

Sedgwick Elementary School Newsletter

September 3, 2009

Congratulations

Let me congratulate those students who distinguished themselves and our school by exceeding the high standards set by Maine's Learning Results on the Maine Educational Assessments taken in March:

Megan Gale (5) for math, **Liam Adams** (6) for math and reading, **Tim Dentino** (6) for math, **Matthew Duddy** (6) for math, **Brittyn Dauk** (7) for math, **Justin Gray** (7) for math, **Hayden Torrey** (7) for math and reading, **Ashley Dyer** (8) for reading.

These are remarkable achievements not only for the students, but their families. Way to go!

Welcome Back

School began Monday with a population of 98 students, about the same as last year. We welcome the following new students:

Kindergarten: **Connor Betts**, **Amanda Dorr**, **Nathan Gillen**, **Darrell Gray**, **Emily Hutchinson**, **Andrew Rideout**, **Chloe Sheahan**, **Sarah Webb**, and **Jadyn Yurchick**; Grade 6: **Zachary Eaton**, **Mackayla Snow**, and **Mackeisha Snow**; and Grade 7: **Caitlyn Bray**.

Please make them and their families welcome in our community.

First Student Transportation

We also welcome back 'returning' bus driver Ellen Farrin for Bus 1 and bus driver Gretchen Cousins for Bus 2. If you have any questions or bus issues, please contact bus supervisor, Darlene Turner at 348-5237.

No School Date

Due to the holiday, there is no school on Monday, **September 7**.

5-8 Soccer Begins

The Soccer program began yesterday under the coaching of Steve and Lisa Theoharidis. A schedule of games and practices will be distributed this week. Parents, please pay careful attention to the schedule and make sure your child is prepared with what they need for practices and games.

Open House

There will be a fun open house complete with the very popular Bounce House on Tuesday, September 15 at 5:00 PM. Anne Dentino, and other PTFers, will be also supervising 'make your own' ice cream sundaes. This is a great way to meet others in our school community, so put the date on your schedule.

Class Meetings

Teachers are in the process of scheduling dates for parent meetings. These meetings provide a forum to tell parents what's going on in the classroom and introduce them to material, routines, and curricula. They are very important for parents to attend. Those currently scheduled:

Grade K - Sept. 8 at 6:00 PM

Grade 8 - Sept. 9 at 6:00 PM

Here and On Time Incentives

We will be introducing a series of incentives for kids who are at school and on time every day. We will be recognizing kids on a regular basis beginning very soon, so make sure your kids are present at school and on time!

Game Night

The ever popular game night will be held for students in grades 1-4 on Friday, September 11 from 3-4 PM. **A permission slip will go home early next week.**

Game night is a free play and fun time supervised by the principal. There will be another game night scheduled for older kids soon.

Courtesy and Citizenship

This year we are introducing weekly Courtesy and Citizenship topics at Friday assemblies. The idea of this is to maintain a common set of skills that are used in school. Each month classroom teachers will select a 'Class Citizen of the Month', a student who has best demonstrated the skills AND been a good citizen in the classroom.

The weekly topic will be listed on the bottom of the newsletter every week. Look for more information on this in subsequent newsletters.

Local Produce and Herbs

Head Cook Rose Kane would love to use local produce and herbs in the school lunch program. If you or someone you know can make a donation, please drop off items at the school. She is planning a special lunch on September 17th so she would especially love to have items for that day.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 7 Labor Day Holiday
Sept. 8 Gr. K Parent Mtg. 6 PM
Sept. 9 Gr. 8 Parent Mtg. 6 PM
Sept. 12 Soccer Round Robin @ MMA 2:00-8:00 PM
Sept. 15 PICTURE DAY
Open House 5:00 PM
School Board Mtg. 6:00

C and C Topic: Getting off to a good start with yourself and your teacher.