



September 25, 2008

THE CENTERVILLE CONNECTION

Principal's Constellation Comments

It was great to see everyone at Back to School Night. It was such a great time to become reacquainted and meet new families. If you have any questions about your child's progress or any other concerns, please make sure you contact their teacher. Of course, the administrative team is here to offer help too!

KickOff Meeting for Oakdale High School Redistricting Study

The last of four opportunities for the public to learn about the upcoming Oakdale HS Redistricting project will be held on Monday, September 29, 2008 at Gov. TJ Middle School at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to all school communities. FCPS staff will introduce the OHS redistricting project, define objectives and establish the process and schedule. There will also be an opportunity for the public to provide general comments, concerns and ask questions. Draft redistricting options will not be available at this time. Additional information can be found on the FCPS web page at <http://www.fcps.org/ohsredistricting>.

Students Returning after Dismissal to Retrieve Forgotten Items in Classrooms

Recently, many students have been returning to Centerville to retrieve forgotten items and homework. After 3:45 it becomes very difficult to have staff members available to escort visitors in the building. At this time, and through the evening, our custodians work on a tight schedule to make sure classrooms are clean and ready for students the next day, so their time is limited as well. If you become a parent in this situation, simply write the teacher a note. Often, students learn from making mistakes and forgetting an item can be a learning opportunity too. Thank you for your help.

Cafeteria Guidelines

As a safety precaution for our students, we require that no glass containers be sent with students in packed lunches. We request that all containers sent with students be made of plastic to avoid any breakage or possible cuts or injuries to our students.

To the Parents of Middle School Students

Please keep in mind that any middle school students who wish to visit teachers in our school, including the portable classrooms, must contact the teacher and set up an appointment to visit after 4:00 p.m. The afternoon dismissal is a time that staff is focused on making sure current CES students get dismissed quickly and safely. Thanks for your cooperation in helping us maintain order during our dismissal time.

Centerville Website

Our website has moved! Please take note that our website address has changed. The new web address is <http://schools.fcps.org/ces>, and we are in the process of a redesign. If you have an idea that you'd like to see incorporated into our new website, please contact Mr. Hanna at 240-566-0138 or centervillees@gmail.com.

Reading Incentive

Centerville will no longer be participating in the reading incentive program, *Accelerated Reader (AR)*. The decision was made at a county level. The staff is working on new ideas to encourage our students to continue reading above and beyond the requirements, and to help them develop a love of books.

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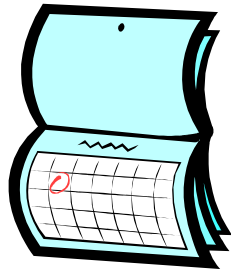
Parent Volunteer Orientations

The PTA has scheduled Parent Volunteer Orientations for the following dates and times: Monday, 9/29/08 at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, 10/1/08 at 6:30 p.m. All orientations will be held in the cafeteria. If you plan to volunteer, please make plans to attend one of these orientations.

Learning Opportunity

On October 18th, FCPS is sponsoring a special collaborative event for parents/guardians of young children, ages birth through five. It will take place at Hood College and be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This conference, *Beautiful Beginnings and Beyond*, is being put together by many early childhood groups and interested community members, though FCPS is the lead agency. It is geared to help families understand ages and stages of development, cognitive growth, and the importance of play. There are presenters from a myriad of agencies and community organizations, including doctors, child care leaders, librarians, FCPS staff and more. Following a brief introduction and key note speaker, there will be many workshops for families to attend, including one that is a welcome to FCPS. There will be door prizes, interpreters when needed, and light refreshments. All of this will be **free** to the public. See the attached flyer and please plan to attend this wonderful event.

Yours in education,
Steve Raff & Gina Keefer
Administrative Team



Dates to Remember

- 9/29/08 – Parent Volunteer Orientation, 9:30 a.m., Cafeteria
- 9/30/08 – **School Closed** – Rosh Hashanah
- 10/1/08 – Parent Volunteer Orientation, 6:30 p.m., Cafeteria
- 10/7/08 – PTA Meeting, 3:45 p.m., Media Center
- 10/9/08 – **School Closed** – Yom Kippur
- 10/10/08 – Book Fair Premier for Families, 4:00-7:00 p.m., Media Center
(Safari attire optional)