

Kempton Elementary School
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KES THURSDAY BULLETIN
October 1, 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**.
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- **What Do You Really Think? - FCPS Surveys Parents.** Parents: What do you think about our parent-teacher conferences schedule? The FCPS Family-School Partnership Committee has launched a survey to gather your feedback about the conferences, held in the fall and early spring of each school year. FCPS will compile responses to the quick 10-question survey with information supplied by the local PTA County Council and FCPS teachers. The committee will present findings to the Board of Education later this fall. Parents are our most important partners in education. It's important for FCPS to hear what you think of the current schedule and also learn more about other ways parents typically communicate with their children's teacher(s). Thank you to all who go to this link and tell FCPS what you think. <http://www.tinyurl.com/PTConferences> . The survey closes October 16.

PTA NEWS

- **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 2 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 **October PTA** meeting will be held on October 6 at 6:30 PM in the Kempton Elementary School Media Center. There will be no babysitting available during the meeting this year due to insurance issues.
- There will be a **Homeroom Parent Meeting** on 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.

- **Congratulations to All! - 2009 PTA Sally Foster Fundraiser** was a **huge success** because of the incredible support and hard work of Kemptown kids and parents. We sold \$ 19,500 of Sally Foster, \$ 7,800 of cookie dough, and had \$ 2,000 in online orders – for a grand total of \$ 29,300, which means Kemptown raised approximately \$ **14,000.00** for this year. We wanted to extend a special thank you to those families who made very generous donations to our school. As a reminder, the Sally Foster orders will be delivered October 9 and will be available for pick up at school during conference week. The cookie dough order will be delivered November 6 and will be available for pick up that night. 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!!!
- **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 was sent home last week, one per family. Return your form, and your family has a chance to win a Safeway or Giant Gift Card!
- The **KES Fall Festival** is planned for **November 7 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

- **Good News Club** - The Good News Bible Club is back at Kemptown, but will be starting in January 2010 (Thursdays after school). The club is a non-denominational ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF). Check out www.cefonline.com and/or www.cefmaryland.org for more information about this international ministry, or contact Vicky Davis @ vickyddavis@comcast.net or 301-607-8058.
- The **Great Pumpkin Patch** at Old National Pike District Park will be open October 10 & 11 from 12:30-4:00 P.M. The cost is \$5.00 per person which includes hayrides, inflatables, pony rides, petting zoo, rock climbing wall, trick or treat trail, pumpkin decorating, and so much more. Plus a free pumpkin to the first 500 kids ages 2-12. Pre-register by phone at 301-600-2936 or online at www.Recreator.com. Flyers can be found in the kiosk in the main hallway.
- **The Frederick County October-March Calendar of Events** is now posted in the kiosk in the main hallway. For a complete event listing visit www.fredericktrourism.org.

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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 Closes at 12:00 P.M.(3-1/2 hrs. early)**
- 16 State Regional Educational Training, **Schools Closed**