

October 2015 Newsletter



Let the Spelling Be(e)gin!!

Spelling Bee Tabloids will be delivered to the county coordinators for the counties that participate in the Gazette-Mail Regional Spelling Bee in October.

The Gazette-Mail Regional Spelling Bee will be held March 17, 2016 at Capital High School. This year's bee is sponsored by the West Virginia Automobile and

Truck Dealers Association. The Gazette-Mail regional champion will receive a \$2500 college savings plan contribution from SMART529 and a week long trip to Washington D.C. for the national bee for themselves and a parent!



NIE E-edition

To receive the E-edition or print edition for your classroom, contact Rachel Carpenter at (304) 348-7906.

Red Ribbon Week October 23-31

Here are some ideas to make this year's Red Ribbon Week celebration the best yet!

Use Red Ribbon Week as an opportunity to continue talking to your students about the dangers of drugs.

Work with the PTSA To Plan a School-Wide Red Ribbon Rally.

Use our [social media tips](#) to post Red Ribbon Week messages on your Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Talk to parents and students about securing and taking inventory of their home medicine cabinets to prevent prescription drug abuse.

Halloween Activities

- Tell students to search the newspaper for ads with a Halloween theme. Have them cut out pictures and graphics that they think best symbolizes this age-old holiday. They can use their cutouts to make a poster or bulletin board display.
- Ask students to talk about Halloween safety. Then ask them to create a newspaper ad to encourage trick-or-treaters to be careful this year.
- Have students search the newspaper for a real or fictitious character to dress up as this year. Ask each to describe in writing or draw the costume he or she would wear.
- Encourage students to look through today's newspaper to find a character that is most like themselves. They can make a list of the things they have in common as well as the differences.
- Ask students to look through the newspaper for fall or Halloween words. Categorize them as a class or individually. Are they nouns, verbs, adjectives?



Halloween Scavenger Hunt

Ask students to search through the newspaper to find each item. Students may circle the item with a crayon or write down the page number where the item can be found.

1. The scariest news item you can find.
2. A classified ad for something a witch might use.
3. A picture of a broom.
4. The longest word you can find that has the letters b-o-o in order.
5. Five items for a witch's brew recipe.
6. A good safety rule for trick-or-treaters to remember.
7. A pumpkin.
8. A display ad or illustration for something that would make an unusual treat.
9. Something a witch could ride if her trusty broom broke.
10. Thirteen things that are just alike.
11. The greeting, "Happy Halloween!"
12. A headline that has a Halloween word.
13. A sports team with orange on its uniform.

Football Scavenger Hunt

Using the Sports Section is a great motivator for some students. Ask them to find each of the following and circle the item or record the page number where it can be found.

1. Name of a local sports writer.
2. A sports column or editorial.
3. An interesting sports photo.
4. League or team standings.
5. An interesting verb or adjective.
6. A synonym for won or lost.
7. A close score.
8. Name of a winner and a loser.
9. A fraction.
10. A sport of little interest.
11. Sport logo or symbol.
12. A percentage.
13. A personal sports hero.
14. An example of conflict.
15. An example of courage in sports.

