**PA Announcements**

**For Constitution Week**

**Monday**

This whole week is Constitution Week. Everyone knows how we have rules about being quiet in the halls, raising our hands if we want to speak in class, and using our inside voices when we’re in the school building. Well, our country, the United States of America, has rules to go by, too. Rules can also be called laws. The rules or laws of the United States of America are written in the “The Constitution.”

**Tuesday**

There were only 13 states in the entire United States of America when 55 men went to Philadelphia to write all the laws. This week is like a birthday party for the Constitution only we celebrate it all week instead of just one day. Thirty-nine delegates signed the Constitution on September 17, 1787, at 4:00 in the afternoon. September 17th is known as Constitution Day and people all over the country ring bells at 4:00 to celebrate the Constitution and Constitution Day.

**Wednesday**

Once the men who had gone to the convention decided on all the laws, each state had to ratify or say, “Okay, we’ll go by the rules in the Constitution. It took more than a year for all the states to ratify the Constitution. Each state has a special star on the flag for when they ratified the Constitution, making them part of America. You can ask your teacher to look up what number your state is and that's the star on the flag that belongs to you!

**Thursday**

If you live in Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, or Virginia, men from your state were the ones who went to Philadelphia and spent 4 months writing all the laws that are in the Constitution. Delegates who were present on September 17, 1787 signed the Constitution. If you’re ever in Washington, DC, you can see the actual Constitution in the National Archives Building.

**Friday**

The United States of America had a new government and they elected a man to be the very first President of the United States of America. I bet you know who that was. If you said “George Washington,” you were right!

Learn the Preamble to the Constitution to Celebrate Constitution Week. Here’s what it says:

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.