

September 2009

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Digging Into A New School Year!



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Family Reminders:

- First Non School Day (NSD) coupon is due on Thursday, September 24. We are planning a Pirate Themed day at the site for Friday, October 9.
- The NSD coupon for Thursday, October 15 is due on Thursday, October 1. We are planning a field trip to Sever's Corn Maze.
- Kidstop is CLOSED on Friday, October 16.
- NSD coupons for 1/2 Kidstop Kindergartners for Thursday & Friday, October 29 & 30 are due on Thursday, October 15.
- Our doorbell has moved. Please enter through Door #9. You may park along the curb to drop off or pick up your child (ren) from Kidstop.
- Breakfast is served between 8:15-8:30, if you want your child (ren) to eat breakfast, be sure they are at Kidstop by this time. The cooks will put breakfast items away at 8:30!
- Remember if we are outdoors after school on the big playground, we will post a PINK sign in the corner window. Simply drive slowly to the back playground and pick up your child(ren) there.
- Save this date: TUE., OCT. 13! We are planning a morning parent breakfast. Look for details in your family folders.

Message from the Program Manager, Connie Thomas

Welcome to a new year at Fernbrook Kidstop. We have a great year planned! One of our goals this year is to increase and improve programming for the 4th-6th graders. Ms. Harpestad and Ms. Benson will work with the older kids after school for the month of September. Beginning in October, other staff will work with the older kids programming, working in rotation with Ms. Harpestad and Ms. Ben-

son. The 4th-6th graders will be invited to share ideas and be part of planning the themes and activities for the older kids group. We hope the older kids will choose a name for their group and perhaps choose or design a logo for the group. We will also continue great programming for Kidstop kids in K-3rd grade. Another goal for this year is improved communication with you, our Kidstop parents. I

hope you will share with us the communication strategies that work best for you and your family – strategies we need to keep doing well and strategies we need to begin. It is important that the voice of every child and every parent is heard as we plan activities and events and as we work together to communicate in ways that support your child and you. Welcome and thank you for choosing to be part of Kidstop



Laughter is the shortest distance between two people.

-Victor Borge



Staff

Returning this year to Fernbrook are the following staff:

Julie Fandel-after school, **Corey Hargreaves**-after school, **Sara Harpestad**-before & after school, **Nancy Jansen**-before school & mid-day ESP, **LeAnn Kosnopfal**-before school, **Maliheh Mozafari**-kindergarten & after

school, **Pam Pickwell**-before, kindergarten & after school, **Jonathan Stromgren**-before & after school.

We are happy to welcome **Linda Benson**-before & after school to our Fernbrook staff.

The staff are listed on the Kidstop link on the Fernbrook webpage.

By simply clicking on their names you will be directed to their email addresses, if you wish to contact them directly. You may also call the site to speak with staff, please remember that when we are working with your children we may not be able to enjoy a lengthy conversation with you.

Non School Days

Here's the scoop for Non School Days (NSD)

If you include NSD's with your regular weekly tuition you DO NOT need to turn in a coupon.

If you do not include NSD's with your weekly tuition, you DO need to turn in a coupon if you want to child (ren) to attend Kidstop on the NSD. Please make sure

that you turn your coupon in by the due date listed on the bottom righthand corner of the coupon.

Our planning is based on the number of children who have signed up to attend a NSD. You MUST turn your coupon in by the due date for your child to attend a NSD.

Plans for the October 9 &

15 NSD's include a site day on the 9th with a Pirate Theme and on the 15th we are going to Sever's Corn Maze. Details for each day will be posted in the Kidstop room by the Family Bulletin Board. If you have questions, please ask any of the staff.

Kindergarten Notes

We are off to a great start this school year.

The children in the 1/2 day kindergarten program with Mrs. Pickwell and Mrs. Maliheh have been working hard to remember their lunch numbers and doing a terrific job.

Please look for a red stamp on their hands each day. This is how Mrs. Fandel lets you know that your child needs more money in their lunch accounts.

We are spending time practicing colors & memorizing nursery rhymes during the first few weeks of the school year. Nursery rhymes provide a fun way for the children to recognize rhyming words. This connection is a useful tool as the children venture into reading.

Look for a weekly newsletter each week outlining what our activities will be. You should be receiving these via email

as soon as your email addresses have been completely entered into our database.

Please send an extra set of clothes for your child, just in case of accidents. We will keep these in the Kidstop Room.

Feel free to contact either of the Kindergarten staff; Mrs. Pickwell or Mrs. Maliheh with any questions or concerns.