FESTIVAL OVERVIEW
As we pass the autumnal equinox and the days grow shorter, we must renew our inner strength and courage to face the darkness of the season ahead. Michaelmas Day is the feast day of the Archangel Michael who, according to fifth century traditions, tames a dragon to save the kingdom. Bright Water School’s Michaelmas Festival is an all-school celebration featuring (1) the Michaelmas play by Grades 2, 3 & 6, 7 (3:30-4pm in Skinner Theater); (2) challenges of varying levels to match the abilities of our students (4:15-5:30pm Back Courtyard); and (3) festive foods (4:45-5:30 Back Courtyard).

ASSIGNMENT- The Sand Dragon
The entire school is treated to the spectacle of dragon on the playground! Then, the early childhood students are challenged to find the dragon’s gold (using their hands to dig).

Soup Option
Grade 7 serves the soup. The whole community is asked to bring a pot of soup if you are able. Recipes for the 3 kinds are available on First Floor bulletin board. Pots can be delivered to the playground the day of the Festival. Soup will be warmed on a grill.

Location: Upper playground Sand Box

Set-up: The dragon sculptors may begin any time after 1.15 pm. Bring what you need to sculpt and decorate (eyes, etc): sand, water, and gold stones provided. While sculpting, remember to bury the gold.

BWWS has decorative banners to set-off the dragon area. The goal is to ensure kids don’t accidentally run through the box but not to close it off so much that the dragon is hidden.

Materials: sculpting materials, decoration for dragon if desired, gold! Gold is created by spray painting small stones with gold spray paint. The children will dig as much gold as you make. 200 rocks are not too many! Gold can be added to the sand box later as well.

Volunteers:

- 3-5 sculptors with vision to create the sand dragon, bury gold, and place banners.
- AT LEAST TWO parents per shift for duration of challenges to supervise the gold digging and resupply. You can create shifts of any length (15 minutes, ½ hour).
- Clean up!