

# Kempton Elementary School

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KES THURSDAY BULLETIN

October 29, 2009



- **Halloween Parade and Party Guidelines for Oct. 30th**

- 9:05 Students put on costumes
- 9:15 Parade outside
- 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.

- **Electronic Devices at School** - Our staff continues to work hard to improve instructional uses of technology. We also know that our students have increased exposure to technology and are using it for many different purposes, both for learning and fun. As such, we want to provide you with a few gentle reminders to support your child's safe use of electronic devices.

- Students are encouraged not to bring portable electronic devices to school. These include portable video gaming systems, cell phones, and other similar devices. If it is necessary that a student bring an electronic device to school, it must be powered off at all times during the school day, while aboard a school bus, and while at school-sponsored activities.
- At the elementary level, all internet access occurs under the direct supervision of an adult for instructional purposes only. Keep in mind that many portable electronic devices have internet accessibility. Check your child's device regularly to ensure that inappropriate material has not been inadvertently downloaded to your child's system.
- Students at appropriate grade levels will be instructed this year on the appropriate uses of technology through our health and guidance curricula. Lessons will not only provide instruction on safe uses of technology, but also on such topics as cyberbullying.
- As you discuss appropriate use of electronic devices and the internet with your child, you may remind them that our school administrators and guidance counselor are available, should they be exposed to inappropriate material while at school. You may also feel free to contact school administration, should you hereafter become aware of student exposure to inappropriate material while at school.

- Our school system has various regulations governing the use of computers, cell phones and other portable electronic devices. These regulations include notifying the parents of all parties involved, should students inappropriately use, or have been exposed to, inappropriate electronic material. For more information, you may refer to FCPS Regulations 400-18, 400-73, and 400-48 on the system's website, [www.fcps.org](http://www.fcps.org), or in your calendar handbook, beginning on page 44.

As always, feel free to contact school administrators with any questions you may have.

- **Picture retake** day is Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- November 2009 **lunch menus** have been posted online at: [www.fcps.org/menus](http://www.fcps.org/menus).
- The Communication Services office is seeking nominations for the **2009-2010 Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Awards and the Distinguished Educational Leadership Awards**. Sponsored by *The Washington Post*, these prestigious awards honor teachers and principals from 19 metropolitan area public school districts.

The Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Awards recognize teachers who exemplify excellence in their profession. Each winner will receive \$3,000 at a special ceremony hosted by *The Post* next May. **The 2008-2009 winner for Frederick County was Bonnie Velasco of Kemptown Elementary.**

The Distinguished Educational Leadership Awards recognize principals who go beyond the day-to-day demands of their position to create an exceptional educational environment. *The Post* will honor winners at a reception next April, at which time it will announce awards. Mark Pritts, Middletown Primary principal, was the 2008-2009 FCPS winner.

Please consider nominating one of our very talented teachers and/or principals. Complete eligibility and nomination criteria, process information and selection guidelines are available at [www.fcps.org/awards](http://www.fcps.org/awards).

- **KCKC News** - The October board of directors is pleased to announce the completion of their recent fundraiser. With the help of the students, staff, and families, they were able to raise \$660.00 for T.A.C.T. (Teach Autistic Children Today). Chris Patterson, a representative from T.A.C.T., visited the school on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> and thanked the student body (via morning announcements) for their support.
- **The Health Room** is in need of children's clothes. If you have any sweatpants/shirts that you could send in, that would be most helpful when those few accidents occur.
- The **Track Meet** has been rescheduled to November 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Miller will meet with all students affected.
- **November's Staff Appreciation Lunch** will be Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. The lunch will be Soups and Salads. If you can help out, please contact Colleen Parsons at 301-865-4164 or [parsons7@comcast.net](mailto:parsons7@comcast.net).

### PTA NEWS

- PTA will hold a **General Membership Meeting** on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Kemptown Media Center, and all parents are welcome to attend.
- **Buzz Books** are done and have been delivered to KES! If you ordered a Buzz book and have not yet received it, please check your child's backpack. If you do not receive it by Friday, please contact Robin at 301-865-9256 or [r2y@psu.edu](mailto:r2y@psu.edu). If you did not order one and would like to, you can contact Robin. You can also still purchase a PTA membership. The membership is \$5 per member. The Buzz book is complimentary with a membership. Or you can purchase a Buzz book alone for \$5. They will be sold at the Fall Festival as well.
- **Fall Spiritwear Sale** is underway and will run through tomorrow, 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.

- **Important Cookie Dough Orders Reminder** - The cookie dough orders will be available for pick up at school on November 6 between 5:30 pm and 8:00pm. We will be in the cafeteria. Please pick-up your orders on November 6. We cannot store your orders. Note: we will be selling cookie dough at the fall festival. Thanks for your support!
- **Fall Festival 2009** - November 7, 10:00 A.M. -3:00 P.M. 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](mailto:wjcoffey@comcast.net); any questions regarding volunteering, please contact Robin Yaure @ [r2y@psu.edu](mailto:r2y@psu.edu).
- **Fall Festival Cake Walk** - It is one of the most popular events at the Fall Festival and raises a lot of money for the PTA. To ensure the success of this event, we need donations of baked goods. They must be covered and clearly marked what type of cake it is. Store bought goodies are fine. Cakes, cookies, pies and brownies are great. If you are able to make a donation, please email Susie Collins at [beach4six@aol.com](mailto:beach4six@aol.com). Donations may be dropped off in the art room (after school) on Friday, Nov. 6th or the morning of Nov. 7th.

**Silent Auction Donations:** Please consider making a donation to our Silent Auction. It can be a donation from your business, sports tickets, vacation home, baked items, etc. Donation letters were sent home in your child's folder. Any questions, please contact Amy at 301-831-7308 or [ASoderstrum@comcast.net](mailto:ASoderstrum@comcast.net).

**Fall Festival Theme Basket Donations:** We are seeking donations for the 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). 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 A/C 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, 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](mailto: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.

## 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
- End of Term 1

**November**

- 2 Teacher Work Day – Schools Closed for Students
- 3 PTA General Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
- 5 Picture Retake Day
- 13 Report Cards distributed
- 25-27 Thanksgiving Break – Schools Closed
- 30 Teacher Work Session – 2-Hour Early Dismissal