



Freshwater Weekly Bulletin

Monday, September 24, 2018

Upcoming Events & Activities

September 28	Individual Picture Day
October 1	Freshwater Community Club – 6:30 p.m. – Conference Room
October 4	Minimum Day – 12:30 p.m. Dismissal (Grades K-8)
October 4	FINAL Parent Volunteer Orientation for 2018-19 School Year – 6:30 p.m.-Conf. Rm.
October 9	FEF Meeting – 3:00 p.m. – Room 2
October 9	Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Conference Room
October 18	Minimum Day – 12:30 p.m. Dismissal (Grades K-8)
October 26	“Trick or Treat Street” 6-7:30 p.m. (Community Club Sponsored)
October 31	Halloween Parade – 1:00 p.m.
November 1	Minimum Day – 12:30 p.m. Dismissal (Grades K-8)
November 2	LEGO/GAME Night – 6:30 p.m. (Auditorium)
November 5	Community Club – 6:30 p.m. (Conference Room)
November 6	FEF Meeting – 3:00 p.m. – Room 2
November 8	Digital Citizenship Night – 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Gymnasium
November 12	VETERAN’S DAY (NO SCHOOL)
November 13-16	PARENT CONFERENCES - 1:20 Dismissal All Week

PARENT VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION: A big **THANK YOU** to the more than 50 parents who attended the first two Parent Volunteer Sessions held last week. We are very excited about having so many parents/relatives/friends interested in volunteering in our classrooms. For those of you that have not turned in your Proof of TB Testing yet, please bring it by to Mrs. Mintey and we will complete your file. Normally, we do not have another Parent Volunteer Orientation until January but it appears that several people missed our first two and want to start volunteering as soon as possible, so the **FINAL PARENT VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR** will be held on **Thursday, October 4, at 6:30 p.m., in the Conference Room here at the school.**

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP NIGHT:

Freshwater School is pleased to announce our very first Digital Citizenship event that will be held on November 8th from 6:30-7:30 in the gymnasium. This presentation will be for both parents and students from all grades, so that we can learn from each other how to navigate the waters of 21st century technology. Topics may include cyber bullying, screen management, having tough conversations, and of course technology integration across the grades at Freshwater School. We hope you will join us for this informative event! If you would like to contribute to the planning or have a topic of interest you’d like to share, please contact the school office. Thank you!

NEW NO PARKING ZONE ON FRESHWATER ROAD:

At a recent Community Task Force Meeting traffic safety was assessed for Freshwater School, and it was identified that our most dangerous traffic area is along Freshwater Road. Cars pulling out of the Gymnasium parking lot are unable to see moving traffic when exiting due to the cars parked along Freshwater Road nearest the exit. You will notice that barricades have been temporarily placed on the road until new signs are installed. Thank you for adjusting to these changes, and doing your part to help keep our Freshwater Families safe.

SAFETY FIRST:

For the safety of our students, please remember to drive slowly when you are dropping off and picking up your child(ren) before and after school. Also, keep in mind that the pickup protocols are different for primary and upper grade students:

Front Parking Lot:

A single lane is used in the morning for drop-off, and two lanes are used in the afternoon. Teachers will escort your child to your vehicle during dismissal time.

Gym Parking Lot:

Please park your vehicle and walk over to pick up your child(ren). Do not allow your child to walk across the parking lot as students have been directed to wait with the teacher on duty until parents meet their child at the student waiting area. If everyone exercises caution and follows these protocols, our parking lots will be safer during dismissal times.

***Reminder:** Our parking lots are staffed for 15 minutes after dismissal, and then remaining students are checked into daycare. Thank you for your cooperation!

SPORTS PHYSICALS: A reminder to parents that if your child is planning to play any sports this year, he/she will be required to have a Pre-Sports Physical prior to playing. It is your responsibility to arrange for a physical for your child before he/she can participate in athletics at Freshwater School. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Talty at 442-2969. Soccer and Volleyball will be starting very soon so be sure to watch for flyers or information regarding the dates for these sports to begin.

LABEL YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN'S CLOTHING: Please be sure to put your child/children's names inside all of their new school sweatshirts and jackets. Many were not claimed last year and have been donated to local charities. Also, be sure to check the school dress code when purchasing clothes for your child.

EXTRA SNACKS: Please plan to pack extra snacks for your child(ren) each day as we find many students want to go to the cafeteria to get a snack at the recess break but **WE DO NOT PROVIDE A SCHOOLWIDE SNACK PROGRAM.** It would be most helpful if you provided something extra in your child's lunchbox in case he/she is extra hungry. Thank you!

BREAKFAST: Freshwater offers a breakfast program each morning from 7:45-8:20 a.m. **The cost is \$1.00 or less if you qualify for free or reduced meals.**

LUNCH AND LUNCH CHARGES: Please order and pay for lunches in the *school office* each morning. **Lunches will be \$3.25 again this year.** We again ask that children not charge lunches unless absolutely necessary due to the fact that numerous charges made last year were not paid. **If your child must charge a lunch, please send a written note with your child requesting a charge.** Thank you very much!

AN IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS REGARDING Education Code Section 49423:

Medications (both prescription and non-prescription) to be administered at school require **BOTH** the physician's signature and parent/guardian signature authorizing designated school personnel to dispense such medication. **Please obtain a PERMISSION TO GIVE MEDICATION form from the School Secretary if your child is required to take medication during the regular school day.** All medications, excepting those which must be kept on the student's person for emergency use, must be kept and distributed by staff. **Medication must be brought to school in the original container with printed instructions on the label.**

ABSENCES AT FRESHWATER SCHOOL: When your child is ill or absent, please take time to contact the school office **in the morning** to let us know. It saves us making many phone calls to verify these absences each day. Thank you!

WEEKLY PARENT SUPPORT MEETINGS: Parent Support Meetings will be held again this year on **Tuesday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** in Room 15 (Former Library Room) out by the Daycare. Student Support Services Provider, Audrey Shears, will be facilitating these meetings. Won't you please come and join us? Parent meetings are available by appointment also. Any questions, call Ms. Shears at Freshwater School - 442-2969.

