

Sedgwick Elementary School Newsletter

September 24, 2009

Thank You!

Anne Dentino, who organized the Welcome Back Open House last week. Anne did a great job and the event was a great success with over 100 people participating.

Rose Kane and local gardeners and fishermen for their efforts at providing and creating a fine feast on September 17. Also, thanks to the students and staff for such hard work on Campus Clean Up Day.

All parents who have taken the time to attend class meetings over the last few weeks. As a parent myself, I know how difficult it is for parents to juggle many schedules. Your presence at these meetings was greatly appreciated.

Illness

While there have been no official reports of either seasonal influenza or the H1N1 strain, both staff and students have been out with stomach problems, fevers, and coughs. We are sending all students home who have high temperatures or who have thrown up. Students are asked to stay home until **their fever has been normal for at least 24 hours without the help of fever reducing medicine.**

Free Computers

We have a number of older Macintosh computers that are of no use to the school and have no real value. Many have no keyboards and are not suitable for the internet. If anyone is interested in taking one, please contact Dr. Buckingham. We need to get rid of these computers very soon, so don't procrastinate.

PTF Organizational Meeting

On **Tuesday, September 29** at **6:00 p.m.** there will be an organizational meeting for the Parent - Teacher - Friend (PTF) group. The PTF has been in place in this school since 1989, but has been more active in the past than it has been recently. It has served the school in the past by helping plan and raise money for school and family events, support the school budget, advise the principal on key issues, and many other ways.

At present, the PTF is in need of reinvigoration, new people with energy, and robust ideas. Parents must be an integral part of the school and the PTF is an excellent way to become part of and shape the future of the school. Now is the time to get involved.

Bus 1 Stops

Parents, please have your child(ren) waiting at their bus stop to be picked up.

There have been several bus stops on the Bus 1 route where the driver has had to wait for kids to leave their home and board the bus. **Prompt pick ups help the bus arrive to the school on time.** Thank you for your cooperation!

Upcoming No School Dates:

Friday, October 9 is a NO SCHOOL day for students. There is a Union 76 workshop that day.

Monday, October 12 is a NO SCHOOL day. It is Columbus Day.

Tuesday, October 13 is a NO SCHOOL day for students. It is parent/teacher conference day. Sign up forms have been sent home in communication folders.

Newsletter Schedule

Due to the busy calendar and short weeks, the newsletter will be intermittent over the next few weeks. **There will be no newsletter next week.** There will be a newsletter October 8, but no newsletter on October 15.

NECAP Testing Begins Soon

This testing will take the place of the MEAs and begins very soon. Teachers will send out schedules as soon as they get them set. Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep, eats a good breakfast, and is present for testing.

Lego League

All students in grades 5-8 are invited to join this year's lego league. An informational meeting will be held on Friday, September 25 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Contact: Marti Siebert at 266-2950.

Gr. 4-8 Instrument Rental

On Tuesday, October 6 at 6:00 p.m., NK Music will be available. This event is for students who will purchase or rent an instrument.

Citizenship Topics

We continue to teach good citizenship topics to our students. Last week's topic was "showing good citizenship and courteous behavior on the school bus and on all transportation". This week's theme is listed below. Please take the time to discuss with your child the C & C topics he/she has been learning.

Upcoming Events

Please refer to the list of calendar dates on back of this newsletter.

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