

Kempton Elementary School

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KES THURSDAY BULLETIN

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With enthusiasm, the staff at Kempton welcomes students and their families to the 2009-2010 school year. Our goals for this year will center around: academic achievement for all students and maintaining a positive school climate that embraces the FISH Philosophy, which is:

Be There

- ❖ for each other,
- ❖ respecting other students, adults and our building
 - ❖ move quietly through the hallways

Make Their Day

- ❖ do things big or small to make others happy

Choose Your Attitude

- ❖ be respectful of others while they learn
- ❖ be responsible for your own learning
- ❖ demonstrate kindness and compassion towards others

Play

- ❖ find fun in everything you do

We want to continue a close partnership through meaningful two-way dialogue with parents and our community on behalf of children. We encourage open, honest, and respectful communication, and appreciate your input and ideas. We need your support and invite your participation.

As the year unfolds, we will be sharing details about curriculum, programs, and ways that you can assist your child in reaching their potential. PTA also provides many wonderful opportunities for students, parents, and school staff to learn, work, and play together. Join with us to make this a great school year!

- **This hard copy of the Thursday Bulletin will be the only one you will receive this year.** As you may know, we are online with **Find Out First**, and are very excited about the benefits that this online tool offers our community. **To continue to receive this weekly Thursday Bulletin**, please take a minute to update or create your Find Out First profile by visiting our school website at <http://schools.fcps.org/kes> or going directly to <http://fcps.ezcommunicator.net/edu/frederick/loginform.asp?app=3&nextpage=/edu/frederick/MyAccount.asp&query=app=3>, if you have not already done so. Please make sure to select KES Newsletter to receive this Thursday Bulletin via e-mail. Also, if you want to receive **grade-level newsletters**, you should select each grade level's box to join their distribution lists, and sign up for any **classroom teachers** from whom you wish to receive class specific news. We hope that you find this service helpful, and look forward to your comments and suggestions for how we can continue to improve our home-school communication.
- Students should be in their homerooms by **8:55 AM**, unpacked and ready for morning announcements. Classes begin promptly at **9:05 AM**. Students should arrive no earlier than 8:30 AM.
- The **Dismissal Schedule Procedures** are as follows:
 - 3:35 Bell rings signaling end of instruction
 - 3:40 Bell rings – 1st shift buses and some daycare vans will be dismissed
 - 3:45 Car riders will be dismissed to the cafeteria
 - 3:50 2nd shift buses and some daycare vans will be dismissed
- **We do not call individual students to the cafeteria** at the end of the day. Parents who wish to pick up their child as a car rider will need to send a handwritten note to their teacher on the day they will be picked up, or call the **school office by 3:00 PM**. If you are picking up your child every day, complete a car rider information card. Parents should wait for students in the cafeteria. **Parents picking up students at the end of the day should park in the side parking lot.** Our daycare vans will use the loop in front of the cafeteria to load students.

Parents needing to pick up students early from school for an appointment will need to do so prior to 3:20 PM in the main office.

Students are encouraged to ride the bus to and from school.

Parents are asked not to go to their child's classroom without an appointment, either before school starts, after school, or during school hours.

To maintain security, all visitors must sign-in and wear a visitor badge while in the building.

- **Individual Class pictures** will be taken on September 23. Envelopes were sent home with children today.
- **Emergency Closing Plan** forms have been sent home with the children. In the event that schools are closed early due to an emergency or weather-related issue, it is imperative that we know where to send your child/ren. Please complete this form for each child and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Thank you.
- **Cafeteria News – Breakfast** is served daily from 8:30-8:50 a.m. in the Cougar Cafe (cafeteria). The price is \$1.10, and both hot and cold breakfast items are offered. Some items are made upon student request. We **highly recommend** that students pre-pay for lunch. **School lunch is \$2.00 and breakfast is \$1.10.** This eliminates students carrying cash and enables them to move faster through the lunch line. You can send a check directly to school, or you can pay for lunches and check your child/ren's balance online at www.cafeprepay.com.
- **Safety Message** – FCPS Policy states:
“It is unlawful for students to possess or use any weapon on school property. Students who have or use a weapon on school property will be suspended from school and the police will be notified of the incident. A weapon is any object designed to harm another physically, or an object which is used in a way that can physically harm another.
The staff at Kemptown Elementary is committed to providing our children with a safe environment, and we will do all we can to carry out that responsibility. Let's work together as parents and educators to do everything we can to encourage safety and protect our children.

Congratulations to the following students who will serve as members of **the Kemptown Caring Kids' Club and the Electric Eels Club.**

Kemptown Caring Kids' Club

Electric Eels

October

February

Angie Florimbio
Lauren Stein
Alyson McKee
Emma Shirey
Brooke Taylor
Connor Ryan
Bryce Pavay

Maddison Abel
Riley McLean
Breanna Owens
Jessica Smith
Kaitlyn Marrello
Danielle Benedetto
Courtney Talbert
Rylie Flood

Fall

Tyler Pavay
Wilson Day
Lexi Lundstedt
Tara Gibson
Jessie Williams

Spring

Jodie Williams
Nacora Johnson
Alyssa Larason
Courtney Pullen
Hannah Frazier

- **Show Your Summer Spirit Day** - On Friday, September 4th, we will be having a Show Your Summer Spirit Day here at Kemptown. Please have your children wear items that represent what they did during their summer vacation (i.e. t-shirt/sweatshirt, hat, shoes, pins, etc. from a place your family visited this summer or something that your child made) to school on that day. The student with the most SUMMER SPIRIT will be on the morning announcements. Come out and show your Summer Spirit!!
- A publication entitled, "**Protection from Sex Offenders**," from the Maryland Office of the Attorney General can be found on the FCPS website. This document has important and helpful information. *From the home page, click on Board of Education, Policies and Regulations, then Protection from Sex Offenders in the left margin. A link to the document is provided:*
<http://www.oag.state.md.us/sexualOffender/sexPreditor.pdf?152910821132356427Nav=|&NodeID=462>

- **Back to School Night** – Mark your calendars for the evening of **September 10th**. We look forward to sharing information with you about our school focus for the year, our PTA, our FISH philosophy, and grade-specific topics of interest. Our event begins at 6:00 p.m.
- **Volunteer Sign-ups** - This year the sign-up process will be different from last year. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jen Huber at huber98@verizon.net to see what is available or to ask any questions. Volunteers will start on Tuesday, September, 8th. Schedules will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Copy of schedules will be sent home to volunteers by Friday, September 4th. Also, from time to time, last-minute volunteer help is needed. If you would like to be contacted if a need should arise, please let Jen know.
- **Volunteer Orientation** - We will be holding volunteer orientation in the cafeteria for all new volunteers. Look in next week's bulletin for the date and time. This orientation and reading of the volunteer handbook are requirements before volunteering may begin the week of September 8th. Please email huber98@verizon.net if you are planning to attend.

PTA NEWS

- The **Staff Appreciation Committee** is planning a **staff lunch for Fri. Sept. 4th**. Parents are needed to donate salads or desserts. If you are able to help, please contact Joanna Coffey 301-865-1919 or wjcoffey@comcast.net. We appreciate your help!

OTHER NEWS

- Frederick County Health Department will be conducting a **rabies vaccination clinic** for dogs, cats, ferrets (3 mons. of age or older) at the following location: Thursday, Sept. 24 at Thurmont Community Park from 5-8 P.M. The cost is \$6.00 per animal. For more information, see flyer in the kiosk in the main hallway.
- **Manners and More** is coming to Kemptown Elementary! Classes will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 15th, 17th, 22nd and 29th from 4:00 - 5:15. This class is designed for children ages 8-12 and will cover shaking hands and introductions, good host/guest behaviors, telephone etiquette, table settings, handling utensils and practice eating...just to name a few! Call 301-600-2936 to register for class #9686 or online at www.recreator.com. If you need more information, call Chris Stein at 301-829-5552 or email at mannerswork@aol.com
- **Join the Cub Scouts** - Sign up for fun and adventure at Kemptown Park on Wednesday, September 2 at 6:30 P.M. For more information, see flyer in the kiosk in the main hallway.
- **The Shining Stars School of Performing Arts** – Open House will be Aug. 28 from 4-8 P.M. and Aug. 29 from 10 A.M. – 2 P.M. Register online at www.gosspa.com or call 301-865-8788. For more information, see flyer in the kiosk in the main hallway.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

~ A complete listing of calendar items for the year can be found on our web site at <http://schools.fcps.org/kes/calendar.html>

September	7	Labor Day - Schools closed
	10	Back to School Night
	23	Individual Student Picture Day
	24	Teacher Work Session – 2-Hour Early Dismissal
	19	Frederick Fair Day – Schools Closed for Students
	28	Yom Kippur - Schools Closed

Volunteer Orientation in the cafeteria, date and time TBA