

Kempton Elementary School

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KES THURSDAY BULLETIN

October 8, 2009



- **Parent Teacher Conferences** are scheduled for October 13, 14 and 15. If you were unable to sign up for a conference, please call the school office at 240-236-3500 to schedule. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. On Thursday, October 15, the cafeteria will be serving bag lunches only to students who wish to buy.
- **Scholastic Book Fair** - The book fair will be held in the Media Center from October 13 - 15. On October 13 & 14 the hours are 12:30-8:00 P.M. On October 15 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 5. Look for a wish list to come home. There will be no book exchange classes October 5-9. 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.
- The Health Department will offer the first doses of intranasal pandemic **H1N1 flu vaccine** to children in Pre-K to 5th grade, in both public and private schools, by holding in-school vaccination clinics. Healthcare workers within these schools will also be offered the vaccine. Children in this age group are a priority for receiving pandemic H1N1 flu vaccine and, except in cases where it's contraindicated, are eligible to receive the vaccine in the intranasal mist form. Additionally, the State has recommended that healthcare workers, another priority group, be among those who receive initial doses of the vaccine. At this time, the supply of H1N1 flu vaccine is not sufficient to vaccinate all schools at once. Therefore, schools were selected by lottery to decide the random order of schools, both public and private, to receive vaccine. This list is available at www.frederickcountymd.gov/flu. We will be providing more information as the vaccine becomes available.
- **KCKC Fundraiser News** - The members of the KCKC October Board of Directors are Angie Florimbio, Alyson McKee, Brooke Taylor, Connor Ryan, Bryce Pavay, and Rylie Flood. They will be raising money for T.A.C.T. (Teach Autistic Children Today) for their fall fundraiser. T.A.C.T. is a local nonprofit organization formed in 2007 that helps families pay for much-needed educational therapy services for children with autism. The fundraiser will be held on October 21. That day has been designated as 60's/Hippie Spirit Day. Peace and love from the KCKC!
- **Announcing...The Kempton COUGAR!** - We are pleased to announce that our mascot is alive and ready to represent KES! Two of our wonderful 5th graders will have the honor of being the cougar for the 2009-2010 school year. A big congratulations to **Jake Pyke and Emma Wynkoop** for being chosen to represent KES this year!
- **Jump Rope for Heart** – All students who wish to participate will be jumping during their PE classes the week of October 12-15. All envelopes are due by October 23.
- **Halloween Parade and Party Guidelines for Oct. 30th**
9:05 Students put on costumes

- 9:15 Parade outside (This year our parade route will be as follows: K-2nd will start by circling the primary blacktop on the side of the building; 3rd-5th will circle the lower blacktop outside the rear of the building; then both groups will cross over and circle the opposite blacktop and go back into their classrooms.)
- 9:30 Classroom parties
- 10:30 Clean up

Guidelines:

- All parents are invited to the parade. Only previously-assigned homeroom parents are invited to the classroom parties.
- **Students can wear their costumes to school since our parade is first thing in the morning. Costumes should be put on over their clothes so that costumes can be taken off in the classroom after the party. Students will not be allowed to change their clothes in restrooms.**
- Students or parents should not bring or wear hairspray, hair dye, face paint, make-up, powder, glitter, etc.
- Items such as brooms, shields, roller-blades, skateboards, or other items in addition to the costume should not be brought to school.
- No weapons, look-alike weapons, play weapons, (guns, shields, knives, swords, etc.) or costumes containing illustrations of weapons or violent themes should be worn.
- In case of inclement weather, we will have shorter parades inside in the cafeteria/gym and parents would be welcomed inside for the parades.

PTA NEWS

- There will be a **Homeroom Parent Meeting** this evening, Thursday, October 8 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.
- **Important Sally Foster Reminder** - The Sally Foster orders will be available for pick up at school during conference week October 12 – October 15. **Please verify your entire Sally Foster order immediately!** If you find any discrepancies, please email me, Olga Marchetti at marchettiolga@comcast.net as soon as possible (**no later than October 23, 2009**). Please note that this is an absolute deadline. After this date we will be unable to adjust your orders. Thanks for your support!
- **Thank you** to all the families who came out to the Sock Hop/Ice Cream social! It was a huge success and the kids all enjoyed the dancing and ice cream which was provided by The Painted Cone. Also, a big thank you to all our volunteers; it would not be possible without their support and help.
- **Fall Spiritwear Sale** will start this Friday, October 9-30. This season, the spiritwear will include a medium gray pullover hooded sweatshirt, a tie-dye long sleeve t-shirt, a gray long sleeve t-shirt, and the popular flannel pants with the school name printed on the waistband. New this year is a short sleeve medium gray shirt with the Kemptown logo for only \$10.00. Samples of the apparel are located outside of the front office. Order forms will be sent home with each student this week. Please make your check payable to the Kemptown PTA. All orders will be processed in 3-4 weeks and sent home with the student. If you are doing your holiday shopping, please indicate on the order form "Christmas gift," and you will be notified by phone to pick up your order at the front office. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Mary McMaster at 301-865-3170 or e-mail marymac62@yahoo.com. Thanks for your support.
- **Fall Festival 2009** - November 7, 10:00 A.M. -3:00 P.M. - Mark your calendars now! There are only 4 weeks until Kemptown's Fall Festival. The PTA committee is hard at work planning many fun-filled events for both children and adults. To make the event a success, volunteers are needed. If you can help with set-up, games, crafts, silent auction, children's gift shop or clean-up, please complete the volunteer form being sent home today with your child. If you have any questions regarding the fall festival, please contact

Joanna Coffey @ wjcoffey@comcast.net; any questions regarding volunteering, please contact Robin Yaure @ r2y@psu.edu .

- **Silent Auction Donations:** Please consider making a donation to our Silent Auction during the Fall Festival. It can be a donation from your business, sports tickets, vacation home, baked items, etc. Donation letters will be in your child's folder this afternoon. Any questions, please contact Amy at 301-831-7308 or ASoderstrum@comcast.net.
- **Fall Festival Theme Basket Donations:** We are seeking donations for the Fall Festival, Silent Auction Theme Baskets. Each class has a unique theme that they will be collecting to fill their baskets. A letter describing your child's theme will be in their folder. Please send new items to school anytime from today until Tuesday, November 3rd. There will be collection boxes in each classroom. Any questions, please contact Amy at 301-831-7308 or ASoderstrum@comcast.net. Anyone who has any beautiful baskets that they would like to donate, please contact Amy for information or drop off. Thank you!!!

OTHER NEWS

- Frederick County Health Department **Seasonal Flu Clinic** will be at Urbana High School on Friday, October 16 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. The clinic will give the seasonal flu vaccine only (flu shots and flumist). No appointments are necessary. Vaccine costs: Flu shots \$20.00; FluMist \$25.00. Payment can be made with cash or check; credit or debit cards are not accepted. For more information, call 301-600-3035 or check the Health Department's website at www.frederickcountymd.gov/flclinics. (Clinic date is subject to change.)
- Frederick County Parks & Recreation is sponsoring a **Pretty Princess Afternoon** at Oakdale Recreation Center on October 17 from 2-4 P.M. You and your little princess are invited for a mini makeover, princess movie, and crafts. Cost is \$5.00 per child, ages 3-8. Pre-registration is required, 301-600-2936. Come dressed in your princess attire.

REMINDERS

- **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>

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 dismisses at 12:00 P.M. (3-1/2 hrs. early)
- 16 State Regional Educational Training, Schools closed
- 30 Halloween Parade/Parties (9:15-10:45)
Teacher Work Session - 2-Hour Early Dismissal