

Kempton Elementary School

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KES THURSDAY BULLETIN

September 3, 2009



- **Show Your Summer Spirit Day** - On Friday, September 4th, we will be having a Show Your Summer Spirit Day here at Kempton. Please have your children wear items that represent what they did during their summer vacation to school on that day (i.e., t-shirt/sweatshirt, hat, shoes, pins, etc. from a place your family visited this summer, or something that your child made). The student with the most SUMMER SPIRIT will be on the morning announcements. Come out and show your Summer Spirit!!
- **We welcome parents to join us for Back-to-School Night on Thursday, September 10th at 6:00 P.M.** (See PTA's notice below regarding a general meeting starting at 5:15.) We ask that students not participate, as presentations are designed to communicate expectations between teachers and parents. Please note that, in addition, we will be having **conference sign-ups** (see schedule below):

The agenda for the evening is as follows:

6:00 P.M.	Parents report to child's classroom.
6:00-6:20 P.M.	Welcome meeting over the TV in-house broadcast system
6:20-6:40 P.M.	1 st Presentation by teachers
6:40-6:50 P.M.	Transition time / Conference Sign-Ups begin in Media Center
6:50-7:10 P.M.	2 nd Presentation by teachers Find Out First Sign-Up/Profile Updates available in Computer Lab
7:10 P.M.	End of 2 nd Presentation
7:10-7:45 P.M.	Conference and Find Out First sign-ups continue

Parents will start in their child's classroom for a brief PTA meeting that will be viewed over the media broadcast system, followed by grade level presentations by classroom teachers. There will be two rotations/presentations by each team so that parents who have multiple children can attend each. The presentations will be approximately 20 minutes long, with a 10-minute transition time to rotate to the next classroom. Conference sign-ups will take place in the Media Center after our first rotation. Our computer lab will be available and staffed for parents wishing to sign up for Find Out First or update their profiles. Hope to see you there!

- **LIBRARY DAYS** are as follows. Please remind students to return their library books on these days. (Remember the best place to keep books safe and sound if they are brought home is in student's backpack/book bag! That way they won't get lost.)

Monday - Baker (K), Bales (1), Dinkelacker (2), Millslagle (3)
Tuesday - Horman (2), Staley (3), Longley (4), Tavenner (4)
Wednesday - Abrecht (K), Davidson (1), Madert (2), Sadtler (4), Sanders (4)
Thursday - Giancoli (K), Geasey (1), Brashears (5), Tasch (5), Wirtz (5)
Friday - Montgomery (K), Kendall (1), Conrad (3), Mills (5)

- **Individual Class pictures** will be taken on September 23rd.

- **Parents:** For **safety and health reasons**, the cafeteria can no longer give napkins or plastic utensils to students that do not purchase lunches. Therefore, we ask that, if you send your child in with food that requires a spoon or fork, please pack a disposable utensil in their lunch box. Thank you.
- **School Buses** - We are committed to providing a safe ride on the bus for your children. The Calendar Handbook states that, “**Students may ride only the school bus to which they are assigned.**” Inviting friends home via the school bus makes it difficult for schools to account for students and can cause bus capacity problems. In an **emergency situation** only, school principals may approve a parental request allowing a child to ride another bus. Bus drivers can honor the request only if they receive a parent note that is also signed/approved by the school administration. Transportation to jobs, social meetings, non-school sporting events or practice remains a parental responsibility.”
- **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. New to volunteering at Kemptown? See the bullet that follows....
- **Volunteer Orientation** - We will be holding volunteer orientation in the cafeteria for all new volunteers on Thursday, September 10th at 9:30 a.m. This orientation and reading of the volunteer handbook are requirements before volunteering may begin. Please email huber98@verizon.net if you are planning to attend.
- **The 2009 PTA Sally Foster Fundraiser** is under way! Every student should have a fundraising packet. If your child did not receive a packet or lost theirs, we have extra packets in the office; please see Cindi Andrews or Linda Wood. Also, remember we are selling cookie dough, brownies, and pretzels, a perfect treat for friends and family. The sale will run through September 14th, so please sell, sell, sell!

PTA NEWS

- **Sally Foster News** - Remember to register your children at sallyfoster.com; this will insure they receive credit for online sales. When you go to sallyfoster.com, look in the top left corner for “seller section.” Enter your email address and hit “GO”. Enter our school code **501268**. Then hit next and our school name will automatically appear. Click in the circle that is next to Kemptown and hit next and follow the directions. For assistance with Seller's Section questions, call 1(877)248-CARE (2273). Should you have any questions for me (Olga Marchetti) you can call me at 301-831-9559 or email me at marchettiolga@comcast.net or Sharon Weston at 301-607-6740 or sshops@comcast.net. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!
- **The Kemptown Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association** (KES-PTA) invites you to join us for the 2009-2010 school year. The KES-PTA is an organization dedicated to the well-being of the children at Kemptown and to nurturing the relationship between our families and the staff at the school. To join the KES-PTA, you can print out the membership form at: <http://www.kesptaonline.org/docs/membership.pdf> and put it, and your membership fee (\$5 per member), in an envelope marked PTA Membership. In addition to supporting the endeavors of the KES-PTA by joining, you also receive a complimentary copy of the Buzz Book, the directory of students and families who have provided their contact information. You can also wait until Back-to-School night on September 10th where a table will be set up and memberships will be sold. For further information, please contact Robin Yaure at 301-865-9256 or r2y@psu.edu.
- **Family Fun Night Sock Hop & Ice Cream Social.** Welcome back the school year and join your friends for an evening of fun on Friday, October 2nd from 7pm – 9pm in the KES Cafeteria/Gym. The Painted Cone will be serving their delicious ice cream and the DJ will get the kids jumping in the gym. Please contact Danielle McCaskill hmccaskill@msn.com, 301-829-7813 or Kellee Hays kelleehays@verizon.net, 301-865-8650 to volunteer to help with serving drinks and supervision; volunteers are welcome for every part of the evening.
- Anyone interested in becoming a **homeroom parent** will need to complete the form that will be sent home next week. Homeroom parents plan the classroom parties for each class and help with field day. This is a great way to be involved with your child and it only takes 3 days (Halloween party, Valentine party, and Field Day) to commit to this. Please look for this form coming home with your child next week. If you have any questions, please call Susie Collins at 301-253-4259.

OTHER NEWS

- Any girls who are interested in joining Girl Scouts should contact Rose Young at 301 829-2058 or crcrms@comcast.net. Girl Scouts starts in kindergarten. Please respond by September 18th, so we can get the troops organized.

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REMINDERS

- **The Thursday Bulletin** is sent each week electronically. 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.

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	Volunteer Orientation, 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria Back to School Night
	23	Individual Student Picture Day
	24	Teacher Work Session – 2-Hour Early Dismissal
	25	Frederick Fair Day – Schools Closed for Students
	28	Yom Kippur - Schools Closed