

Superintendent's November 2011 Message

November brings with it holiday celebrations and opportunities for reflection. I think about my classroom visits this fall, and I'm very thankful to be working in a District that is home to such dedicated teachers and staff who are truly devoted to the success of each and every Moreland student. I also appreciate the tremendously supportive parents who help create a warm school culture and provide additional resources for educating our students. All of these efforts result in students who are thriving and growing to be successful citizens of our neighborhoods and the broader world community.

In the spirit of gratitude and giving back, we're excited to kick-off our annual Second Harvest Food Drive. Students and staff at each school site, plus the District Office and Board members, will begin collecting nonperishable items to donate, starting November 1st. This is a great opportunity to talk with your children about giving back to the community and reflecting on what we have.

Additionally, November provides an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher in conferences to discuss how your child's school year is progressing so far. Parents and teachers form the most important partnership in our students' education, and the conversations among teachers, parents and their children are critical to our students' success.

Here's a quick glance at some important November dates, including a change made in August.

- November 2-17 is the Second Harvest Food Drive
- November 10th is now a regular school day **New**
- November 21st & 22nd are furlough days, and there is no school
- November 23-25 schools are closed for the Thanksgiving holiday

Enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday and the time together with your families.

Sincerely,

Mark Barmore