



## Deer Crossing Elementary Newsletter

September 24, 2009

### School Calendar

Date	Event	Time
Friday, September 25	Schools Closed for Students	
Monday, September 28	Schools Closed	
Tuesday, October 13	Parent Teacher Conferences	Evening
Wednesday, October 14	Parent Teacher Conferences	Evening
Thursday, October 15	Parent/Teacher Conferences	Afternoon
Friday, October 16	Schools Closed	

## News from the Office

**Parent/Teacher Conferences** will be held on October 13, 14 and 15. The Board of Education has designated one formal conference with parents in the fall for students in Pre-kindergarten to grade 5. Spring conferences will be scheduled on an as-needed basis.

- ❖ On Tuesday and Wednesday, October 13 and 14, school begins four hours later at 1:00 p.m. Students may start arriving at school at 12:30 p.m. LUNCH IS NOT SERVED.
- ❖ On Thursday, October 15 students attend school in the morning and are dismissed at **12:00** noon. Lunch will be served.

**Pre-Kindergarteners DO NOT ATTEND school on all three conference days.**

Please fill out the conference request sheet sent home with each student today. We ask parents to return one sheet per child to each child's teacher. Please return the conference request sheets by Monday, October 5. Additional copies of request forms are available in the school office. Conferences for students in grades 1 to 5 will be with the students' language arts teacher. Written feedback will be provided at the conference for math, social studies and science. Conference Confirmation Forms will be sent home by Friday, October 9. Please check the line by the date and time on the confirmation form that is most convenient for you, and return to each child's teacher. We look forward to meeting with you individually to discuss your child's educational progress for the first seven weeks.

## Schools Ramp up Recycling

### *Launch Commingled Single-Stream Process*

Blue bins—nearly 2,000 of them—are springing up in classrooms across Frederick County and at our school as we ramp up to single-stream recycling. Look for expanded mixed-paper recycling that now includes empty bottles, cans, plastics and more, with no sorting required.

Students are learning which items they can place in the big blue bins...and which they can't recycle. Parents and family members can help: Recycle your household waste to set a good example, and teach children what goes in the recycle bins. While the above-mentioned items can go in the blue bins along with spiral notebooks and empty school milk cartons, here's what cannot: used tissues and soiled paper towels, anything with food waste, light bulbs, Styrofoam, microwavable trays, clamshell containers and electronics.

County-waived tipping fees and Allied Waste Services' donation of 1,800 18-gallon containers are making our commingled recycling affordable.

"This is a great start and will cover all schools and at least half of the school system's classrooms and offices," says FCPS Energy/Recycling Coordinator Charlie Dalphon. "We hope to add about 300 32-gallon containers for cafeteria and stadium use," he says. "Allied will weigh the waste quarterly so FCPS can analyze the program's effectiveness."

For more about recycling in schools: [www.fcps.org/recycling](http://www.fcps.org/recycling).

**Lunch Supplies** – When packing lunch for your child/ren, please send the necessary utensils such as fork, spoon, napkin, etc. with your child/ren's lunch.

**Student's Lunch Accounts** – Once money has been applied to a student's lunch account it can only be used by that student. If parents come to have lunch with their child/ren they may not use money from the child's account.

## Health Room Info

**Seasonal Flu Mist** – FCHD and FCPS will be partnering to offer the Seasonal FluMist vaccine free to children ages 5-11 at schools again this year. Frederick County Public Schools would like to remind parents that vaccination is the primary means of flu prevention. This year there will be two types of vaccine available and both are recommended. One is for seasonal influenza and the other is for the pandemic H1N1 influenza (also referred to as swine flu). Influenza vaccination can prevent disease and reduce severe complications. Therefore, we want to make you aware that the Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) is offering free FluMist® (intranasal flu vaccine) or injectable SEASONAL flu vaccine for children 5-11 years old at all Health Department seasonal flu clinics.

More information about flu and the Health Department's flu clinic schedule is available online at [www.co.frederick.md.us/flu](http://www.co.frederick.md.us/flu). You may also call the local flu information line, 301-600-3035. For national information, please visit [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov) or call 1-800-CDC-INFO.

**Seasonal Flu Clinics - September 29, 2009 12 noon - 4:00 pm**

Frederick Towne Mall, 1301 West Patrick Street

**October 16, 2009 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Brunswick High School, 101 Cummings Drive, Brunswick, MD

Governor Thomas Johnson High School, 1501 North Market Street,  
Frederick, MD

Urbana High School, 3471 Campus Drive, Ijamsville, MD

## **PTA News**

**Market Day** – Market Day orders may be picked up today, Thursday, September 24 from 5 to 6 PM in the Cafeteria.