

Kempton Elementary School

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KES THURSDAY BULLETIN

October 22, 2009



- **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.
- **Requesting Homework/Make-Up Work** – When requesting homework or make-up work, we ask that parents consider the following:
 1. Call another child in the class in the evening to obtain homework assignments when possible.
 2. Try to make a request to the teacher 24 hours in advance of the time when the work will be picked up. As teachers devote their time during the day to teaching and preparing for instruction, it is not always possible to honor same-day requests.
 3. At times, sending missed assignments home without prior instruction would be inappropriate. Teachers might prefer to work with the student before assigning the work.
- **November's Staff Appreciation Lunch** will be Friday, November 20th. The lunch will be Soups and Salads. If you can help out with either soup/salad/bread/dessert, please contact Colleen Parsons at 301-865-4164 or parsons7@comcast.net.
- **Parents we need your help** – Because of the volume of calls the office has been getting during day, we are asking that you please send a handwritten note to school with your child if s/he is to ride the bus home or be a car rider. (We are especially having problems with girl scouts/brownies/daisies.) Please also include the teacher's name. If your plans have changed or if there is an emergency, please call the school office by 2:45 P.M.

PTA NEWS

- **Box Tops Contest:** We have a deadline of October 27th! Please turn in as many box tops as you can before then. We ask that you trim your box tops and send them to school for your children to place in the collection boxes found in the rooms. One lucky classroom in each grade will win a fabulous fun day of their choice. Look for box tops on products in your pantry! Box tops that were sent in the brown bags will

be divided equally among classrooms of siblings. We will be checking collection boxes tomorrow, October 23rd; if all box tops are trimmed, the class wins a treat.

- **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. 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 festival 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 that was sent home 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 .
- **Donation Items Needed!**: Please consider making a donation to our Fall Festival **Silent Auction**. 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.
- **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. 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, Sudoku, 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, DVD's, dolls, etc.

- **HELP!** Parents, please send in your Rebate Program card collection forms! Food Lion, Giant and Safeway all donate a portion of your purchases to our school. It costs you nothing, other than a few minutes of your time to fill out the form. Lost it? Email Jeana at JayhawkJTP@aol.com, and she will send you another one. One lucky family will win a grocery gift card just for returning the form. We need these ASAP.

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 tomorrow, 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

- 30 Halloween Parade/Parties (9:15-10:45)
Teacher Work Session - 2-Hour Early Dismissal

November

- 2 Teacher Work Day – Schools Closed for Students
- 25-27 Thanksgiving Break – Schools Closed
- 30 Teacher Work Session – 2-Hour Early Dismissal