attend so that you have a better understanding of **The Toolbox** curriculum and how you can incorporate it into your interactions with your own children.

Yours truly,

Michael Kellison  
Go Hawks!

Fall Conferences

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>  
dismissal 1:20

Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> --- dismissal 1:50



Veteran's Day

Friday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>  
No School

**Book  
Fair**

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> - Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 - 3:00

Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Open 8:00 - 8:00

Picture  
Day

Make-ups  
Re-takes

Friday

**Family Night**  
Wednesday, Nov.

2<sup>nd</sup>

visit our

**Planetarium** in

the MPR 5:00 -  
8:00

&

**Telescopes** from

Halloween Parade

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> 9:00