

# Kempton Elementary School

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KES THURSDAY BULLETIN

October 15, 2009



- **The Big Kahuna Award** (For Being an Outstanding Fish) was awarded to **Mrs. Tavenner**. Mrs. Tavenner was nominated by her students for “making it a good time in class, she always has a smile on her face. She makes math and homeroom so fun. At recess she has a fun time with us. She is awesome!” “She always helps us and makes everything fun.” “She is always there and she is very nice. She makes me laugh and puts fun into things!”

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.

- **National School Bus Safety Week**, October 19 – 23 - Avoid harm, obey the stop arm!  
Red means stop! Let's keep our children safe!
- **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!
- **4th and 5th Grade Students** - Deadlines for completing book reports for the Black Eyed Susan Reading Program are as follows...Book #1 - November 3; Book #2 - December 5; Book #3 - January 8; Book #4 - February 26.
- **Earth and Space Science Laboratory Open House** - On November 2, FCPS' newly-constructed Earth and Space Science Laboratory (ESSL) will open to the public for tours and planetarium demonstrations. Directors Mark Bowman and Jeff Grills, elementary science curriculum specialist Chris Horne, and elementary science teacher specialists will be available to assist visitors with the different laboratory workstations and to answer questions about the elementary science curriculum. The tour and demonstrations will take place from 10 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. The new ESSL replaces a single classroom, small laboratory area, and an older planetarium housed in Lincoln Elementary School's B building. The 10,624 square-foot facility contains a 78-seat planetarium with a 35-foot dome, welcome area, two science classrooms, two aquarium areas, an oceanography lab, geology lab and office space. On display in the welcome area are a variety of museum-quality rocket models and a replica of an Apollo space suit. Seventy-five roof-top solar panels, donated by BP Solar, generate electricity for the building, and the building is the first FCPS facility with a geothermal heating/cooling system. ABC 7 Meteorologist Adam Caskey and the ABC 7 Storm Chaser will join in the festivities from 10:00 to 11:45 a.m. The Storm Chaser is a state-of-the-art severe weather center on wheels. It is equipped with a live data feed from the ABC 7 Pinpoint Doppler Radar. It has a GPS system which, when combined with the radar, can display exactly where Storm Chaser is with respect to severe storms or tornadoes. The ESSL is located at 210 Madison Street in Frederick, adjacent to Lincoln Elementary School.

## PTA NEWS

- **Fall Spiritwear Sale** is underway, and will run through October 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 have been sent home with each student. 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](mailto: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 3 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](mailto:wjcoffey@comcast.net); any questions regarding volunteering, please contact Robin Yaure @ [r2y@psu.edu](mailto: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 went home last week in your child's folder. Any questions, please contact Amy at 301-831-7308 or [ASoderstrum@comcast.net](mailto:ASoderstrum@comcast.net)<<mailto: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 .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](mailto:ASoderstrum@comcast.net)<<mailto: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!!!

**Kindergarten-** Scrapbooking - Cardstock paper, acid free adhesives, decorative scissors, die cuts, gift cards to AC Moore, Joann's etc.; Be creative **Grade 1-** Winter Holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanzaa, New Year's) Holiday napkins, table cloth, runner, candles, ornaments, stockings, etc.; **Grade 2** - Family Life - Dinner and Cooking - Serving platters, bowls, cookbooks, kitchen gadgets, gourmet food, etc., In The Car All Day - Flashlights, travel pillow, DVD's, word searches, handheld games, Suduko, etc., Gardening - tools, seeds, plants, etc.; **Grade 3** - Mother/Grandmother Care - Tea, coffee, candles, specialty bath products, books, gift cards, spa care, etc., Car Care- Cleaning supplies, sponges, buckets, window cleaner, oil, etc., Golf Fun- golf balls, tees, gift certificates for golfing, etc.; **Grade 4-** Family Fun Entertainment - Sporting items, board games, movie tickets, popcorn, gift cards to ice skating, outdoor games, etc.; **Grade 5** - Boys, Boys, Boys - baseball caps, visors, shirts, water bottles, team themes, legos, race cars, puzzles, etc., Girls, Girls, Girls - Jewelry, make up, hair accessories, journals, DVDs, dolls, etc.

## 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.
- **Jump Rope for Heart** – Collection 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.

### 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

- 16 State Regional Educational Training, Schools closed
- 30 Halloween Parade/Parties (9:15-10:45)
- Teacher Work Session - 2-Hour Early Dismissal