

October 2009

Important Dates

October	
2	End of first marking period
7	Individual Picture Day Grades 1-5 Literacy Night
7 6:00 p.m.	
8 and 9	No school
9	Report cards mailed home
19 and 20	Grade 4 Science DSTP
22 and 23	Grade 4 SS DSTP
29 6:00 p.m.	Parent Math Training
29 6:45 p.m.	PTA Meeting
November	
11	No school
12	Make Up Picture Day
13	End of second marking period
16	Grandparent Volunteer Day (More details to come.)
16 - 20	Book Fair week
17 - 20	Parent Conferences 12:42 Dismissal
20	Report cards mailed home
24	Storybook Character Day (More details to come.)
25 - 27	No school

Message from the Principal

It's been a smooth start to the 2009-10 school year. We are almost to the end of the first marking period, and students have been working hard in all subject areas. Upcoming opportunities for parental involvement include participation at Literacy Night, Parent Math Training, and Storybook Character Day. On Storybook Character Day, both staff and students are encouraged to dress up as their favorite storybook characters. Parents who attend are encouraged to join in the fun and dress up as well.

Your child's online gradebook is up and running at this time. Just a few reminders about this:

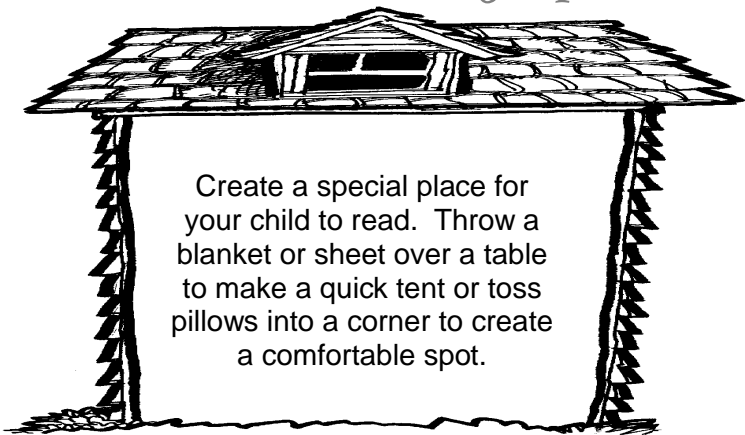
- The district mailed out password information to each child's parents at an earlier time. The school office does not have any way to access your personal password information. If you are having trouble, call the Data Service Center at 504-7200.
- Teachers will be putting grades online for major assignments, projects and tests to give parents an idea of their child's progress. These grades are only a portion of a child's final report card grade, which include daily classwork, homework, etc.
- There will be less information available online for our younger students (Kindergarten and First Grade), especially in the first few marking periods.

Thank you all for your support since the beginning of the school year. We have a parent survey on our website that can be filled out at any time during the school year. We look forward to a fantastic year!



To find out about the Highly Qualified status of your child's teacher, use the website <http://www.doe.state.de.us> and go to the heading "DEEDS".

Parent Reading Tip



Create a special place for your child to read. Throw a blanket or sheet over a table to make a quick tent or toss pillows into a corner to create a comfortable spot.



Important Information

Bad Weather Information

With winter coming, please prepare now for the possibility of emergency school closings. When the decision to close schools is made, the website is updated and radio stations get called first. Do not depend on the TV for reliable, up-to-date school closing information.

There is a link to the school closing website at www.colonial.k12.de.us. The website also has a place for you to sign up for free e-mail notices. This is handy for your workplace in case of early dismissals. Radio stations the District calls are WILM-1450 AM, WJBR-99.5, WDEL-1150 AM, AND WSTW-93.7 FM.

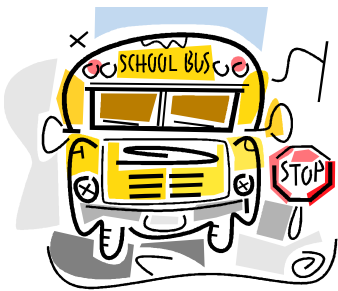
GOOD NEWS: There will now be no writing portion of the DSTP. This means that there will be no DSTP testing on March 18 and 19. Please note this on your calendar.

PARENT INFORMATION: In the library, we have a binder that includes our School Action Plan; Parent Involvement Policy; Professional Development Plan; and our Title One Parent Compact. If you would like to view this information, please stop in and let an administrator know. Some of this information is also available at our school website.

FIRE LANE: Please make sure that you are not parking in the fire lane when you come to pick up your child(ren) at dismissal. The police may be patrolling at any time and tickets will be given to anyone violating this law.

CAFETERIA TREATS: Attached to this newsletter is a "Snack Order Form" that can be used if a parent would like to purchase a treat for their child's class for a birthday or event. Cupcakes or other food items can not be sent into school due to district policy and allergy issues.

School Bus Winners



These students have done a fantastic job on the school bus and have earned a prize for their behavior:

Cecilia Tran	Genae Johnson	Anthony Nasatka
Talia Peguero	Enyzia Hall	Molly Esteling
Jermar Ward	Jaeden Murray	Sha'nia Davis
Brandon Campbell	Kelly Tobler	Denny Harkins
Kimberly Vasquez	Ivey Wallace	Nick Akers
Yazmin Harris	Chanita Russell	Cassidy Cathell
Jamya Flamer	Daniel Nelson	Aliyah Jackson
Kimberly Vasquez	Jadaya Hayden	Jamire Fountain
Makhi Scott	Martha Amaya	Auriana Campusano
Remell Boney	Ariel Washington	Tierra Jones
Thomas Baker	Syniah Green	Michael Coy
Baseem Cooper	Kayla Gomez	Alyssa Waters
David Carn	Alexis Acosta	
Gary Pierce	Alyssa Pester	

*Our top school buses of the marking period are:
1st place - Bus 232
2nd place - Bus 226*