

The “Friday” – Welcome Back!

October 19th, 2009

Mark Your Calendar:

Oct. 20th – 5th grade field trip
Oct. 21st – K field trip
Oct. 21st - Town Hall Meeting
Oct. 21st - 23rd School Pictures
Oct. 22nd – 7th grade field trip
Oct. 23rd – Project Electives Begin
Oct. 30th – 2nd Grade Roost Overnight at CPCS
Nov. 4th – CPCS Math Night

Impact Aid Forms:

Impact Aid Forms were distributed and are due this week. You should have received one per student. **It is essential that you fill them out completely and return them to the school by October 23rd.** These forms are directly linked to our receiving funding. If you need a replacement copy, please contact Ms. Jaster in the main office at 301.863.9585 or mhjaster@smcps.org

Town Hall:

We look forward to celebrating our new school quarters with you at the Town Hall on Wednesday, October 21st beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Building Update:

The new portion of the building is almost finished! The final inspections are scheduled for Tuesday.

Fall School Portraits – This Week:

This year we are doing school pictures in the fall in order to make the deadlines for the yearbook. The dates are: **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday October 21-23.** Alisa Albers of Timeless Treasures Photography, one of our CPCS moms will be photographing the **classes on Wednesday and individuals on Thursday and Friday.** The individual picture setting will be a fall scene outside in the garden area. Please dress your child appropriately for outdoor pictures. Mrs. Albers recommends solid colors without busy patterns. Ordering information will be sent home after the holidays in January. Please make every effort to have your child here during their class and individual picture times. **Students should come in uniform on Wednesday. For individual portraits children may dress as they wish.**

Scripts Orders Due 10-21:

Scripts Gift Cards orders are due by **NOON on Wednesday, October 21st.** Please note this is a date change. Start planning ahead now for those holiday shopping and gift needs. Scripts are a WONDERFUL fundraiser for CPCS. You purchase gift cards at face value and the companies give us a percentage. Win-win! Consider collecting orders from office mates and family members as well. During the **last holiday season we were able to raise several hundred dollars!**

Fundraising Subcommittee:

Meeting on Monday, October 26th from 8:45-9:45a.m. to discuss the schools fundraising policy at the home of Michelle Gagnard. Please contact Michelle at gaganard@md.metrocast.net for directions.

Sunshine Call:

Have you received a **Sunshine Call** from Mrs. Antonacio or Mrs. Funya? Sunshine calls are a way to communicate positive student behaviors to families. So don't be surprised if your phone rings one day and your student is calling to spread the sunshine!

Math Night:

Mark your calendar! We'll be having a Math Night on November 4th. Details to follow!

Parent Volunteer Sign In/Sign Out:

Please remember to sign in and out through the main office. This is for safety reasons and is very important! In case of emergency we need to know who is currently in the building. **We value our parents and their commitment to our school, so we want to make sure that in the event of a fire or other crisis, we know where you are!**

Fundraising Committee Meeting:

Are you interested in helping with any of our upcoming fundraisers this year? Then **please come and talk about your ideas and how you would like to help**. The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 22 from 5-6 pm in the CPCS Café. If you have any questions please contact Michelle Gagnard at gagnard@md.metrocast.net.

Habitat For Humanity Cans:

We have begun **collecting aluminum cans again for Habitat for Humanity!** Last year CPCS collected the most cans each month of all the schools participating! Let's see if we can meet that goal again this year! Send in your rinsed and drained aluminum cans (make sure they are bagged). Collection sites are in the office and the cafeteria. **More cans equals more houses!**

From the Café:

Students who plan to have breakfast at school in the mornings **MUST arrive with plenty of time to get their breakfast and eat before the instructional time begins at 8:30a.m.** Also, if you are planning to eat lunch with your child, please let the office know by 10a.m. that you will be purchasing a school lunch. Ms. Byrne needs an accurate lunch count in order to ensure that there is enough food for all student lunches.

Substitute Teacher Training:

Parents interested in taking the **Substitute Teacher Training** should contact Monica Jaster at mhjaster@smcps.org. The Sub training will be held at CPCS on Thursday, November 5th and Friday, November 6th from 9 am – 3:30 pm each day. Participants are asked to bring a pen and pad. Snacks provided, but please, bring your lunch.

Project Elective Starts This Week:

Project Elective choices were made by students last week. Students were able to select their top three choices and will learn this week what class they will be attending. Thanks to all the parents who stepped up to lead and support these classes! **Parental participation is essential to our community!**

Upcoming Meetings:

Community meetings are open to the CPCS Community as a whole. **We strongly encourage active parental involvement** in these meetings, either by serving on the committee or participating as an attendee.

- **Town Hall** - Wednesday, October 21st – 6:30 pm in Gymnasium
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