Well, September sure did fly by! I want to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers and the staff here at school. The first month of school was busy and exciting. This year's transition into a new school was met with the added challenges of many many new children and families, new teachers, new routines because of changes to the building and the grounds, new administrative software, policies and procedures. And this talented group of dedicated staff embraced these challenges and implemented them seamlessly, all the while giving our children an incredible first month of school. Thank you.

October will prove to be just as busy and as exciting as September was. We have a month full of festive events that will remind us of why autumn in New England is so special.

Wednesday October 9th is picture day for all the kids. If you have not already, please turn in your forms. Also on the 9th, we will be hosting our Fall Parent Social. It will be at 6:30 here at school. It is a great opportunity to meet the entire staff and the Board of Trustees. Please join us for some nice food and drink and learn more about our school and the community here. If you need daycare (spots are limited), please let Cindy know as soon as possible.

Last week the 9-12 classroom took their annual trip to Holiday Hill in Mansfield for a day of outdoor adventure. The day is full of activities that work on building communication skills, problem solving skills and leadership skills. This day is helpful in helping to bond this group of children together as the start their school year journey. Tomorrow this class is off to the Fenton River in Gurleyville to collect invertebrates. The 6-9 classroom has been using the Nature Trail and the 3rd year students had their first trip out to our vernal pond this year. I know there will be many more. There is also a trip planned to Iris Creek Farm in Scotland. The class will spend the morning with Jack Boucher (6-9 room) and his parents learning about farming during the harvest season. The 3-6 class had a family field trip on Sunday to Lapsley Apple Orchard. There were hay rides and apple picking and a whole afternoon of fun.

The 19th Annual Hibernation Festival will be Sunday, October 27th, from 12-4pm. Bring your friends and family for a full afternoon of fun. There are craft projects, entertainment, amazing food and so much more! We will be posting signs in the lobby in the next couple of days asking for all of our families to help support this event by cooking and baking your favorite dishes. The success of this great tradition so much depends on everyone bringing some food.

We will be selling a 2014 Oak Grove Calendar at the Hibernation Festival. There is one calendar in the lobby to look at now. Every child and staff member is featured in this calendar. As soon as the larger shipment arrives, we will start selling them at $20 per calendar. They can be charged to your school account if you wish. We will have them for sale at the Hibernation Festival too. They make a great gift for family!!

Enjoy the beautiful weather!

In peace,
Sue