



# Tiger Newsletter

November, 2024



## A Message From Principal Evans

Happy November everyone! I had such a great October with our Red Ribbon Spirit Days, Boo Fest, our Parade, and the Principal's Coffee Chat; I hope you had a chance to make it out to at least one of these great events. If not, November boasts some additional opportunities to come by and connect with your child's teacher. Our Parent-Teacher conferences for elementary students will be taking place this month. This is a valuable opportunity for you to learn more about how your child is progressing both academically and socially. Please make an effort to schedule and attend! Hoping to see you soon and remember we will be off on November 12th to remember those who served for Veteran's Day and to give thanks for the Thanksgiving Day holiday the week of November 18th.

Joanna Evans, Principal  
John Still TK-8

## Upcoming Events

November 11th

Veterans Day, No School

November 14th

Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day

November 15th

Parent-Teacher Conferences Begin  
(Elementary)

November 20th

Multicultural Night, 5pm - 7pm

November 22nd

Principal's Coffee Chat, 8:15am  
First Trimester Report Cards Issued

November 25th - 29th

Fall Break, No School

# October Festivities: Celebrating Community Spirit at John Still TK-8



October was a lively month at John Still TK-8, filled with exciting events and activities for our staff and students! We celebrated a community event, **Boo Fest**, with an evening of games, activities, food, and music. We extend our appreciation to the Rose Family Creative Empowerment Center for their generous support in making this event a success.

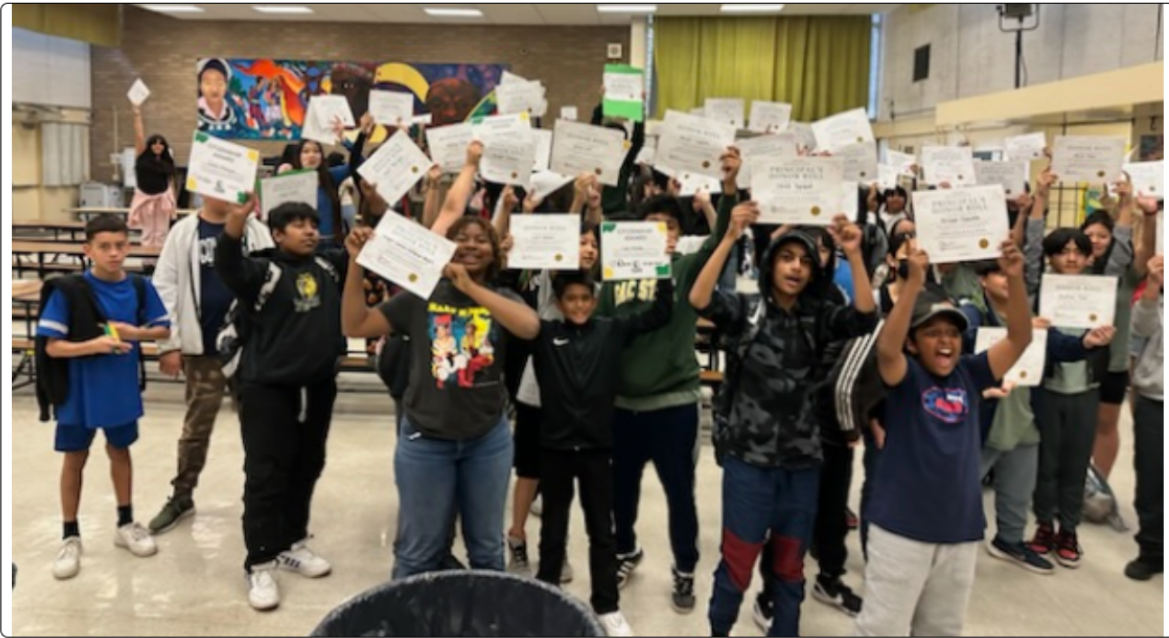
The month also featured a **Halloween parade**, where our elementary students showcased their creative costumes, bringing a festive spirit to the John Still campus.

In addition to these fun festivities, we celebrated **Red Ribbon Week**, promoting a drug-free and healthy lifestyle. Throughout the week, students and staff participated in daily dress-up theme days, showing their school spirit in a variety of ways. A couple of the highlights included wearing favorite sports team jerseys and dressing up as twins or triplets, with many participants sporting matching outfits to foster camaraderie and pride.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making October such a memorable month! We look forward to more exciting events as we continue our school year.

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# Honoring Excellence: John Still Middle School's TIGER ALL STARS



We are excited to announce that the John Still Middle School campus recently celebrated its TIGER ALL STARS for the first quarter of the school year! Students were recognized for their outstanding achievements in positive citizenship, perfect attendance, and academic excellence, including those who made the honor roll and principal's honor roll. In addition, the awards ceremony honored students who demonstrated mastery in English proficiency through their assessment scores.

The celebration included a pizza party for all the honorees, creating a fun and festive atmosphere! Students also participated in a raffle, where several lucky winners received gift cards as a reward for their hard work and dedication. Congratulations to all our remarkable students!



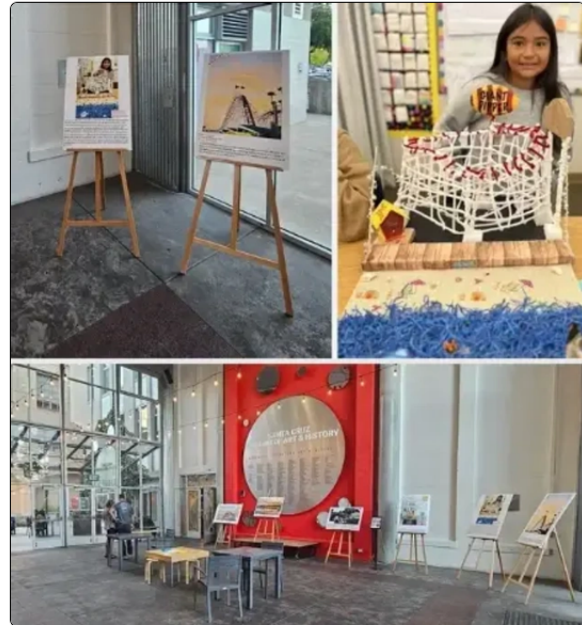
# More John Still TK-8 Highlights



## Exploring Native American Tribes: Fourth Grade Project Presentations

Ms. Jones's fourth grade students recently showcased their research projects on Native American tribes. Each team created a slide presentation summarizing key aspects of the tribes' culture, including housing, food, clothing, and traditions.

In addition, students crafted dioramas that illustrated the tribes' locations, daily lives, food sources, and cultural practices. The tribes studied included the Chumash, Yurok, Modoc, Mojave, Maidu, and Paiute. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to engage with and learn about the rich cultural heritage of these communities!



## Congratulations, Rosalia Meza!

We're proud to highlight Rosalia Meza, a talented John Still fifth grader. Rosalia completed an impressive project on California landmarks, focusing on the Santa Cruz Boardwalk. She submitted her project for a competition and won! It's now on display at the Santa Cruz Creative Museum. Congratulations, Rosalia, on this outstanding achievement!



## **Rocking Our School Spirit: John Still's Campus Beautification Project**

John Still's West Campus is participating in a campus beautification project! Students are painting rocks in our school colors of green and yellow, organized by Mr. Wootton. Each rock will be uniquely designed by our students and displayed around the campus to celebrate our school spirit. We can't wait to see the vibrant displays of creativity and pride!

## **Scholastic Book Fair Success!**

Our Fall Book Fair was a Success! Participation doubled from last year. Profits from the book sale are used to buy additional books for our school library. The John Still west campus library will host a spring book fair in April.



# Looking Ahead to November

## Join Us for Parent-Teacher Conferences at John Still's West Campus

Parent-teacher conferences at the West Campus will begin on Friday, November 15th, and continue throughout the week of November 18th. Additionally, there will be an extra day for meetings on Monday, December 2nd, following fall break.



To accommodate these conferences, elementary students will have early release days from November 15th through November 22nd.

Please reach out to your child's teacher for more information and to schedule a meeting. This is an important opportunity to learn about your child's progress and discuss how we can work together to support their academic success.

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## Veterans Day, November 11th

We will be honoring Veterans Day on November 11, a federal holiday dedicated to recognizing the courage and dedication of the more than 19 million men and women who have served in the U.S. military.

Veterans Day was first observed on November 11, 1919, as Armistice Day, marking the first anniversary of the end of World War I, which officially concluded on the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" in 1918. In 1926, Congress called for an annual observance of the day, and by 1938, it became an official federal holiday. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill to change the name from Armistice Day to Veterans Day to honor all veterans, not just those who served in World War I.

Source: [USO.org](https://www.uso.org)

## November 14th, Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day

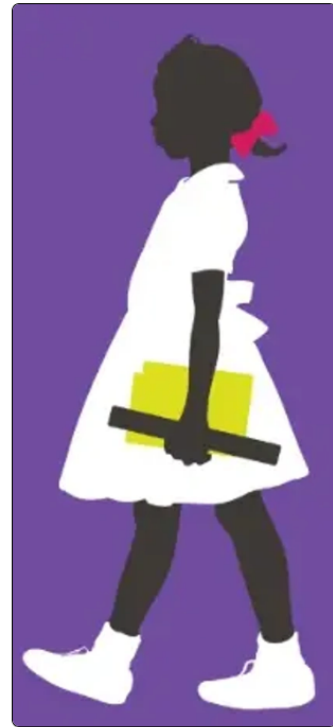
On November 14, we will be observing Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day. This special day honors the courage and legacy of Ruby Bridges, who, at just six years old, bravely walked into an all-white elementary school, marking a significant moment in the Civil Rights Movement.

The initiative for Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day began with a group of AAA School Safety Patrollers from Martin Elementary in South San Francisco. Nearly 60 years after Ruby's historic walk, these students were inspired by her story and felt there should be a day to commemorate her bravery and the movement she helped inspire. They presented their idea to the California State Legislature, and today, November 14 is recognized statewide as Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day.

Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day encourages dialogue about ending racism and bullying, allowing students to carry forward Ruby's message through their own forms of activism. Join us as we celebrate this important day by remembering Ruby's historic steps and the powerful impact they continue to make.

Source: [Ruby Bridges Foundation](#) (image, AAA)

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## November is National Native American Heritage Month

What began as a simple effort in the early 20th century has grown into a month-long celebration of the significant contributions made by the first Americans to the United States.

Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, was a key advocate for American Indian Day. In 1915, he helped the Boy Scouts of America honor the “First Americans,” leading to formal recognition by the Congress of the American Indian Association.

Rev. Sherman Coolidge proclaimed the second Saturday in May as American Indian Day, marking the first official call for Indigenous recognition. In 1990, President George H. W. Bush designated November as “National American Indian Heritage Month.” Since 1994, similar proclamations have been issued annually. As we celebrate this month, let us honor the rich heritage of Native Americans.

Source: [nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov](http://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov)



## Tiger Spirit Wear

Show your school spirit by wearing Tiger gear! John Still spirit wear is available at the front office and can be purchased with cash. Tees are \$15 and Hoodies are \$25.

Visit the [John Still TK-8 website](#) for the latest updates and information.