



Federal Public School

September 8th, 2009 Newsletter

From the Principal's Desk,
Volunteers Needed! I know that your lives are full and you have busy schedules, but if you could volunteer any time to assist in the school, the staff and students would be most grateful. Many school activities depend on having sufficient volunteers. Volunteer opportunities include school council, helping in classrooms and fundraising for playground improvements and field trips. Grandparents are welcome to help as well. If you are interested, please telephone the school (567-5288) or fill in the following sign-up sheet. Thanks very much for helping our school to become an even better place!

Terry McMillan

Breakfast Program



Federal PS will continue to offer our daily breakfast program beginning the week of September 14th. Jennifer Brace has kindly agreed to continue to run the program. Occasionally we do need replacement volunteers if Jennifer is not able to make it in. If you are able to help out, please let us know! Donations are also accepted at the school to help fund this valuable yet expensive program. If you are interested in donating, please send money in a sealed envelop and ensure it is labeled 'breakfast program'.

Fruit Program

Beginning the week of the 14th, we will once again be offering our fruit program thanks to funding from Red Cross. Each class will be offered fruit once per week during the morning snack break. Thanks to the ALPHA class for helping to prepare and distribute the fruit! The following schedule will be used:

Monday: Mrs. Ingram (grade 1) and Ms. Yee (grades 5/6)

Tuesday: Mrs. Cook (grades 4/5) and Mrs. Matheson (Grade 5)

Wednesday: Mrs. Marshall (JK/SK) and Mrs. Slote (SK)

Thursday: Mrs. L.B. (grade 6) and Mrs. Rosenthal (Grades 3/4)

Friday: Ms. Allick (grade 3) and Ms. Coombs (grade 2)



Free Milk

During the week of September 14th to the 18th as well as the week of the 21st to the 24th, the Red Cross will be offering free milk to all students in JK to grade 1. Research indicates that more than 37% of children aged 4 to 9 do not have the recommended 2 daily servings of milk products. We are very pleased that this will be offered to our younger students.

Highway 66 Closure

On Thursday September 10th, there will be some maintenance work being done to the railway crossing located in Swastika. Please be advised that the following buses will be affected by the closure: **Bus 110, 121, 155, 156**. Buses will pick up at normal times in the morning, however students will arrive late to school as the buses have to detour through highway 11 and 112. Also, students on these buses will be dropped off later in the day by approximately 30 minutes due to the detour. Thank you!

Milk Program

The milk program at Federal PS is now up and running! Milk is available in white or chocolate and is sold for 75 cents per carton. If you are interested in paying for a month in advance, here are the costs:

September:	\$ 9.00
October:	\$ 15.75
November:	\$ 15.00
December:	\$ 11.25
January:	\$ 12.75
February:	\$ 14.25
March:	\$ 13.50
April:	\$ 14.25
May:	\$ 15.00
June:	\$ 13.50



September 30th is World School Milk Day. All students will receive free milk.

School Council/PTA

Federal PS runs a combined school council and Parent Teacher Association. We are currently looking for new members to sit on this team. We meet approximately once per month with each meeting lasting an hour. This is a wonderful opportunity to be better informed about school events and to have input into student activities. If you are interested in helping in this area, please indicate your interest on the attached form or call the school. Our first meeting will take place on September 16th at 6:30 pm (in the staff room).

Open House and Barbeque

Parents and students are invited to join the staff of Federal PS for an open house on Wednesday September 23rd from 5:30-7:00. This is an opportunity for your child to show off the wonderful work they are doing and to introduce yourself to the teaching staff. Please remember that this is not the time for formal interviews, but teachers will be more than happy to schedule appointments at mutually convenient times should you have concerns to discuss.

We are very pleased to inform you that we will be hosting a free BBQ during the open house. This is made possible through a school council grant that Federal PS was fortunate to receive in the spring. The BBQ will be conducted in the gym from 5:30 to 6:30. After eating, parents are encouraged to visit classes. Please fill in the necessary information on the attached sheet and return it to the school by Friday September 18th.

PA Day

Parents are reminded that Friday the 25th is a PA day. There will be no school for students. Teachers will be developing curriculum for their classes.

Bingos

With the recent re-opening of the Kirkland Lake Bingo Hall, our PTA will once again be running Bingos in support of student activities. In the past, these have been excellent fundraisers for our school. Many of our playground improvements have been made possible through Bingo funds. Our next bingo is scheduled for Tuesday September 16th. We do need 2 parent volunteers at each bingo to help sell cards. If you are able to help, please let us know!

Terry Fox Walk

Parents are reminded that this Friday afternoon we will be conducting our Terry Fox Walk. Students and staff will walk to Civic where we will walk for approximately one hour to raise awareness for this cause. Students are asked to bring in a twoonie that day as a donation to support cancer research.

Please visit our school board's website for information on various school related policies.



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