Sedgwick School Community Newsletter

October 4, 2007

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY&MONDAY

You are getting this newsletter a day early because there will be no school this coming Friday, October 5 nor on Monday, October 8. Friday is a Union 76 workshop day. Monday is a holiday.

Campus Cleanup Tomorrow!

A notice went out yesterday about the campus clean up on Thursday. Please make sure your child comes to school with gloves and wearing work clothes. There will be a dedication of the preschool program at 10:15 a.m. in front of the Peace Garden. There will be a cookout lunch for students and staff at 11:00 a.m. **We still need garden tools for the work day**. Please clearly label them with your name!

School Committee Member Needed

Charley Martin-Berry, a member of the Sedgwick School Committee, has resigned from her position on our school committee. The committee is looking for people interested in being on this important board. It would be particularly good to have the parent of a current student on the board as Ms. Martin-Berry is the only member who also has a child in our school. If you are interested, call the Superintendent of Schools office at 359-8400.

Please Drive Slowly!

With an increase in the number of parents dropping off children in the morning and picking them up in the afternoon, a warning to drivers to slow down on school grounds is in order. Please be aware that there are children unloading and loading from vehicles from 7:30-8:00 a.m. or so and from 2:45 -3:10 p.m. or so. Please exercise great caution in the school driveways.

Make sure you leave the building with your kids. Don't let them just run out on their own unless you are watching them. Look before you cross the driveway to the parking lot.

Wrapping Paper Fund raiser

This is a reminder that all Innisbrook sale sheets **and money** need to be turned in by Friday, October 12.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held Friday, October 26. This will be a no school day for students.

A form to sign up for a conference time was sent home in your child's communication folder today. Please return your form as soon as possible.

Basketball Coaches

We are looking for boys and girls basketball coaches for the grades 5-8 basketball programs. Anyone interested in helping out in this way should contact the principal. The basketball season normally begins shortly after Thanksgiving and extends to just before February break.

Dogs on Campus

An increased number of dogs have been noted on the school campus. If you have a dog on campus or the Fitness Trail, please keep them on a leash and, *especially*, clean up after your pet. Failure to clean up after dogs has made for a couple of unfortunate accidents. **No dogs are** allowed on the fenced playground at any time.

Budget Discussion Planned

The process of planning the school budget for next school year is lengthy, complicated and, sometimes,

contentious. Given anticipated cuts in state subsidy, this year's decisions will be particularly hard for the school committee and town. There is a parent forum on the budget next Thursday, October 11 at

6:00 p.m. in the library. The principal will outline the budget process, the current and anticipated subsidy situation, and hear from parents about what should and should not be included in the budget for

the 2007-2008 school year. Of particular interest will be **classroom combinations** for next year and other ways to con-solidate services.

Got Photos?

How about sharing some of those great pictures you take at school events? If you have a good digital shot of your son or daughter or somebody else's son or daughter, then we'd like to share it in the yearbook or send it off to the Weekly Packet. Credit will be given! Simply e-mail as an attachment to dbuckingham@msln.net

A Reminder-No Charging Policy

Thanks to the many parents who have been paying for meals and milks on time or in advance. It is very important to remember that we have a NO CHARGING policy for meals and milks. We appreciate that most parents keep this in mind. We want to serve all children who want a meal or milks, but cannot do so if parents don't pay on time. Please help us make sure your kids have a great meal.

Week at a Glance

Thurs. Campus Cleanup & Cookout
 Fri. No school for students.
 Mon. Columbus Day - NO SCHOOL
 Wed. Soccer Pictures

 Away game @ Brooklin 3:45

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 Parent budget discussion 6:00

 Fri. Sports Physicals

 Wrapping Paper Orders & \$ Due