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Peanut Allergy Alert!



Dear Students, Parents, Kookums and Mooshums,

I just want to remind everyone that we have not one but two students who are allergic to peanuts. **Therefore, no food made with peanuts will be allowed in the school.** If you send snacks with your children, make sure it has the peanut free logo on it. If it does not, I ask that you teach your child not to share their snack just in case it may contain peanuts.

The peanut restriction only applies to peanuts. Other nuts like almonds, walnuts and cashews are safe as long as it was not mixed with peanuts.

And thank you to the parents who informed us of the allergies. Without that info, it makes it harder to keep the students safe. **If your child has an allergy or a medical condition, please let me or the teachers know as soon as possible.**

Survey Results

Wow! Amazing! I was really surprised by the strong survey results. Parents and students were both on the same page when it came to their opinions. Interestingly, the weakest response was to healthy food choices question. Even though the majority are supportive of healthy food choices at the school, it was not a clear majority. We will revisit this topic in October.

Another thing that came from the survey: NO HOME VISITS! We will respect that. **But to help us be effective as educators, please make sure there is current contact numbers on file at the school.** Thanks.

Talking about eating, please read the article about the Harvest Literacy Feast!

Feel free to stop by the school and say hi.

Have a wonderful rest of the week.

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Mr. Carson, Principal

Important Dates:

Friday October 2 – Monthly Awards Assembly 11:40am/Early Dismissal 12:15pm

Wednesday October 7 – Harvest Fest, Noon to 3:15pm

Friday October 9 – No School, Family Day

Monday October 12 – No School, Thanksgiving

Wednesday October 14 – Student Vote (Sponsored by the Conklin Kids DO Care Club)

Friday October 16 – No Classes, Staff PD

Monday October 19 – Federal Election

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Harvest Literacy Feast

Conklin Community School is excited to host its second Harvest Literacy Feast at noon on October 7, 2015. Students, their family and the staff will gather in the school auditorium to celebrate the harvest with a delicious turkey dinner sponsored by Cenovus and prepared by Val Quintal.

We want to remind you of a couple of special events happening on that day. The Conklin Kids DO Care Club will be sponsoring a Food Drive for the Community Cupboard and they are kindly asking everyone to bring along a non-perishable food donation when they enter. The members of the club will bring all the donations to the hall after school that week for families that may need a little extra over the holiday weekend. Much thanks and appreciation for that! :)

This year the school is hosting a favorite board games afternoon and the staff encourages everyone to bring along their favorite games. Board games can provide rich opportunities to build literacy skills like reading and communicating verbally along with some great social skills like taking turns and enjoying face to face interaction with others. The gym will be set up with tables so that parents, students and staff can get together to play favorite card or board games.

Other events include a soccer baseball game in the ball field, arts and crafts and seasonal stories in the school library. We hope you can join us at the school for this fun-filled afternoon!

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to read a story to the children during the event, please contact Ms. Reck.

Reward System and School Store

Based on the survey results plus school staff and local school board members input, the Conklin Community School Store will continue. The local school board wanted to ensure that this system is sustainable into the future. Changes were made so students can EARN rewards of their choosing.

Please see the reward system outlined on the back of the survey results. We ask parents and guardians to encourage their children to save for a reward they really want.

If you have any questions, please call the school.

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The Survey Says...

I feel like Richard Dawson or Steve Harvey on the Family Feud. “And the survey says...”

I tabulated the responses from the student and parent surveys that were given at the start of the school year. There was a total of 21 responses out of a possible 36. Some very firm responses to the questions asked. See the results below.

1. Home visits – Would it be okay for school staff to stop by your house for...? (choose all that apply)

| Choices | Students | Parents |
|------------------------------|----------|---------|
| No home visits | 19 | 16 |
| Tea and coffee only | 1 | 2 |
| Discuss the positives | 1 | 3 |
| Discuss the problems | 0 | 1 |
| Deliver/discuss report cards | 0 | 1 |

2. Do you think the longer lunch hour will be better for students even though it means a later dismissal? (choose one – we will be asking this question again in November)

| Choices | Students | Parents |
|-----------|----------|---------|
| Yes | 17 | 15 |
| No | 3 | 4 |
| Undecided | 1 | 2 |

3. Are you supportive of a healthy food choice school which means no junk food or pop unless special event once a month? (choose one)

| Choices | Students | Parents |
|-----------|----------|---------|
| Yes | 13 | 15 |
| No | 3 | 4 |
| Undecided | 5 | 2 |

4. Do you think the five expectations (Safety, Fairness, Participation, Teamwork and Have Fun) are reasonable for students to learn? (choose one)

| Choices | Students | Parents |
|-----------|----------|---------|
| Yes | 19 | 20 |
| No | 0 | 0 |
| Undecided | 2 | 1 |

5. Do you think students should be praised for meeting the expectations with: (choose one)

| Choices | Students | Parents |
|-------------------|----------|---------|
| With words only | 2 | 0 |
| Words and Rewards | 16 | 19 |
| Rewards only | 2 | 0 |

6. Do you think the Conklin School Store should continue? (choose one)

| Choices | Students | Parents |
|-----------|----------|---------|
| Yes | 18 | 19 |
| No | 2 | 1 |
| Undecided | 1 | 1 |

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Conklin Community Reward System:



1. Every student who gets perfect attendance gets \$20 credit at school store.
2. Every student who gets 95% attendance gets \$10 credit at school store.
3. Every student who gets 90% attendance gets \$5 credit at school store.
4. Every student who gets a High Five Award gets \$25 credit at school store.
5. Every student earns \$0.50 per day that they attend.
6. Principal will maintain a credit ledger in the office.
7. Students may redeem their credits at school store once a month.
8. Students may save their credits to purchase a bigger item in another month. Teachers will encourage this through math lessons.
9. If an item is not on our store, a student may order through the principal.
10. Items in the store will be sold at face value (dollar for dollar).

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