



Deer Park Weekly Reminders

October 29, 2009

SCA HAT DAY/HEAVENLY HATS: Fri, Oct 30 is Deer Park's first spirit day of the year: Hat Day! Children may wear the hat of their choice to school & throughout the entire school day. This year the SCA members decided to make Hat Day a fun day for students and a meaningful one as well. We would like to raise money for the Heavenly Hats Foundation. This non-profit organization, founded by 10 year old Anthony Leanna, raises money to buy **new** headwear for cancer patients. Students are asked to wear a hat on Hat Day. Students may also bring in \$1 or more to donate to the Heavenly Hats Foundation. The donation is not required to wear a hat that day. SCA officers will be in the lobby to collect donations as the children arrive tomorrow or the children may give their donation to their teacher in the classroom. Thanks for your support!

FCPS AUTOMATED ATTENDANCE SYSTEM: All FCPS schools started using the new Keep in Touch (KIT) Attendance system to automate attendance notification to parents the first week of school. In addition to notifying parents by phone, the KIT system will send email notifications for daily unverified or unexcused absences starting at 9:45AM. Calling or emailing Deer Park's attendance line (703-802-5011 or deerparkes.attendance@fcps.edu) when you know your child will be absent or late will prevent the system from calling or emailing parents. Keep in mind, the system calls for any unexcused absences, such as vacations, even if prearranged

SCREENING FOLLOW-UP: If you received a form letter regarding your child's vision or hearing following our annual health screening, please return the form to advise us of your follow-up action, including your physician's findings and recommendations. These completed reports are entered on your child's Cumulative Health Record as corrections of the deficiencies & therefore, show your concern for problems which may affect school performance. If you have misplaced the letter/form, a phone call will suffice. If you need assistance in obtaining care, contact Sara Bailey, School Public Health Nurse at 703-326-6569.

COSTUME DANCE: Tomorrow is the Fall Family Dance from 7-9PM. Put on a fun costume (remember to follow dress code guidelines; no masks or anything scary) and come dance the night away with your family and friends. It's only \$1 per person! Send your payment in tomorrow morning or pay at the door tomorrow night.

6TH GRADE BAKE SALE: The 6th grade class needs donations of baked goods for the two bake sales being held to support their End of the Year Party. Drop off individually wrapped, purchased/ baked goods in the office on the morning of Oct 30. Giant gift card or monetary donations accepted as well. 6th grade parent/student volunteers are needed to work booths. Please sign up for a 1/2 hour or hour time slot. Stop by the bake sales at the Family Dance on Oct 30 & on Nov 3, when you come out to vote. There will be lots of yummy treats! Contact Pam Gehle at gehles4@yahoo.com.

ORIGINAL WORKS: Tomorrow is the last day to turn in your Original Works order form. Original Works items make perfect gifts for grandparents, aunts and uncles, and friends. It's a fantastic way to turn your child's unique piece of art into a lasting gift. Be sure and send your order in tomorrow morning and make all checks payable to Deer Park PTA.

LUNCHEON FOR TEACHERS: The PTA Hospitality Committee will sponsor a Teachers' Workday Luncheon on Mon, Nov 2. A variety of food & beverage donations are needed. Contact Debi Maclean at brettsternsmom@msn.com or 703-968-7066.

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CALENDAR SALE: 2010 Chick-Fil-A Calendars are being sold for \$8 each. \$4 of that cost comes back to the Deer Park PTA. There are over \$25 worth of free food items in each calendar. No purchase required to redeem the coupons. Purchase calendars at the Family Dance & at the PTA meeting on Nov 3. Contact Judy at organized1@aol.com

VETERANS DAY LUNCH: Help Deer Park families celebrate Veterans Day by inviting a family member that is a veteran or active duty service member to lunch with your child during their lunch time on Wed, Nov 11. Adult lunch price is \$3.65. Deer Park students, parents, & staff are being asked to wear red, white, and blue on this day to show patriotism for our country & appreciation to our veterans & service members. This year's national Veterans Day theme is "Honoring All Who Serve." RSVP for the number of people purchasing a lunch by Wed, Nov 4 to your child's teacher. Contact Danette Plummer, Deer Park Human Relations Committee.

PLASTIC BAG CONTEST: Deer Park is collecting plastic bags for the Harris Teeter "We Think Green" Contest. The school that collects the most bags wins \$1,000 for their school! We can use any plastic bags from any store, but no bubble wrap, shrink wrap or any industrial plastic. **Place your bags in the designated containers located in the school lobby until Nov 10.**

THANKSGIVING LUNCH: Deer Park's Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held on Thurs, Nov 19 from 10AM-2PM. To volunteer, contact Debbie Reuter at reuterwd@yahoo.com. Include your child's class information and we will schedule your volunteer time around their lunch schedule.

MARKET DAY: Thank you for supporting Market Day! Order forms & internet orders are due by Nov 17. Orders will be available for pick up on Mon, Nov 23, in the Deer Park cafeteria from 5-6PM. Contact Tricia Warren at 703-830-1906 or triciawarren1@verizon.net.