



TFS BULLETIN

Friday, September 26th, 2008

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Director

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Dear Parents,

This week we practiced our first fire drill of the year. I thought you might be interested in knowing how we do that. At the beginning of the year, we announce the practice to the teachers and we don't use the automated alarm voice system because it's very loud and a little frightening. Instead, I speak on the loud speaker system, announcing the fire drill and advising the children to line up and to pay attention to their teachers as they leave the building to go to their designated safe place outside of the school. There we take attendance and check in with all the groups before re-entering the building. Teachers have already talked to their classes about fire drills and why we have them and they have practiced exiting the building together. Next week we will have a fire drill using the official alarm system and automated voice and these two drills will count as two out of the ten drills that we are required to have each year.

I'd like you to know about a change to our arrival procedure. Beginning in October children whose classes are in the C and D hallways will be proceeding directly to their classes in the morning as they arrive from their buses rather than assembling in the foyer. The kindergarten children already do this as do a few pre-k classes. In a few weeks we'll announce a similar change for the A and B hallway classrooms. Our school day can then begin right at 9:30 a.m. All TFS staff members will help with this transition, which we think will not be difficult overall. Parents who bring their children to school each day are still advised to wait in the foyer until 9:15 a.m. at the earliest because the minutes before school begins are preparation time minutes for teachers and instructional assistants.

I look forward to seeing all of you next week at our Open House on Wednesday at 6 p.m. At that time you and your child will be visiting the school and his/her classroom and teacher to learn about their day at The Friendship School. It's a great night for the children to show you the things that are important to them. I'll see you then.

Sincerely,

Kathy

All Brighter Smiles forms must be turned in by Monday, September 29th if you would like your child to visit the dental hygienist.

Food allergy forms, for students who receive school lunch, will be going home in back packs, to students with any food allergy. If your child receives school lunch, and needs to avoid/substitute food/milk on the menu, Cafeteria staff will need this form turned in each school year. A memo is attached. If your child will not receive school lunch, or does not require substitution, or no longer has the food allergy, please check the appropriate info, sign the memo, and return it to school. Students requiring omissions with substitutes, need their doctor to complete and sign this form and return it to school in back packs, or by having your doctor fax it to 437-4448. Have a great weekend!
Nurse Lori



TO ALL PARENTS WITH CHILDREN THAT RECEIVE FREE OR REDUCED PRICE LUNCHES AND/OR BREAKFAST: PLEASE SUBMIT A NEW APPLICATION IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY SUBMITTED ONE FOR THE 08-09 SCHOOL YEAR OR YOUR BENEFITS WILL EXPIRE ON 9/30/08. ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL 444-5862.

Dates to Remember:

- October 1st- Open House- 6:00 p.m.
- October 2nd-Corduroy Reading- 10:30 a.m.
- October 9th- Yom Kippur- NO SCHOOL
- October 10th- Professional Development- NO SCHOOL
- October 13th- Columbus Day- NO SCHOOL
- October 16th- School Picture Day



PLEASE NOTE:
School begins at 9:30 a.m. If you arrive at school after 9:30 a.m. please stop in the front office to sign your child in and get a tardy slip.