

Counselor Connection

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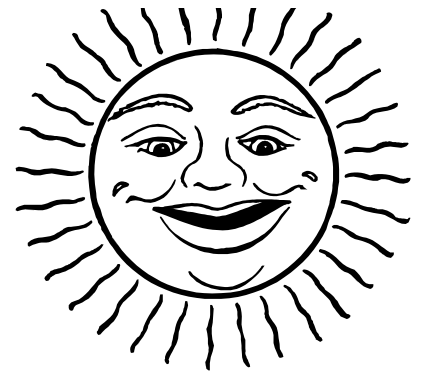
Summer Vacation: Rest and Responsibility

When the final bell rings and the flag is lowered on June 15th, summer vacation officially begins. While the summer is a time of renewal and rest for our students, it is also a time of affording your child extra responsibilities and duties.

Having purpose and giving children extra duties builds success and self-esteem. Begin by working together with your child to create a flexible, daily routine and schedule. Allow time for rest and activities with friends, as well as specific duties. By having a plan in motion will make the day pass more easily and predictably for your child.

Communication is essential in establishing a balance of rest and responsibility. Discussing responsibilities and perhaps related rewards, can help both you and your child enjoy the beauty of the summer as well as create opportunities for maturation.

Enjoy the summer and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!!



Responsibility Builds Character

Learning Lunches

Our Learning Lunch program here at Kempton was a huge success. The Fifth Graders enjoyed eating lunch together while learning about the different careers that were shared by our guest speakers.

I would like to thank all the families of Kempton for their assistance and support of our Learning Lunch program this past year. School to Career connections are so vital and our Learning Lunch program is just another way of ensuring and enriching your child's success in the future.

If you are interested in sharing your career, talent or hobby with our students next year, please call me at (240) 236—3508.

Peer Mentor Conference

On Wednesday, May 23rd, our Fifth Grade Peer Mentors attended a countywide conference of all Peer Mentors at Frederick Community College. This conference involves all students in Peer Mentoring in the FCPS system. The program is entitled, "The Color of Love" and involves a motivational production, followed by break-out sessions and speakers.



The Color of Love

The following students are Kemptown Peer Mentors: Meghan Cobourn, Taylor Gonzales, Laura Hawk, Kassi Keiper, Genny Killian, Libby Killian, Kelsey LaGarde, Chrysanthi Lundstedt, Rachel McDonald, Nikki Perry, Becca Rodgers, Sarah Smolen, Jonathan Stein, Brittany Taylor, and Christian Worch.

I would like to thank each and every one of them for all of their hard work this year!! Many of our student service learning projects (the Holiday Help program, the International Festival, and the Empty Bowls Banquet) were a huge success thanks to them!!

Classroom Guidance

As the end of the year approaches, I worked with the Fifth Graders on transitioning them to Middle School. During our lessons, students took a "virtual" tour of Windsor Knolls Middle School, navigated through the halls using their map skills, and answered questions based on information provided to them via the WKMS website. Students had a chance to practice opening combination locks, ask questions, and get a feel for what a typical 6th grade day will look like.

"Life is like a 'choose your own ending' book- you can take whatever adventures you want."
-Erika Towles, age 12

Fifth Graders will visit Windsor Knolls Middle School on Thursday, May 31, 2007. By visiting the Middle School, we hope to alleviate some of the anxieties that they might be experiencing.

We will also continue to work with our First Graders on being positive role models for our students here at Kemptown.

Kemptown Theme Song Contest

Show your school spirit by creating a song for KES!!

Wouldn't it be nice to have a theme song for Kemptown that we can play on the morning announcements, before assemblies, for parents, etc.?

We are looking for very creative students who might be interested in writing the words for a Kemptown Theme song, such as "Kemptown is for Kids." We will put the winning set of lyrics to music next year.

Will your song be the one students are still singing at KES in 50 years? Submit completed lyrics to Mrs. Jones along with your full name by September 4, 2007.



Be Creative!!

