



Deer Crossing Elementary Newsletter

November 5, 2009

School Calendar

Date	Event	Time
Friday, November 6	H1N1 Intranasal Mist Vaccine	9:30 to 11:30 AM
Friday, November 13	Report Cards Issued	
Thursday, November 19	Market Day Pick Up	5 to 6 PM
Wednesday, November 25	Schools Closed	
Thursday, November 26	Schools Closed	
Friday, November 27	Schools Closed	
Monday, November 30	Two Hour Early Dismissal	

News from the Office

American Education Week

The 88th annual American Education Week (AEW) is November 15-21. The tagline, ***Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility***, reflects the call for America to provide students with quality public schools so that they grow, prosper and achieve in the 21st century.

During AEW, schools across the country and in Frederick County will celebrate education in a variety of ways.

Monday: Classroom teachers will engage students in a lesson related to goal setting. Your child will be coming home with a "super bouncy ball." Be sure to ask your child the relationship between the ball and goal setting.

Tuesday: Students will write about “why you would want to attend my school.” Several of these writings will be submitted to a local newspaper, posted in the building and/or shared on morning announcements.

Wednesday: Students are invited to “dress up” as their future career. Each child will wear a name tag introducing others to their desired career.

Thursday: Several students from Oakdale/Linganore High School will be speaking to students about their goals and highlights from their education.

Friday: All staff, students and visitors are welcome to wear college gear to celebrate a higher education.

*Each day during morning announcements and at lunch, students will be asked to “guess the staff member” after hearing a summary about their education and goals.

Breakfast Offered on Delayed Opening Days Due to Inclement Weather

The MSDE has approved FCPS Food Service to offer breakfast on delayed opening school days due to inclement weather, regardless of the delay – one hour delay or a two hour delay. Therefore, breakfast will be offered in all FCPS schools on delayed opening days, for inclement weather reasons. The current policy of offering breakfast on one hour delayed opening and not on a two hour delayed opening has been rescinded. The only time breakfast will not be served is on parent/teacher conference days when schools open four hours late and no lunch is served as well.

Service Learning Project for November

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to donate two full cartons of soap (bars and liquid) to a local food bank. Now in November, we are coordinating with Linganore High School and its feeder schools to provide holiday meals for local families in need. DCES will collect puddings and canned green beans through Friday, November 20. We will also collect any other nonperishable, “holiday foods” you would like to contribute.

Take 15 for Physical Activity" Poster Contest Reminder:

Submissions are to be postmarked by November 13th. If anyone has created a poster, a drop location will be set up at the PTA bulletin board on Monday, November 9. Submission forms will also be there to put with entries. Entries will be picked up each day and mailed on Friday by noon. This is a contest open to all Maryland Public School students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. Students can visit the website www.MarylandPublicSchools.org and click on "Programs", then "Take 15 For Physical Activity" link for more information. Contact Rebecca Dean

(dcespta.rebecca@gmail.com) for submission information.

Guidance News



HOLIDAY ADOPTION TIME!



Holiday time will soon be approaching! With the changes in the economy this year many families are feeling a financial stress.

During the year various organizations & communities contact our school to inquire about assisting families during the holidays by providing food and gifts. The generosity of these groups can ease some of the financial burdens of raising a family.

If you are a family that could benefit from receiving some holiday assistance this year please contact Ms. McFadden, DCES School Counselor, at **240-236-5943** or at judith.mcfadden@fcps.org. If you know a family in our community that could use some help during the holidays please pass this information on to them.

All information is kept confidential.

Families are identified by numbers not by names.

Also if your family or organization would like to help with our Holiday Adoption by providing food and/or gifts please give Ms. McFadden a call.

Health Room Info

H1N1 Intranasal Mist Vaccine Clinic

The H1N1 Intranasal Mist Vaccine Clinic will be held Friday, November 6, 2009 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM for DCES students from PreK through 5th grade. Consent forms were sent home with your child on October 28. Those forms completed were due back to school by November 3. Please know that if your child received the seasonal intranasal mist vaccine (FluMist) after October 9, s/he cannot receive the H1N1 Intranasal Mist Vaccine on November 6. You must wait 4 weeks or longer between two intranasal mist vaccines.