

Kempton Elementary School

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KES THURSDAY BULLETIN

September 24, 2009



- **The Big Kahuna Award** (For Being an Outstanding Fish) was awarded to **Mrs. Ward**, our User Support Specialist. Mrs. Ward was nominated for taking care of all of our technology needs. She worked over the summer setting up our new computers, rearranging the labs, and helping Mrs. Farrell reorganize the media center. Since our school year has started, she has helped our teachers set up and use equipment in their rooms and continues to work in the computer labs with students and teachers. She also does lunch duty, runs off paper copies for classrooms, helps out in the office and anywhere she is needed.

Remember that you or your child can nominate a teacher or staff member for the next Big Kahuna Award. Nomination forms are in every classroom and in the office. Show your appreciation by helping us recognize our next Big Kahuna.

- **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.
- **Book Fair Set-Up** - Help is needed to set up on Friday, October 2nd between 2:00 and 4:00 P.M. If you would like a peek at what's for sale, plan on helping out. Please contact Mrs. Farrell.
- **Scholastic Book Fair** - The book fair will be held in the Media Center from October 13th - 15th. On October 13th & 14th the hours are 12:30-8:00 P.M. On October 15th the hours are 12:30-4:00 P.M. Parents are welcome to visit anytime, especially during conferences. Students will be scheduled for preview visits the week of October 5th. Look for a wish list to come home. There will be no book exchange classes October 5th-9th. Credit cards, as well as cash and checks, will be accepted. Get a head start on your holiday shopping! Profits will be used to support the library and computer instructional programs at **Kempton**.
- **Art Room Request** - Do you have a working kitchen blender that you don't want anymore? The art room is looking for donations of kitchen blenders so that students can learn how to make paper! If you can donate a working blender, please drop it off at your convenience in the art room! Thank you!
- **Parents, we need your help** – Because of the volume of calls the office gets during a typical school day, we are asking that you please send a handwritten note to school with your child if you are picking them up early or if they are to be dismissed other than their usual way. Please include the teacher's name. If you are picking up your student early and arrive in the office **after 3:20, we regret that we will be unable to call into the classroom to have your student dismissed**. Therefore, please state on your note to the teacher that the student should be sent up to the office at the requested time. You may also sign them out at the office and pull them out of the bus line. **If your plans should change during the school day, or if there is an emergency, please call the school office by 3:00 p.m.** This will help ensure the timely delivery of your message. Please note, due to safety reasons, if your child has an extra curricular activity after school and has forgotten their note, they will be sent home their regular way. Thank you so much for your help as we work to ensure the safe dismissal of all of our students.

Parents who wish to pick up their children as a car rider will need to send a handwritten note to their teacher on the day they will be picked up.

- **Report Cards - New Format Gives Parents More Information.** Elementary report cards will look different when students bring them home this year, starting with the Term 1 report cards that we plan to issue November 13. FCPS is launching different report cards for each elementary grade level, preK-5. They will specify details about what students are learning in each subject and at what level. Two main goals of the new report card are to provide parents a clearer understanding of what their children are mastering in each subject, and a report card that best represents curricular objectives. Report cards for kindergarten through fifth grade will show which instructional level the student receives:
 - ✓ essential curriculum
 - ✓ essential curriculum with enrichment
 - ✓ essential curriculum with intensive intervention
 - ✓ alternative curriculum based on IEP (Individualized Education Program).

Content mastery is indicated in a separate section from mastery of skills such as task completion, participation, organization and ability to follow procedures and work effectively in a team. Samples of the new report card formats for each elementary grade level are online at www.fcps.org/reportcards. Parents may also view the samples at our school during October Parent-Teacher Conference days. For more about elementary grading procedures, see FCPS Regulation 500-6 at www.fcps.org.

- **From the Health Room** - some helpful guidelines to help decide what to do if your child tells you they are not feeling well. **When to keep your child home from school:** a temperature of more than 100 for more than 24 hours, nausea or vomiting, stomachache, diarrhea, pale or flushed face, headache, persistent cough, earache, thick discharge from the nose, painful sore throat, rash or infection of the skin, red or pink eyes. **If your child had a fever the evening before or through the night, keep them home.** They should have a normal temperature under 99 degrees for 24 hours prior to returning. If the symptoms are severe or persist for more than 24 hours, you should contact your private source of medical care. Children sometimes use illness as an excuse to miss school. On the other hand, some children force themselves to go to school even though they are sick. It is up to you to be alert to your child's health and to decide when it is best to send him/her to school. This is also when you need to consider if your child would be contagious to classmates. If your child complains of being sick or does not look well after they reach school, we will contact you. Therefore, it is important that updated information and phone numbers be provided. As you read this, please remember these are general guidelines. You know your child the best! This is also a perfect time to reinforce hand washing to help minimize the spread of germs. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please call the health room at 240-236-3507 if you have any questions.

PTA NEWS

- **Box Tops** collection bag contest has been extended to Wednesday, September 30! Place any box tops and bar codes you have been saving in the bag, write your last name and student names on the bag. Send it to school for a chance to win a dinner for your whole family.
- **Weis Cards:** Weis has an excellent Box Top program; they match every box top product you buy when you use your Weis Card. For every 10 products, they donate 10 box tops. This program is ongoing 12 months a year! If you have any family members who shop at Weis, please ask them to enroll, too. If you need more forms, contact Jeana Payne at 301-253-3282.
- **Safeway, Giant and Food Lion:** a collection sheet will be sent home this week, one per family. Return your form and your family has a chance to win a Safeway or Giant Gift Card!
- **Kempton Kids, Parents and Community are Awesome!!! - 2009 PTA Sally Foster Fundraiser** is over and we are almost at our goal of \$24,000. To date, we have entered \$ 18,000 worth of orders and we still have orders to enter. We have approximately \$ 2,000 of online sales. We strongly believe we will reach our goal. We wanted to extend a special thank you to those families who made very

generous donations to Kemptown. 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!!!

- **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.
- There will be a **Homeroom Parent Meeting** on Thursday, October 8, 2009, in the cafeteria from 7-8 PM. We will be planning all Halloween classroom parties at the meeting, and you will receive a homeroom parent class list. If you sent your form in, you will automatically be added. Please call Susie Collins with any questions at 301-253-4259.
- 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

- **Urbana Hockey Club 1st Annual Hockey Day** – Mega yard sale, awesome bake sale, fall crafts, fall mums, and raffle tickets and more – Saturday, Sept. 26th 8:00 A.M. – until? (rain or shine) at Skate Frederick (upper parking lot).
- **Pack 369 Cub Scout Popcorn Fundraiser at Mt. Airy Safeway from 10-2 Saturday & Sunday...** Our Kemptown Cub's are celebrating 100 Years of Boy Scouting in America, 1910-2010. Funds raised from popcorn sales help the boys participate in some of the Centennial Programs offered in the National Capital Area this year, as well as fund our community support, camping and other Scouting fun!!! Your support is greatly appreciated!!!
- **Kids on Campus Fall 2009** brochures can be found in the kiosk in the main hallway. Classes are available in Art & Imagination, Kids' Cuisine, Hands-on! Science & Math, Computer Connections, and Sports & Fitness. For more information go to www.frederick.edu or call 301-846-2431.
- **LUYAA Winter Registration:** Register now for Basketball- Middle School Travel and Intramural, Cheerleading for Basketball, Indoor Lacrosse and Wrestling!! Late fees go into effect on October 1st! Go to www.luyaa.org for more information and to register!
- The **MOMS Club® of Kemptown/Green Valley** invites local mothers to an Open House on Monday, October 5th from 10:00am until noon at the Providence United Methodist Church, 3735 Kemptown Church Road. Music, fun, and games planned for both moms and their kids. We will also have an art station where your young child can work on an art project for customized KidsArt stationery – just in time for creating your own line of holiday cards. Proceeds will go to local charities. MOMS Club® (Moms Offering Moms Support) is a non-profit support organization for mothers who choose to stay home on a full-time or part-time basis. We have most of our activities during the day when stay-at-home moms need support the most. And children are always welcome! Come check us out! It is easy to join, just call Laura Densock at 301-385-2623 for more information.

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REMINDERS

- **Find-Out-First** – Electronic copies of the Thursday Bulletin have been sent home for a few weeks now. If you know someone who is not receiving the Thursday Bulletin, please have them go to the KES webpage and click on the Find-Out-First icon. They should follow the directions to sign up or update their profile.
- 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

25 Frederick Fair Day – **Schools Closed for Students**
 28 Yom Kippur - **Schools Closed**

October

13 Parent Teacher Conferences, **School Starts at 1:00 P.M. (4 hrs. late)**
 14 Parent Teacher Conferences, **School Starts at 1:00 P.M. (4 hrs. late)**
 15 Parent Teacher Conferences, **School Closes at 12:00 P.M.(3-1/2 hrs. early)**
 16 State Regional Educational Training, **Schools Closed**