

**The Eagle
Mr. Christopher Rogers,
Principal**



September/
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Vision, Mission and Core Values

Dear Abner Gibbs Families,
Last spring our School Improvement Council and our faculty updated our school's Vision, Mission, and Core Values. If you are a new family in our school or just need a reminder, we would like to share these pieces with you as we start our school year.

It is the **Vision** of Abner Gibbs Elementary School that all students possess a passion for learning and acquire skills enabling them to grow academically, emotionally, and socially in order to adapt to an ever changing 21st century global

society.
Our daily **Mission** as we grow as a school is "Trust, rigor, and joy!"
Everyday we strive for our students to be in a school that promotes trust among all members of the school community, academic growth, and joy! We want all students, faculty, and families to feel welcome and enjoy everyday at AG!!

Our **Core Values** are all about **SOAR** !!!
At school we are working on a daily basis to promote **Self-Respect, Respect for Others, Academic Achievement** and **Responsibility** in all

settings (**SOAR**). We ask that you help us in our quest to mold and create positive and productive students and citizens.



Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Rogers at anytime if you have questions or information to help us create and foster a positive school climate at 572-6418 or c.rogers@schoolsofwesfield.org.

Special points of interest:

- ✓ Our school day for students begins promptly at 9:00 AM and dismissal is at 3:00 PM.
- ✓ If your child is to be dismissed from school, please send in a note in the morning.
- ✓ Anybody coming to school during the day must have a picture I.D.
- ✓ It is very important for all paperwork that is sent home with your child to be returned to school as soon as possible. Please contact the school if you have any questions.
- ✓ Thank You for all your support of our school!!!



Halloween Safety

During the month of October, Halloween becomes a topic of discussion for some of our students and families. For those of our families who participate in this annually, it is incredibly important that we focus on safety. Again, please be our partners in helping shelter our children from violent or scary images that may be seen in movies, video games, and online, especially at this time of year.

*A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.

*Only go to homes with a porch



communication.

*Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.

*Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

For a full list of safety tips, please refer to this link: <http://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/aap-press-room/news-features-and-safety-tips/Pages/Halloween-Safety-Tips.aspx>

For those families who trick or treat, here are some safety tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics:

light on and never enter a home or car for a treat.

*Carry a cell phone for quick

Nurse's Corner

Helpful guidelines when to keep your sick child @ home:

- Child has a contagious illness such as chicken pox, flu or strep throat.
- Child has a fever over 100.4 degrees within the last 24 hours, or a fever that causes chills, sweating, and muscle aches.
- Child has a continuous cough or wheeze.
- Diagnosed strep throat, impetigo or pink eye – students

must stay home from school until they've been on antibiotics for at least 48 hours.

- Child seems sick with an upper respiratory illness with significant sneezing, coughing, nasal congestion or discharge, or feels ill.

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Poremba at 572-6409. Thank you and have a great school year!



Dates/Events to Remember

10/19	School Picture Day
10/23	Harvest Dance 6:30 PM
10/29	Early Release Day—students dismissed at 12:00 PM—Parent Teachers Conferences at Night
11/3	Staff Development—No School
11/11	Veteran's Day - No School
11/23—11/25	Thanksgiving Recess - No School

Looking for more information?

Check out our website:

<http://westfieldag.sharpschool.net/>

Please join our parent/guardian email-notification system by contacting Mrs. Matysek at 572-6418.