

Ellis School Newsletter

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www.sau83.org

Food Pantry Donations

May 29, 2009



The food pantry needs our help! The Ellis School Student Council will be collecting donations of canned tuna, mayo, peanut butter and jelly. Please bring your food items to the front lobby at Ellis School and the student council will be sure to deliver all of the donations to the Fremont food pantry. Thank you for your support.

Upcoming Events:

- **June 12-**
Field Day
- **June 26**
Last Day of School

3rd Grade News...



Now that we are winding down, we want you make sure that you continue reading to your child and set time aside for them to read by themselves. Multiplication tables are an important part of 4th grade because they need them to do division and solve problems.

The New England Aquarium field trip went well; students were on their best behavior. They enjoyed the IMAX Under the Sea and the many wonders of the aquarium. It was also a great experience to go to Boston "The Big City."

Keep June 5th 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. open for the students Wax Museum. This is set up as an Open House from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Snacks and beverages are part of the celebration and will be served after the biography presentation. Parents may be asked to bring in refreshments for this event. Remember that this presentation is a way to enhance the children's knowledge through a variety of different biographies, please don't go out and purchase costumes. They should borrow and be creative with the items they have.

Strawberry Banke on June 25th will be our last field trip for the year. In the near future, you can look for permission slips. The children will not only be seeing the grounds of the Strawberry Banke, but we have made reservations for the Gundalow. This is a very old boat that ties right in with the history of imports and exports.

We have really enjoyed working with this group of 3rd graders and would like to thank you for all of your support.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Gobeil, Mrs. Masterson, and Mrs. Eichen

NEWA TESTING NEXT WEEK

GRADES 5, 6, 7 & 8 WILL BE TESTING JUNE 1—4

Please be sure students are well rested and have a healthy breakfast.

CAMP FREMONT FIELD TRIP CALENDAR

www.fremont.nh.gov/fnhgparkrec1.s

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| July 6-10 BACK TO BASICS | | | NH Farm Museum Campers will tour the facilities, try farm chores (like grinding corn), pick vegetables in the garden, play games, interact with the animals, and picnic on the farm. | Hampton Beach State Park This is the paid beach near the bridge, where the RV park is. | Pajama Party Have fun without media. Play charades and other games. Put on skits. Make your own ice cream from scratch. Make your own playdough. |
| July 13-17 FREMONT IDOL | | New Hampshire Theatre Project Ms. Page will put be visiting us again with some new activities that show just how fun drama can be! | Willy Wonka We will be travelling to the Palace Theatre to see their production of Willy Wonka. | Wallis Sands State Beach This beach is in Rye and is part of the NH State Parks System. | Talent Show Come see Fremont's finest! Campers put on the annual talent show for their friends and family. |
| July 20-24 WILD WORLD OF SPORTS | | Hampton Beach State Park This is the paid beach near the bridge, where the RV park is. | | Fisher Cats Wear your bathing suit because it's "Splash Day"! There will be dunk tanks, firemen with fire hoses, and plenty of chances to get wet. | Camp Olympics Friendly group competitions including challenges of the mind and body. |
| July 27-31 MARITIME MADNESS | | Marine Biology Day The Blue Ocean Society will be visiting us with a 60ft blow up whale and tidal pools to explore, as well as things like baleen to touch and learn about. | | Beach Clean-up Hampton Beach State Park The Blue Ocean Society will teach us about keeping the beach environment safe. | Twin Day Just for fun! Dress up as a twin with another camper or counselor. |
| August 3-7 EXPLORERS | | America's Stonehenge Campers will check out the alpacas, dig for gemstones and artifacts, and explore the chambers and caves. | Ultimate Treasure Hunt Ms. Humiston will return again this year with a new treasure hunt using GPS equipment. | Hampton Beach State Park This is the paid beach near the bridge, where the RV park is. | Bike Rodeo Bring your bike! The focus is on safety. There will be agility tests, safety inspections, and fun challenges to complete on your bike. |
| August 10-14 KOOKY CARNIVAL | | Canobie Lake Park Campers will spend their time riding the rides and getting inspired for their own carnival! | | Hampton Beach State Park This is the paid beach near the bridge, where the RV park is. | Kooky Carnival Campers will put on their own carnival. Feel free to donate unwanted toys and items for "prizes". |

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE– Check website for updates and registration information.

**Fitness and Nutrition Night
For
Pre-School and Kindergarten**

I would like to thank those who participated in making our first Pre-K and Kindergarten "Fitness and Nutrition Night" a success. I would also like to thank Mrs. Jackson for her assistance and the Wellness committee for their input.

Knowing how busy everyone's schedule is, I was truly appreciative of the willingness of those that came out to learn more about our 5-2-1-0 Program.

The "Nutrition and Fitness Night" was presented as part of an ongoing effort to connect with the community at a Pre-School and Kindergarten level. It was great to have several students from Fremont Early Learning attend this event.

I encourage you to make any suggestions on what you might want to learn more about or any changes you would like to see from the "Nutrition and Fitness Night" or any of the other rollouts from this school year. Your feedback is very important for the programs continued success. You can email me at jdriscoll@sau83.org.

Again, the "Nutrition and Fitness Night" would not have been a success without your involvement, so THANK-YOU! I look forward to connecting with you again in the future!

Mrs. Driscoll

Middle School Transition to High School

Kate Segal

This week, Ellis 8th graders returned from their class trip to Washington D.C., and are at this very moment, having their graduation pictures taken. The 7th graders, having committed last Friday to community service for the town of Fremont in appreciation of Memorial Day, have just left for their AMC class trip to the White Mountains. Both classes, collectively, have shown through their actions and words, that they are leaders in the school by demonstrating respect and responsibility as they prepare and transition for the next school year.



Seeing some of the 8th graders in their blue and white robes makes me realize that although this is my 23 year in education, I am yet again, not as well prepared as they are for this transition.

Ellis and Sanborn staffs work collaboratively to facilitate the transition from 8th grade to high school. This spring, 8th graders had the opportunity to meet Gail Sudduth, the Principal of Sanborn High School, as well as Michelle Cantina, Sanborn's Director of Guidance. I teamed with Dawn DiBurro, our 8th grade Language Arts teacher to discuss careers, personality traits, and career clusters. Eighth grade students attended a field trip to the Seacoast School of Technology, having further opportunities to discuss careers, colleges, and the importance of doing well academically, behaviorally, and socially in high school. Middle School teachers met individually with students to further explain the high school program of studies, credits, schedules, electives and levels.

This Friday, there will be a dance at Sanborn High School for both Sanborn and Ellis 8th graders, giving them a chance to meet and socialize. "Move- up Day" at Sanborn High School is planned for Monday, June 8th. The 8th grade dinner dance, class day, and graduation are just around the corner and Sanborn traditionally holds a summer freshman orientation.

I know that Ellis School, both elementary and middle, has worked together for the last eight years, preparing for our students to become successful high school students. I know that this year's class is ready. I am just not so sure if I am...

8th Grade News

The 8th graders are back from our Washington DC!

As usual, our tour guide, bus driver, and many others commented on how respectful our kids are. They definitely left a positive impression in our nation's capital, and I hope it left just as positive an impression on them. This year's trip was quite successful and I would like to thank all those that came with us. I would especially like to thank this year's chaperone group which included Darin Melanson, Christine Sidman, Melissa Upton, Mrs. Blades, Mr. Gough, and Mrs. MacEachern. Their help was essential to making this a great experience for all!



Remember to place your Yearbook Orders

It is time to order your Ellis School Yearbook. For **\$13.00** you will receive a beautiful, color 64 page yearbook. This is a great way to preserve your memories of friends and classmates for the 2009 school year. You will find Preschool to 8th grade inside the yearbook.

Orders are due June 5. If you miss placed your order form there are more in the office.

All orders received after June 5 will be \$16.00 and we will not able to guarantee on time delivery for late orders.

MRS. LEE- Fifth Grade Language Arts

TO BE a SLAVE



Background info: Students have been investigating slavery during years of early America. Learning activities have included reading historical fiction, researching timelines, conditions, and facts via varied informational text and Internet sources, creating plantation conditions posters and slave journey tetrahedrons, comparing and contrasting the Emancipation Proclamation and the Thirteenth Amendment, as well as crafting a first person, narrative, Slave Journey diary entry.

As our culminating unit activity, students will participate in the GREAT DEBATE, subject- SLAVERY. Students will debate their positions on early American slavery. Each group has been assigned a role to represent; slave, plantation owner, slave trader, abolitionist, and UGR conductor.

Students have researched each role and crafted reasonable and substantiated grounds to defend their positions. This learning activity engages research, analyzing, varying points of view, synthesis, presentation.... Need I say more? I am amazingly impressed and proud at the 'thinking skill' growth that students have made during their

learning journey.

Survival and Adventure: Last unit of the year, hold on, tight!

Students will be engaged in active learning opportunities, right up to the last day.

Learning activities include novel selections- Call it Courage, The River, The Crossing, and The Homesteaders. Socratic questioning is abundant here! Also included are outdoor learning opportunities such as Schoolyard Sleuths. Students will complete six missions investigating their schoolyard in search of environmental, habitat, and survival connections. Lastly, students will determine the vital characteristics emblematic of survival via real-life adventure/survival examples from magazine articles and The Weather Channel's Storm Stories.



Middle School Homework Helpline

Parents or students call the school number of [895-2511](tel:895-2511) after school hours and dial one of the following extensions:

175 - 5th grade 176 - 6th grade
177 - 7th grade 178 - 8th grade.

Middle School Hours—7:50—2:20

Elementary Hours—8:35—3:05

Telephone Extensions

Nurse—dial—8

Absent & Tardy Line—dial 7

Fremont Athletic Association (FAA) News

Raffle: We are raffling off two Red Sox tickets to the Tampa Bay game on Sunday 9/13 @ 1:30. The raffle tickets are exclusively getting sold at the concessions stand and soccer signups. The tickets are \$5.00 a piece and can be purchased any time the concession stand is opened. The soccer signups are noted below. The concession stand is open most case during the week from 5:30 - dark and on Saturday's starting at 8:00 am. If there is a game getting played, the concession stand will be open.

Signups for Fall Soccer are starting.

Ellis School Lobby

5/27- Wednesday, 6:00 - 8:00, 6/3- Wednesday, 6:00 - 8:00 and 6/9-Tuesday, 6:00 - 8:00

Forms are available online on our web site at: www.eteams.com/fremontathletics or by directly going to <http://www.eteamz.com/FremontAthletics/handouts/index.cfm?cat=111176>. Also attached to this email is the signup form. You can print the forms, fill them out and send it with a check made out to FAA (Fremont Athletic Association) to:

FAA

PO Box 106

Fremont, NH 03044

Forms received after July 1st will be charged an additional \$25.00.

If you have any questions, please direct them to the coordinators.

Recreation Level Soccer (cost \$50.00)

Jennifer Brown for Recreation Soccer at [244-2721](tel:244-2721).

- Ages are calculated based on their age as of 9/30/2009
- U6 - (under 6) for 4 and 5 year olds.
- U8 - (under 8) for 6 and 7 year olds.
- U10 - (under 10) for 8 and 9 year olds.
- U12 - (under 12) for 10 and 11 year olds.

Recreation level for U6, U8 and U10 play only on Saturday, no schedule or times are available yet. Recreation level for U12 will have a practice and one game during the week, and one game on Saturday. No schedule or times are available yet. Play begins in September. You will be notified by postcard in the summer to give you more information.

Travel level (Cost \$110.00)

David Richard for Travel Soccer at [679-1111](tel:679-1111)

Boys and Girls teams

- Ages are calculated based on their age as of 8/1/2009
- U9, for 8 year olds as of 8/1/2009
- U10, for 8 and 9 year olds as of 8/1/2009
- U11, for 10 year olds as of 8/1/2009
- U12, for 11 year olds as of 8/1/2009
- U13, for 12 year olds as of 8/1/2009
- U14, for 13 year olds as of 8/1/2009

After signups, a determination will be made regarding the number and levels of the travel teams formed. We will not have a travel team at each level. Travel level will/may require tryouts and will be conducted before the end of school. Travel level teams practice two times a week and have games on Saturdays and Sundays as well as attend tournaments on Labor Day and Columbus Day. Travel level requires more of a commitment from the player and parents. This fall, for the boys, we are hoping for two teams, they will be at the U9 and U13 level. For the girls, we are hoping for two teams, one at the U11 and at the U14 level. These are all returning teams. If there is more interest and if we can field more teams, we will, we just need players and coaches to signup.

Volunteer coaches for the recreation and travel level, as well as team parents are always needed. There will be a free Coaches certification class, held at a date yet to be announced.