

## Middle School News...

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Perhaps the greatest source of anticipation in the hearts and minds of the Middle School is the upcoming dance. It may be that recent Progress Reports, foretelling the academic successes and concerns coming at the end of the first term, should command their attention, and I am confident that academic pursuits are very close to the top of their priority list, but the dance is big doin's! Will the DJ play good music or not . . . will my friends like my outfit . . . am I going to get to dance with that special person . . . and will my dancing skills be OK? These questions and more are serious right now with the first of our three dances coming up on the evening of October 26. This and the spice of Halloween have autumn energy up just a bit. There should be no concern about school work though. I recently met with each of the grade level teaching teams and these kids are special. The fall term is going well and most of our students are clearly studying very effectively, so they have earned a party.



Tomorrow's Fall Festival is another much anticipated event and very well organized by our host of trusty and generous parent volunteers. I am signed up for the dunk tank . . . perhaps too many detentions this past month . . . but I draw the line at the gyroscope . . . spinning around in wild unpredictable circles is clearly not for me, but there will no doubt be a long line waiting for that one. Moving the festival to Saturday should free up the day for a relaxed pace of fun and good snacks and I look forward to good attendance on what promises to be a stellar day according to the weather man.

Thanks to the Booster Club we have a new booster program designed for the students. There is a great new T-Shirt for sale and if students make the purchase, they can wear the T and free dress for a day to show support for their favorite Awty Ram team. The booster club has a year-long record of supporting the teams and we look forward to all of the benefits from these sales.

In between all of these activities the students are working well indeed. I expect that we will be very proud of the reports that will be sent home at the end of term in late November.