

# Fruitland Intermediate School

## Skipjack

August 31, 2009

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### *Welcome Back!*

Dear Fruitland Families,

Welcome to a new school year at Fruitland Intermediate School. I hope that everyone had time to relax over the summer break and enjoy time with friends and family.

The faculty and staff join me in welcoming the following faculty and staff members to our Fruitland family: Mrs. Debbie Dashiell, Professional Development Math Coach, Ms. Sherida Duckworth, Special Education Assistant, Ms. Tia Cropper, Administrative Assistant, and Mrs. Jennifer Douglas, Instructional Assistant.

We hope to see everyone at our annual P.T.A. Back to School night on Thursday, September 10, 2009, at 6:30 PM. This evening will provide an opportunity for parents to meet with the grade level teachers and gain a better understanding of the school program and what to expect in the upcoming year.

The success of our students will depend on a shared responsibility between home and school. Each student, as well, must take responsibility for his/her own learning. Our staff will work with students to promote this sense of responsibility. We welcome parents to be actively involved in school activities and to maintain communication with the classroom teacher. This year the Wicomico County Board of Education published a new Code of Conduct and Bullying/Harrassment Policy to be implemented in all schools. These documents will be sent home with all students.

Volunteers are welcome at all times to assist students and teachers. Won't you plan to share some of your time with the students at Fruitland Intermediate School? Please simply sign in at the office to obtain a volunteer badge. We greatly appreciate the help!

Please be reminded that school hours are from 8:30-4:00. Students are not permitted on school grounds without a parent prior to 8:30 AM and must be picked up no later than 4:00 PM. Anytime outside of those hours supervision is not available for your child, and for the safety of our students, please adhere to this rule. Announcements will begin each morning at 8:50 AM and students will go to their first class at 8:55 AM. Please make

every effort to have your child at school prior to 8:50 AM so that he/she is able to begin instruction promptly at 9:00 AM.

We are all concerned about the possibility of our students becoming ill with the H1N1 virus. Attached to the Skipjack is an informational sheet from the Center for Disease Control in reference to what can be done in an attempt to prevent an outbreak. For the safety of everyone, please do not send your child to school if he or she appears ill. Students with a fever are not permitted to attend school and must remain at home until they have been fever free for 24 hours without the assistance of medication. We greatly appreciate your assistance in protecting the health of all students and staff.

We look forward to a positive and successful year for all of our students.

Sincerely,



Kristina Gosnell  
Principal

### Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 184 registration night for boys in 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be held on Wednesday September 16, 2009, 7pm-8pm, Fruitland Primary school, in the cafeteria.

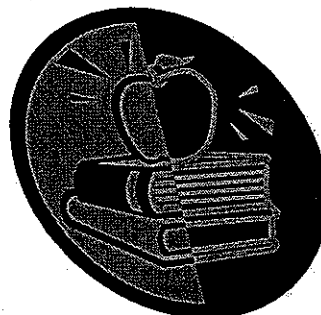
Registration Fees:  
\$23 for Tiger Scouts (first grade)  
includes Handbook

\$16 for Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Scouts  
(grades 2nd thru 5th)  
Subscription to Boy's Life Magazine \$12  
Checks made payable to Pack 184  
Any questions call Stephanie Giarratano  
at 410-860-8739

2. Cub scout Pack 184, Pack Meeting  
Friday, September 25th, 7pm-  
8:30pm, Fruitland Primary school, in the  
cafeteria.

### Dress Code

Please take a moment to review the Dress Code Policy established by the Wicomico County Board of Education. This policy is described in the Student Agenda. For the safety of all students, this policy states that flip flops and/or open toe shoes are not permitted to be worn to school. In addition, students are not permitted to wear tank tops or other shirts revealing the shoulders or midriff.



## Visiting School

When visiting with us, please **always** come to the office first. Visitors must utilize our security system which will take your picture and print a name tag. ALL visitors in the building must wear this tag at all times. If you need your child we can call him/her quickly to the office with little interruption to the instructional program. The safety and protection of your child is strengthened when the office can verify who is visiting or picking up students.

Teachers will not release students from the classroom until the office verifies. By remaining in the foyer area, halls are clear at dismissal for students returning from other classrooms.

## Daily Schedule

School doors open at 8:30 a.m. when adult supervision begins. For the safety of each child, please see that they do not arrive prior to that time. Morning announcements begin at 8:50 a.m. with instruction starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. Dismissal begins at 3:30 p.m.

## Medication at School

When your child is prescribed medication to be given during the school day, always request a PHYSICIAN'S MEDICATION ORDER. Doctors have these forms and they are necessary if we are to be giving proper care. All medications are handled by the nurse. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Kim Davis, our school nurse.



## Report Card Schedule

November 12, 2009

February 1, 2010

April 13, 2010

June 11, 2010

## Instructional Leadership Team

Our Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) will be busy at work this school year working on the instructional program at FIS. Parental input is vital in assuring that our instructional program is effective for all students.

Mrs. Christy Briggs and Mrs. Tracy Hayes will serve as this year's chairpersons. Our first meeting is scheduled for October 27 from 8:30 12:00 in the Conference Room of the office.

## Prohibited Items

Cell phones, MP3 players, toys, expensive watches, and electronic games should not be brought to school. They disrupt instruction and the school can not be responsible for them. Please do not permit your child to bring them to school.

Carbonated drinks and gum are not permitted in school. Boxed drinks are fine for packed lunches.

Should your child have these items in school, the item will be confiscated and released to a parent only.

## Student Absences

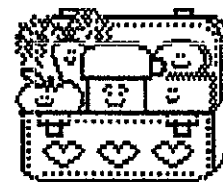
Please return a note to your child's homeroom teacher if it is necessary for your child to be absent from school. Without a note of excuse, students will be recorded as unexcused.

If it is necessary for a student to be dismissed early, a morning note will help teachers prepare your child for leaving early. Likewise any change of afternoon transportation would be appreciated if notified in the morning, if possible.

## Fifth Graders Serve as Patrols

Ms. Joyce Lewis, Assistant Principal, will be the advisor for our patrols this year. Patrols will be selected from the fifth grade based on academics, behavior, and leadership qualities. This team will change mid-year to give additional students the opportunity to serve as a patrol. We are looking forward to working with this valuable group to assist with school safety.

## Lunch Free/Reduced



Our school provides free and reduced lunch and breakfast for all of our students whose families meet the Federal Guidelines established for the program. Applications should be completed each year and returned to the school. Staff at the Board of Education will process these and notify you upon completion.

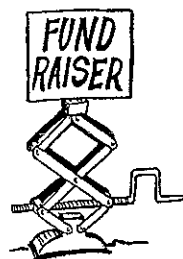


They will keep you informed of upcoming events. Ms. Michelle Mezick will serve as PTA president this year.

The PTA needs your help in volunteering for at least one of the special activities scheduled for this year. We hope you will sign up at Back to School Night, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Please join our PTA and become an active participant in the special events of the school year! Children love to see their parents working in school for them. Everyone is welcomed.

### Fruitland Fundraiser



Our fall fundraiser will be Yankee Candle products. We think you will be pleased with the improved quality and product selection. It will begin on September 4th and conclude on September 23. We will have a kickoff assembly for students to share the products prizes, and procedures. Profits will be used to enhance our instructional program. This year all students that sell 15 or more items will have the opportunity to participate in an exciting activity at Crown Sports.

Please share these products with your family and friends, and help support our school. We do not wish students to go door to door for safety reasons. Thank you for your assistance.

#### Tell Children Your Expectations (From Parent institute)

Children want to please their parents and do their best to live up to expectations. It is necessary to let your child know what those expectations are.

We can communicate these expectations in many ways - by what we say, how we act, and how we react to others. Think about what you expect of children on subjects such as the grades they should be making, how much they should be reading, and how they should cooperate with teachers. Talk with children about your expectations often.

### MENTORS NEEDED

Wouldn't you like to give some time to a student by serving as a mentor this year? Meeting occasionally with this student will encourage the student to do his/her best. It is great to have one more caring adult in their lives to encourage, praise, and assist. See Mrs. Peggy Dickerson, our guidance counselor, for details.

### Practice Reading Aloud



1. Ask your child to read a recipe.
2. Ask an older child to read to a younger child.
3. Take turns reading aloud with your child.
4. Invite family members to read portions of a book.
5. Ask your child to read to you while in the car.
6. Have your child read the weather report.
7. Encourage your child to report to you what they have read in comic books, newspapers, etc.

### Personal Data Information

To update our student school records in case of an emergency we need your cooperation. Please complete the attached personal data sheet for your child and return it immediately to his/her homeroom teacher.

### Definition of Days Attending/Absent

- A student is counted present for at least ½ day if in attendance a minimum of 2 hrs.
- A student in attendance for 4 or more hrs. is counted present for a full day.

# August/September Calendar

August 31, 2009 - **Welcome Back!**  
Schools Open

September 10, 2009 -

Fruitland Intermediate School  
Back to School Night, 6:30 p.m.



There will be a PTA Membership table located near the cafeteria. Be sure to sign up!  
Come and meet your child's teachers and be informed about the year's goals!

September 4, 2009

- Fundraiser Begins

September 7, 2009

- Schools Closed for Labor Day

September 10, 2009

- Back to School Night

September 14, 2009

- Hal Trapkin Assembly 1:30 & 2:30

September 18, 2009

- PBIS Hat Day \$1.00

September 23, 2009

- Superintendent's Open Door in the Board  
Auditorium from 4 - 6

September 25, 2009

- PBIS Ice Cream Social

September 30, 2009

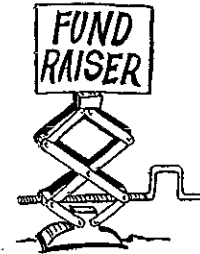
- ILT Meeting at 8:30 a.m.  
(Instructional Leadership Team)

October 2, 2009

- Mid-Term Progress Reports Go Home

October 5, 2009

- PTA at Fruitland Primary at 6:30 p.m.



## Attachments:

Personal Data Sheets  
September Menu  
Right to Access Letter  
Integrated Pest Management Letter  
Insurance Letter

# **ACTION STEPS PARENTS/GUARDIANS CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT CHILDREN AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS FROM H1N1**

**(Information from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention)**

- Educate and encourage children and family members to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when they cough or sneeze.
- If a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your elbow, not into your hand.
- Practice good hand hygiene by washing hands often with soap and water. Hand sanitizers with 60% alcohol are also effective.
- Be a good role model by practicing good hand hygiene and covering your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
- If you or your child is sick, stay home until you have no fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- Clean surfaces and items that are more likely to have frequent hand contact, such as doorknobs and cupboard handles.
- Get your family vaccinated against seasonal flu **AND** H1N1 flu when vaccine is available.
- Plan ahead for child care if your child gets sick or if his or her school is dismissed.
- If more severe H1N1 conditions appear, the Centers for Disease Control recommends keeping a sick child -- or adult -- at home for 7 days, and keeping a school-age child in a household where another family member is sick at home for 5 days.)
- Try to isolate a sick person in a separate room in the house away from the family.

## INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Dear Parent/Guardian or Staff Member:

Legislation was passed in 1998 which requires public schools to adopt Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan and to develop parental and staff notification programs by the 1999-2000 school year for any school that applies pesticides in school buildings during the school year. In addition, legislation was passed in 1999 which requires public schools to expand the IPM plan to include parental and staff notification by the 2000-2001 school year for pesticide applications made to school grounds during the school year.

At the beginning of each school year, each school must notify all parents/guardians and staff regarding the Wicomico County Board of Education Integrated Pest Management Plan.



### A. *What is the Integrated Pest Management Plan?*

Integrated Pest Management, or IPM, is a plan of controlling pests that does not depend on automatic application of pesticides. Instead, pests are monitored by regular and careful inspections. The inspections also identify conditions contributing to pest problems. It is then decided what actions are necessary, if any, based on the biology and habits of the pests involved. Priority is given to non-chemical pest management techniques, particularly those that can prevent a recurrence of the problem. Pesticides are used when necessary, but only in a way that minimizes potential exposure to people and the environment. Records are kept to track problems, prevent recurrences, and evaluate the results of pest management actions.

### B. *What are the names of the pesticides and bait stations that may be used on school property. This includes but is not limited to:*

Fipronil	Abamectin	Glufosinate Ammonium
Boric Acid	Pyrethrin	Propoxur
Delamethrin	Cyfluthrin	Imidacloprid
Hydramethyloxon	Piperonyl Butoxide	Glyphosate
Brodifacoum	Permethrin	Bifenthrin
Chlorfenapyr	Methoprene	Hydroprene

### *Who is the person that I may call if I have any questions?*



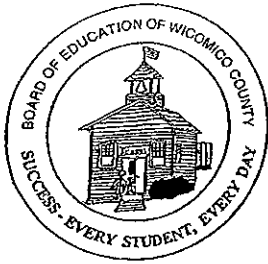
Mr. David Fulton  
Environmental/Safety Specialist  
Facility Services Department  
Wicomico County Board of Education  
(410) 677-4593

Mr. Fulton, identified above as the contact person, will also have the product labels and Material Safety Data Sheets for all pesticides and bait stations that are listed above. In addition, product labels and Material Safety Data Sheets for any newly introduced pesticides not currently included on the pesticide list, but used on school property will also be kept by Mr. Fulton. This information is available at your school and at the following location: Facilities Department, Wicomico County Board of Education, 101 Long Avenue, Salisbury, Maryland 21802 and is available for your review at any time. Mr. Fulton is also available for any additional information you may need and will be happy to listen to any comments you may have.

### D. *Notifications before pesticide use*

Additional notifications throughout the school year will be sent to all parents/guardians and staff members in an Elementary school before any application of a pesticide are made in a school building or to school grounds. These written notices will be sent home with each student and provided to each staff member at least 24 hours before each application. Please remember that the concept behind an Integrated Pest Management Plan is to utilize all other non-chemical means to eliminate pests before a pesticide is used. It is our intention to continue to adhere to this practice.

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## Right of Access to Student Records

For parents/guardians and students age 18 and older, the information below details the right of access to all official educational records maintained on a student by the public schools of Wicomico County. In accordance with *Public Law 93-380, Section 99.4*, a student who has reached the age of 18 has the exclusive right of access to these records.

Information maintained about each student includes the date of birth, place of birth, family information (brothers, sisters, occupation of parents, etc.), lists of subjects taken and grades earned, attendance information, test scores, and health records. Additional information in the folder may include, but not be limited to, emergency information, psychologicals, speech evaluations, immunization records, and medical information given to the school by parents.

Cumulative records are confidential. Access is granted only for legitimate educational needs. The following persons are granted access to student folders.

1. A parent, legal guardian, legal counsel, or eligible student (student 18 years of age or students enrolled in post-secondary education programs).
2. Professional personnel of the Wicomico County school system or other government agencies as required by law on a "need to know" basis. The State Health Department has access to immunization records and directory information in the event of an epidemic.
3. Others when they present written permission of the parent, legal guardian, student 18 years of age, or student enrolled in a post-secondary program.

Schools are required to keep a list of every person obtaining information from a student folder other than a staff member of the student's school. Parents may receive copies of reports forwarded to others if requested. Either parent of a student has all the rights of access to student records unless there is a legal document presented to the principal stating otherwise. An annually determined per copy cost and necessary postage will be charged for all records copied and mailed.

Student records will be sent to another school in which the student enrolls when an authorized agent of that school requests the records.

Student records are reviewed by the principal or designee when the student moves from one school to another or withdraws from school. Parents or eligible students have the right to review the contents of a cumulative folder and to challenge information which is incorrect, misleading, or in some other manner violates an individual's rights to privacy. Schools may settle any problem regarding records or a formal hearing may be requested by a student or parent if an agreeable solution is not reached at the school level.

Subsequent information may be obtained from the Board of Education policy on student records which is available at each school. Questions may be directed to the school principal.

*It is the policy of the Wicomico County Board of Education to provide equal educational and employment opportunities regardless of age, gender, race, color, religion, national origin, disability or sexual orientation.*