

Kempton Elementary School

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KES THURSDAY BULLETIN

September 17, 2009



- We would like to **thank all of the families** that attended our Back-to-School Night. We hope that you found the information provided helpful. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school at any time.
- **Conference Sign-Up** – If you were not able to attend Back-to-School Night and have not yet signed up for your child’s conference, please call the front office to schedule your conference ASAP, 240-236-3500.
- **Individual Class pictures** will be taken on September 23rd.
- This year, Frederick County schools will have 6 two-hour early dismissal days. On early dismissal days, students arrive at their normal time in the morning and are **dismissed 2 hours early**. Our first late arrival day this year will be on **Thursday, September 24**.
- **Schools Ramp up Recycling** - 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.
- 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.

Additionally, FCPS and the FCHD anticipate implementing a school-aged SEASONAL flu vaccination campaign at Frederick County public elementary schools this fall. We are awaiting grant approval from the State and will announce specific dates as soon as we have more information. Free FluMist® will be administered, with parental consent, to children ages 5-11 years old attending a Frederick County public elementary school.

More information about flu and the Health Department's flu clinic schedule is available online at 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 or call 1-800-CDC-INFO.

- **Visitors' Badges and FCPS Identification Badges** – To ensure the safety of our students, all FCPS employees are required to wear identification badges. Similarly, school policy requires that parents who wish to go to any part of the school building other than the office report directly to the office to sign in and receive a visitor's badge (please return it at the end of your visit). In order to maintain our safe school environment, visitors not wearing a visitor's badge or a FCPS identification badge will be asked by school employees to please sign in at the office.

PTA NEWS

- The **2009 PTA Sally Foster Fundraiser** is off to a slow start. We have decided to extend the **deadline to September 18**. We need everyone to do their part to help the PTA raise the necessary money to continue our great work. If you need an extra order form, they are in the front office; please see Cindi Andrews or Linda Wood. A reminder, there is **no sales tax** on cookie dough orders. Please sell or buy as much Sally Foster or Otis Spunkmeyer as you possibly can to support our **KEMPTOWN** kids.

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. **The deadline for getting your membership form in to be able to be in the Buzz book is MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2009.** 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.
- The **KES Fall Festival** is planned for **November 7th from 10:00-3:00**. This is a day filled with games, moonbounces, crafts, a silent auction and other family activities. If you are interested in helping with the planning, please contact Joanna Coffey @ wjcoffey@comcast.net or Daphne McKee @ daphnemckee@comcast.net.

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.
- **Join the Cub Scouts** - Sign up for fun and adventure at Kemptown Cafeteria on Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30 P.M. For more information, see flyer in the kiosk in the main hallway or call Kelly Taylor 301-829-7970.

“The materials in the kiosk are neither sponsored by nor endorsed by the Board of Education of Frederick County, the superintendent, or this school.”

REMINDERS

- **Find-Out-First** – Electronic copies of the Thursday Bulletin have been sent home for a few weeks now. If you are not receiving the Thursday Bulletin, please go to the KES webpage and click on the Find-Out-First icon. Please follow the directions to sign up or update your profiles. To help, a flyer was sent home with your child(ren) today with step-by-step directions.
- 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.

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

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