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PARENT NEWSLETTER

November 3, 2008

PHOTO DAY - Pre-kindergarten photos, retakes and club photos (WKID, SCA, CARES and Homework Club) will be taken on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12th. Pre-kindergarten and new students will receive envelopes with order forms attached to this newsletter. If you were not satisfied with your child's original photo and would like for their picture to be retaken YOU MUST SEND IN THE ORIGINAL PACKET, INTACT, to receive a new packet. This must be handed to the photographer at the time a new picture is taken. Please remind your children that the returned photos are in their backpacks and send a note to the teacher stating that the child is to have retakes.



Children's Safety: The posted times for bus arrivals and departures (not private vehicles) are: 8:30-8:45 and 3:00-3:30 on school days. There is "no parking" along the curb before 9:00 A.M. daily in order for buses to have a clear roadway to the school. A staff member will be at Cukela and Dulaney to monitor the safety of the children. A staff member will also be monitoring the path through the woods and across the playground as well as on the sidewalk across from the overflow parking lot. As much as possible, please park in the overflow parking lot and accompany the child across the street. Please park along the tree line and not near the entrance to the parking lot for safety reasons when entering and leaving the parking lot. Private vehicles are permitted to arrive at the school to deliver children after 8:45 A.M. at the front doors. (The WKID T.V. crew arrives at 8:30 to rehearse for the daily 9:00 program.)

Children's Musical Program



The annual musical is scheduled for Thursday, 20 November. All pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, first, second and third graders will participate in the special musical. Watch for details in the near future. **THE PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20 AT 7 P.M.**



Food Drive: With Thanksgiving approaching, the Ashurst PEA (with the support of SCA) is collecting donations of canned or packaged non-perishable food items. This collection will continue through November 21.



Base Schools: The New York and Virginia Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (NY/VADESS) are not a part of Prince William or Stafford County School Systems; therefore, announcements about weather/school delays or closures pertaining to these two systems do not affect Quantico Schools. Call the MCB PAO hot line at (703) 784-3638 for information relating to closings on Quantico MCB.

Calendar of Events

- November 4-7 - Early Release for Parent-Teacher Conferences, 1:00
- November 10-11- Veterans' Day - No Classes in Session
- November 20- Fall Musical Program, 7:00 p.m.
- November 26-28 - Thanksgiving Holiday - No School
- December 6 - PEA Winter Craft Carnival



JANICE P. WEISS
 Principal



Math Matters to Ashurst Students

ATTACHMENTS

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2008-2009 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) will administer its biennial Customer Satisfaction Survey (CSS) from November 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009. The CSS provides valuable feedback to DoDEA from its most important customers – parents and students – about the quality of education it provides and areas needing improvement.

All sponsors with students enrolled in DoD schools from Pre-kindergarten or SureStart through grade 12 may participate by completing a survey for each school in which they have a student enrolled. Students in grades 4-12 may participate by completing separate surveys for students in grades 4-5, and students in grades 6-12.

The 2008 DoDEA Customer Satisfaction Survey represents a departure from tradition. Historically, teachers, educational support staff, students in grades 4-12, and sponsors for each child enrolled in DoD schools from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade were asked to complete the CSS. This year, parents and students will participate in the CSS while DoDEA Administrators, teachers, and educational support staff will participate in a separate survey, the DoDEA Employee Satisfaction Survey, to be administered during March 2009. As with the CSS, participation in the DoDEA Employee Satisfaction Survey is voluntary and maximum participation is encouraged in order to obtain reliable and valid data.

The surveys take approximately 20 minutes to complete and are available online at www.dodea.edu (click on the CSS graphic link). Parents who do not have access to the Internet should contact their child's school to determine other alternatives – such as using the school's computers.

Sponsors are asked to complete a survey for each child enrolled in a DoD school in grades pre-kindergarten/SureStart through grade 12. Information derived from the surveys will be used to improve planning efforts at all levels throughout DoDEA. Schools, districts and areas will use the survey results to gain insight into the satisfaction levels of sponsors and students, which is one of many measures used for future planning of programs and services DoDEA offers. The survey results will also be used to monitor the DoDEA Community Strategic Plan (CSP), which contains the strategic direction for DoDEA for the years 2006-2011.

Ashurst School will appreciate your participation with this important survey!