

Kempton Elementary School

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KES THURSDAY BULLETIN

November 5, 2009



- Friday, November 6th will be **Kempton Spirit Day** in honor of our Fall Festival and to cheer on our 4th and 5th grade track team runners. We encourage students to show their Kempton Spirit by wearing Kempton shirts, sweatshirts, etc., or simply dressing in blue and white.
- **The Big Kahuna Award** (For Being an Outstanding Fish) was awarded to **Ms Tasch**. She was nominated by her students and a parent. In their nominations they wrote – “**Ms. Tasch** works hard and makes fun in everything she does...she lightens up my day...she is cool and funny and always makes me laugh...she helps people in study groups for Science if they are having trouble...she likes to laugh and play and she listens to what everybody has to say.”

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.

- **Canned Food Drive** - November 9-20, we will be holding a non-perishable food drive. This is another wonderful service learning project that provides an opportunity for the community to come together to meet the needs of the less fortunate. All non-perishable food items will be donated to the St. Peter's Church local food bank. Our mentors will be responsible for collecting and graphing the number of items collected daily. The grade with the highest number of donated items will win a popcorn and movie party. In order to ensure that these families have nutritious food to last throughout the winter, we are asking that each grade bring in specific items:

Kindergarten: Pounds of Peanut Butter (can include peanuts, apple sauce, jelly, jam, apple butter, marshmallow fluff, etc.)

Grade 1: Piles of Pasta (can include pasta, sauce, rice, instant potatoes, macaroni & cheese)

Grade 2: Tons of Tuna (canned tuna, chicken or fish; can include Saltine, Ritz or packaged crackers)

Grade 3: Stacks of Soup (canned, boxed or pre-packaged soups)

Grade 4: Volumes of Veggies (canned vegetables & beans)

Grade 5: Shelves of Cereal (boxed cereal or cereal bars, oatmeal, cream of wheat, dry milk, etc.)

- **American Education Week** is scheduled for November 16 - 19. Parents/Grandparents are invited to visit classrooms and share in their child's educational day. We will follow the visitation schedule listed below:

Monday - November 16 - Kindergarten

Tuesday - November 17 - 2nd and 4th grades

Wednesday - November 18 - 1st grade

Thursday - November 19 - 3rd and 5th grades

All visitors must enter the building through the main doors. Once inside, visitors must register and wear a visitor's badge during their entire visit. Due to limited cafeteria space, we regret that lunch cannot be extended to guests. We look forward to seeing you during American Education Week.

- A publication entitled, “**Protection from Sex Offenders**,” from the Maryland Office of the Attorney General, can be found on the FCPS website. This document has important and helpful information. From the home page, click on Board of Education, Policies and Regulations, then Protection from Sex Offenders in the left margin. A link to the document is provided:
<http://www.oag.state.md.us/sexualOffender/sexPreditor.pdf?152910821132356427Nav=|&NodeID=462>

PTA NEWS

- **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. 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.
- **Important Cookie Dough Orders Reminder** - The cookie dough orders will be available for pick up at school on November 6 between 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. 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!
- This Saturday is **Kempton's Fall Festival** from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be a variety of games, moon bounces, rock climbing wall, cake walk, face painting, crafts, children's holiday shop, silent auction, and food catered by the Lions Club. This year we have a new and free magic show presented by David French at 11:00 in the library. Please bring your family and friends to enjoy this fun family event. Any questions, please contact Joanna Coffey at wjcoffey@comcast.net or Daphne McKee at daphnemckee@comcast.net.
- **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. 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.

- **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.

OTHER NEWS

- **Scouting for Food** - Cub Scout Pack 369 and Boy Scout Troop 1023 will drop off food donation bags on Saturday, November 7th and pick up bags on November 14th. The youth will be covering neighborhoods in southern Mount Airy, Ijamsville, Monrovia and Kempton. The filled bags can be left on porches, front doors or mailboxes. Collected food will be given to Frederick County Food Banks to assist needy families.
- **Pack 369 Cub Scout Popcorn Fundraiser** at Green Valley Pharmacy from 10-2 Saturday ... Our Kempton Cubs are celebrating 100 Years of Boy Scouting in America 1910-2010. Funds raised from popcorn sales help the boys participate in some of the Centennial Programs offered in the National Capital Area this year, as well as fund our Community Support, Camping and other Scouting fun!!! Stop by on your way to or from the Kempton Fall Festival...Your support is greatly appreciated!!!

REMINDERS

- **November's Staff Appreciation Lunch** will be Friday, November 20th. The lunch will be Soups and Salads. If you can help out, please contact Colleen Parsons at 301-865-4164 or parsons7@comcast.net .

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>

November

- 7 Fall Festival, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 13 Report Cards distributed
- 25-27 Thanksgiving Break – Schools Closed
- 30 Teacher Work Session – 2-Hour Early Dismissal