

Dear Parents,

October 11, 2011

Thank you again to Ms. Preshous and all the PTA volunteers for making this year's Field Day such a terrific event. We dodged the raindrops and made it a fun filled day for our students just before the rains came at 11:35 during dismissal! We also joined the Beactivekids group which was celebrating statewide that day.

During our last faculty meeting we made a policy change for what will happen after drop off at 7:45 AM on inclement weather days. We will go inside the same as always but have different activities for two different age groups. Please see the new schedule below.

Threes, fours, K and first will go into the lobby for a story. (95 kids)

Second grade, third grade, fourth, and fifth go in the cafeteria for social time. (77 kids)

The teachers on duty on the Preschool playground would go into the lobby and read a story.

The teachers on the upper playground would go into the cafeteria and monitor behavior.

The teachers would take turns going outside to direct students into the building.

All of our students signed a Happy 60th Birthday poster which I presented to Father John at the 9 AM service this past Sunday at Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

October 26th will be Julia Ambersley's last day at EDS. She sought and accepted a fifth grade teaching position at Vass Lakeview Elementary School. We wish her well in her new position and thank her for her years of work here. Kara Broughton who has taught both second grade and kindergarten at EDS will return and teach second grade. This will be a seamless transition. Please welcome Kara back who will be here on the 24th and 25th in the classroom and assume her teaching duties, fulltime, after the Pumpkintown presentation on the 26th.

We have had no cases of head lice to date. With the idea of being proactive in this area, I would remind you to check your child's hair with a comb after baths and showers to make sure there are no head lice. Your pediatrician can make a recommendation as to treatment. If a child has live head lice they need to be treated and out of school for twenty four hours. They will be checked in the office upon returning to school. Follow up treatment under doctor's orders is very important. Hopefully, these simple steps will help us remain lice free.

The end of this month on the 27th will be the end of the first grading period. PTA will host the always fun Awesome Autumn on Friday the 28th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall, and we will have parent/teacher conferences on Friday, November 4th.

The year is off to an excellent start. Many of you have come into my office for a chat about the year, after chapel or before pickup, and I hope many more of you will do so. I will be calling you at home this month and next just to check in to see how your child's year is going at Episcopal Day School.

This Thursday, I will be attending the NCAIS(North Carolina Association of Independent Schools) Directors meeting in Greensboro. We have four meetings a year. There are eight directors serving the 87 accredited schools here in the state, and I am serving my last year of six as a director. I am the secretary. Don't worry, they do not have to read my writing! This is a great organization which is leading the other state organizations in technology innovations and technology delivery to our students. Our board members attend the January conference held at Mid Pines Golf Club every year which gets them with other board members around the state to discuss educational issues all schools are facing.

Enjoy this fall weather!

Warmest regards,

Jay St. John
Headmaster