



Kempton Elementary School

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THURSDAY BULLETIN

October 16, 2008

- A huge **thank you to the PTA, Jennifer Huber, and the many parent volunteers** who kept us fed during conferences! Everything was delicious, and we are very appreciative of the time and effort that went into organizing, preparing, and delivering the food for our dinners. Again, thank you!! – Kempton Staff
- **Federal Forms** – were sent home with children today. Please complete the form, sign and return to your child's teacher. 100% participation is requested. All forms must be turned in by October 27th. Thank you.
- **KCKC News** - The October board of directors (Emilie Hancock, Natalie Sage, Kaylee Woodward, Hannah Mills, Hannah Carbaugh, Amy Chaisson, Tyler Groveston, Tommy Walters, Hayden Pagendarm) would like to announce that their fall fundraiser will be for **Hospice of Frederick County/Camp Jamie**. Laurel Cucchi, director of HFC, visited Kempton to speak with the board concerning HFC's weekend camp for children who have experienced the loss of a loved one, and about the services offered by hospice and the Kline House. The date of the fundraiser will be **Thursday, Oct. 23**. The KCKC would like to thank you in advance for your support of this fundraiser.
- In celebration of the KCKC fundraiser for Hospice of Frederick County/Camp Jamie, Oct. 23 will also be a spirit day. Students are encouraged to wear **mismatched socks and shoes!**
- Always asking "What If...?" Do you like to experiment at home? Perhaps you think you can reinvent a product to better solve a problem. If this sounds like you, then you should put your ideas to work in Kempton's Annual Science and Engineering Fair. **Kempton will hold its annual Science and Engineering Fair Dec. 3 and 4**. Students in grades 4 and 5 are required to participate, and students in K - 3 are strongly encouraged, but not required, to participate. A guide to the Science Fair can be found at: <http://www.fcpsteach.org/sci/elem/default.cfm>. Please contact Mrs. Geasey (mary.geasey@fcps.org) with any questions. Science Fair backboards can be purchased at the school store. The cost is \$4.00, which includes the backboard and title sheet. See you at the Fair!
- **The Elementary Division of the 28th Annual Frederick County Science and Engineering Fair will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6**. The Science Fair will be held at Ballenger Creek Elementary School. Set-up will take place on Friday, Dec. 5 from 5:00 - 6:00. The Fair will be open to the public on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9:30 - 1:00. An entry form, as well as additional information, can be found at: <http://www.fcpsteach.org/sci/elem/default.cfm>. Students interested in participating must fill out an entry form and return it to Mrs. Geasey by Nov. 14.

- **Fall Apparel Sale** - Attention all Kemptown students and families. The Fall Apparel will go on sale starting Oct. 20th and end on Oct. 31st. This fall, the spiritwear will include a light gray pullover hooded sweatshirt, long sleeve tie-dye t-shirt, both in royal and red, a gray long sleeve t-shirt, and the popular flannel pants with the school name printed on the waistband. Samples of the apparel are located outside of the front office. Order forms will be sent home with each student on Monday, Oct. 20th. Please make checks payable to KEMPTOWN PTA, place in an envelope and give to your teacher or the front office. The order form says PTO; this was a mistake. All orders will be processed in 3-4 weeks and sent home with the students. 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 Kristen Mills, 301-865-3989 / e-mail kris10mills@comcast.net or Mary McMasters, 301-865-3170 / e-mail marymac62@yahoo.com.
- **The Hospitality/Staff Appreciation Committee** is looking for volunteers. If you like to cook, bake, or just want to bring something for an upcoming appreciation event, please contact Jen Huber at huber98@verison.net or 301-607-6784 for more information.
- **Mark your calendars!!!** The Kemptown Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, **November 15th**. It is sure to be a BIG event, with a moonbounce, giant slide, games, prizes, arts and crafts, silent auction, and plenty of other activities. The Lion's Club will once again be providing delicious food, and there is sure to be plenty of it. It's going to be a great time for the whole family!!! We will need plenty of parent and staff volunteers, so please keep a look out in the upcoming bulletins for volunteer needs and sign ups, and also for the volunteer sign-up form to come home. We are hoping to get one family member from each Kemptown family to help out on this fun day!!! Any questions, please call Daphne McKee (301)607-6865 or Joanna Coffey (301) 865-1919. Hope to see you all there on the 15th!!!!
- **Parents, do you own your own business or have a fantastic product you want other KES parents to know about?** The Kemptown Fall Festival Silent Auction is looking for KES parents who are interested in donating goods or services to the silent auction. In exchange, PTA will provide unique advertising space for your business and products at your bid sheet! We want to recognize and support all KES parents who donate to this annual event.

To donate goods or services to the silent auction, please contact Jeana Payne at 301-253-3282 or by email at jayhawkjtp@aol.com

- **Fall Festival Theme Baskets** – We need your donations (NEW ITEMS ONLY PLEASE) for the 2008 Fall Festival Theme Baskets. Each class has a unique theme: Kindergarten – Winter Holidays; Grade 1 – Scrapbooking; Grade 2 – Family Life: Madert-Dinner/Cooking, Horman-In the Car all Day, Dinkelacker-For the Home; Grade 3 – Mother/Grandmother Care; Grade 4 – Family Fun/Entertainment; Grade 5 – Girls, Girls, Girls & Boys, Boys, Boys.
- **Baskets Needed:** The Silent Auction Committee is seeking the donation of beautiful baskets of various shapes and sizes to be used for the 2008 Silent Auction THEME BASKETS. We will need around 70 baskets. For information or drop-off location, please contact Kristen Mills at 301-865-3989 / e-mail kris10mills@comcast.net or Leigh Dalgarn at 301-865-7297/e-mail dalgarn98@comcast.net . We are also in need of ribbon and tissue paper.
- **Kemptown Fall Festival 5K!** Join us for a run through the woods at Kemptown Park Saturday, November 15th. All proceeds benefit the family of Alex Hancock. Cost is \$25.00, and all registrants receive a t-shirt. Prizes to top finishers in their age bracket. Refreshments provided. To register, go to www.active.com . Race-day registration begins at 7:30 am at shelter #3. Contact race coordinator Colleen Parsons at parsons7@comcast.net or 301-865-4164 if you can volunteer your time or resources! See you on race day!
- **Reflections Program, 2008–2009** - "WOW!" Once again the National PTA Reflections Program has begun. Our theme this year is "WOW!" We will be accepting new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme until November 15, 2008. The categories for the artwork are: Literature, Musical Composition, Photography, Visual Arts, Dance Choreography and Film/Video Production. The

contest is open to all KES students, and the students can enter one or more works of art. Look for the official entry form and rules in the hall kiosk. Also, all information will be posted on the PTA web site at www.ptakesonline.org – click on PTA-Reflections.

- **Reflections Theme Contest** - This contest is open to all KES students. If you think you have a great idea for the Reflections Program for the 2009-2010 school year, then fill out an official entry form and you could be the winner of \$100.00. Winners will be invited to attend the National Convention in 2009. All entries must be in by October 28, 2008. Look for the entry forms and a box in the office for the Reflections Theme Contest.

OTHER NEWS

- **Alex's Election Day Bake Sale!!!** Come join us all day on Election Day (Tuesday, November 4th) from 7am to 7pm. This fundraiser will benefit Alex Hancock, who is fighting to recover from a cancerous brain tumor diagnosed last spring. You can support Alex by stopping by for tasty baked goods, funnel cakes, and beverages. And, there will also be a moon bounce, gift card sales, and various raffles for concert tickets, vacation getaways, etc. So, see you on Election Day at Providence United Methodist Church, 3735 Kemptown Church Road! For an update on Alex, go to <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/alexhancock>. For more information, call Laura Densock at 301-385-2623, Kim Johnson at 301-865-6393, or Debbie Hall at 301-865-4454; or, go to www.geocities.com/kemptowngreenvalleymoms.
- **College Savings Plans** of Maryland – Think about this: for as little as \$25 a month, you could get them something they won't outgrow. There are two great plans – choose one or both. For more information, see the flyer in the kiosk in the main hallway or go to www.collegesavingsmd.org.
- **Good News Club** - The Good News Bible Club is back at Kemptown this year. Starting October 23, the club will meet in the stage room on Thursdays after school - until 5 PM. All kids (K-5) are invited to join and learn about the Bible through lessons, scripture memory, music, games and other activities. The club is a non-denominational ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF). Check out www.cefonline.com for more information about this international ministry. Children must have a parental permission slip to attend. For more information on the club at Kemptown, please contact Vicky Davis @ vickyddavis@comcast.net or 301-607-8058.

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REMINDERS

- **National Character Counts Week** is October 20-24. This year, we will be recognizing National Character Counts Week by “collecting random acts of kindness.” Students are encouraged to bring in items to be included in care packages sent to our troops that are currently deployed. In order to complete these “Care Kits,” we are asking that each grade level bring in specific items. Please consider sending in the following items: **Kindergarten:** Communication/Stationery Items (paper, pencils, pens, envelopes, stamps, International phone cards). **First Grade:** Snacks/Candy (candy, gum, beef jerky, cookies, crackers, gummy bears, trail mix, powdered Gatorade mix). NO CHOCOLATE, please; it melts. **Second Grade:** Toiletry Items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorants, shampoo, soap, Q-tips, etc.) **Third Grade:** Sanitary/Personal Hygiene Needs (wet wipes, Clorox wipes, lip balm, sunscreen, bug spray, hand lotion, hand sanitizer, etc.) **Fourth Grade:** Breakfast Items (mini boxes of cereal, breakfast bars, pop tarts, granola bars) **Fifth Grade:** Games/Entertainment (playing cards, paperback books, magazines, word search/Sudoku books, Nerf style balls, etc.)
- **Red Ribbon Week is October 27-31** - National Red Ribbon Week is a drug awareness week; we are committed to educating our students regarding the hazards of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. The

following is a list of activities that KES students and staff will be participating in during this week:
Monday, October 27 - “Red Ribbon on Classroom Doors.” Teachers will be given a red ribbon to place on their classroom doors. This serves as a visual reminder of our pledge to be drug free.
Tuesday, October 28 - “Drug Free Pledge Stickers” will be handed out to each student.
Wednesday, October 29 - “Wear Red Day.” Students and staff are encouraged to wear red.

- **Halloween Parade and Party Guidelines for Oct. 31st**

- 2:00 Students put on costumes.

- 2:15 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.)**

- 2:30 Classroom parties

- 3:15 Clean up and prepare for dismissal

Guidelines:

All parents are invited to the parade. Only previously-assigned homeroom parents are invited to the classroom parties.

Students must wear costumes that they can put on over their clothes worn to school. They will not be allowed to change their clothes in restrooms.

Students 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.

Students should not wear costumes to school.

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 website at <http://schools.fcps.org/kes/calendar.html>

October

20 – Cultural Arts Program “Red’s Recycle-O-Rama”, 9:05 & 10:00

23 – Mrs. Mills’ & Mrs. Wirtz’s classes - ESSL Field Trip, 9:15–11:45 A.M.

24 – Ms. Brashears’ & Ms. Tasch’s classes – ESSL Field Trip, 9:15-11:45 A.M.

- 2nd Grade Frederick Walking Tour Field Trip 10 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

31 – Halloween Parties, 2:00 P.M.