

### Blast for the week of October 28- November 1, 2019

Good evening, Ellis families!

This week, we begin our school-wide grace and courtesy focus on FORGIVENESS.

Ms. Olivia would like to thank everyone who has donated craft/building supplies to the STEAM program. Unfortunately, she has run out of storage space and can no longer accept any more donations at this time. She appreciates your generosity.

The PTA Greenery Sale is going on now. You may order on the form that was sent home or at the website link in your email (<https://sffsalestrack.com/ellismontessoripta>). All orders are due by November 4th and delivery is expected the week of December 5th.

This week, we will be displaying pumpkin book characters in the media center. To see all the pumpkins, follow the Ellis Media Center on Facebook at the link in your email (<https://www.facebook.com/CEMAMediaCenter/>).

To minimize distractions in the classroom, administration is asking that students do not wear costumes, masks, etc. on Thursday, October 31st. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

The PTA Read-A-Thon begins Friday, November 1st. This year, we are raising money to purchase updated Montessori Cultural materials that will be shared by classes throughout the school. If every student raised just \$5, we would exceed our goal. Information will be sent home early this week or you can visit the media center website (<http://internet.savannah.chatham.k12.ga.us/schools/Ellis/mc/default.aspx>) for more details.

Friday, November 1st, will be a Donation Dress Down Day! Wear your pink in support of breast cancer prevention. All proceeds will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Students who wish to participate should bring at least \$1 to donate.

That is all for now. Have a great week, Bobcats!

### Special blast for Friday, October 25, 2019

Good morning Charles Ellis families. We are contacting you today to give you an update on our facility.

First, we would like to make you aware that there have been problems with the air conditioner and excess condensation in the new wing which has specifically affected the multi-purpose room (MPR). The district closed student use of this room Monday through Thursday this week. SERVPRO came in and thoroughly cleaned the room. Air quality test have come back and the

MPR is approved for re-entry at this time.

Also, on Thursday a water pipe burst in Room 3. SERVPRO is now coming to clean that room as well. The students from Room 3 will be in Room 14 today for class. We anticipate they will be back in their classroom on Monday, October 28th.

Finally, and unrelated to facilities, we hope to see you all tonight for the PTA Fall Festival. We will be in the backyard from 5:00-7:30pm. Come on out and have a great time with the Ellis family.

### [Blast for the week of October 21-25, 2019](#)

Good evening, Ellis families!

This week, we conclude our school-wide grace and courtesy focus on RESPECT, but we will continue to encourage our students to be considerate of the needs, rights, and feelings of others.

The PTA Reflections Showcase will be Wednesday, October 23rd, from 4:30-6pm at PERC Coffee Roasters. We had over 20 submissions to the Reflections Art Competition this year! Come see all the submissions displayed and support our student artists. Awards will be presented for the highest scoring submissions and the projects moving on to the next round will be announced.

Friday, October 25th, is a donation dress down day. This month, we are planning way ahead and raising money for our 8th grade bridging ceremony in May. If your child wishes to dress out of uniform, please make sure they bring at least \$1 to donate.

The PTA Fall Festival will be held at Ellis on Friday, October 25th, from 5-7:30pm. The PTA still needs your help! Click the link in your email to sign up for donating your time and/or items to help make the Festival a good time for everyone

(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ea5ad29aaf85-2017>).

Just a reminder, that the Book Character Pumpkin Patch will be October 28th-November 1st. More information can be found on the Ellis Media Center website (<http://internet.savannah.chatham.k12.ga.us/schools/Ellis/mc/default.aspx>). We can't wait to see your student's creativity!

That is all for now. Have a great week, Bobcats!

### [Blast for the week of October 14-18, 2019](#)

Good evening, Ellis families!

This week, we continue our school-wide grace and courtesy focus on RESPECT. Dr. Maria Montessori said, "Respect all the reasonable forms of activity in which the child engages and try to understand them."

This is the last call for submissions for the PTA Reflections Competition. All entries must be turned in to Ms. Lisa in the media center by 3pm on Monday, October 14th.

Ms. Olivia will hold a Lego Club parent information meeting on October 16th at 3:15 pm in room 25. The club will begin in November. For more information, you can email Ms. Olivia (olivia.lorenzo@sccpss.com).

The PTA Fall Festival will be held at Ellis on Friday, October 25th, from 5-7:30pm, but the PTA needs your help! Click the link in your email to sign up for donating your time and/or items to help make the Festival a good time for everyone (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ea5ad29aaf85-2017>).

The PTA Health and Wellness Committee would like to remind you that there will be small pots available at the front entrance of the school starting Monday for you to take to prepare your plant(s) for the Fall Festival plant swap. They would also like you to know that the holiday wreath sale will start October 14th so be on the lookout for paperwork to be sent home with your student. Orders can also be made at the Fall Festival. All proceeds will go toward our beautiful school garden. Thank you for your support!

The media center will be having their annual Book Character Pumpkin Patch the week of October 28th-November 1st. Your student is encouraged to decorate a pumpkin as a favorite book character to display in the media center for the whole Ellis community to enjoy. No cut or carved pumpkins, please! Plastic pumpkins are more than welcome. If you have any questions, contact Ms. Lisa (lisa.odonnell@sccpss.com).

That is all for now. Have a great week, Bobcats!

### [Special blast for Wednesday, October 9, 2019](#)

Good evening, Ellis families.

We want to remind you about the Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Parent Workshop that will be held this Thursday at 6pm in the media center. Please join us.

The PTA has a couple of items they want you to know about as well:

First, the PTA Health and Wellness Committee is bringing the plant swap event back to this year's Fall Festival! They will have some small pots available at the front entrance of the school on Oct 14th for you to take home to prepare your plant(s) for swapping. You can also bring your plants in whatever pots or planters you already have stashed in your garden supplies -- just no bags, loose, or unpotted items, please. Simply bring your ready-for-swapping plants to the Fall Festival on October 25th and trade them for something new.

Lastly, the PTA Arts Committee would like to remind you that submissions for the Reflections Art Competition are due on Monday, October 14th. Your student may turn their project in to Ms. Lisa in the media center. More information can be found on the PTA website (<https://www.ellismontessoripta.org/blog>).

Have a good evening and a good rest of your week!

### [Blast for the week of October 7-11, 2019](#)

Good evening, Ellis families!

This week, we begin our school-wide grace and courtesy emphasis on RESPECT. Let's encourage our students to respect the needs and differences of others.

There will be a Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness Parent Meeting on Thursday, October 10th, at 6pm in the Ellis Media Center. Please join us as we open up discussion about this important topic.

The PTA has many exciting things planned this year with an Ellis favorite, the Fall Festival, happening at the end of this month. The PTA is dependent on the help and financial support of Ellis families, community members, and local businesses. Visit the PTA website (<https://www.ellismontessoripta.org/>) for information on how to volunteer, how to join the PTA, how to become a business sponsor, and much more!

The Health and Wellness Committee of the PTA is looking for committed adults - parents, grandparents, special role models - who enjoy the outdoors and who would like to share time with our students in our beautiful urban garden! SCCPSS Beacon approval is required of volunteers to take advantage of this opportunity. Please reach out to your student's teacher for more information and to pick your time slot.

Administration would like to make you aware that it is SCCPSS district protocol for randomly selected 6th-8th grade students to be pulled in the morning before school begins for basic safety screening.

Lastly, this is a reminder that Friday, October 11th, is a district early release day. Ellis will be

dismissing students at 11:50am.

As always, please visit the district ([sccps.com](http://sccps.com)) and the school ([ellis.sccps.com](http://ellis.sccps.com)) websites for the latest information, events, and announcements.

Have a great week, Bobcats! See you tomorrow.