



Tuesday Topics Newsletter

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Mark Your Calendar!

Friday, August 28
Water Day

Thursday, Sept. 10
Parents/ Association
Meeting, 8:15 a.m.
Auditorium

Monday, Sept. 7
Labor Day, no school

Thursday, Sept. 17
Parents' Night

Thursday, Sept. 27
Used Uniform Sale

Let's Stay Healthy!

As you are well aware, schools and businesses around the country are preparing for an outbreak of swine flu this fall. Cases are growing (over 300 in Tennessee, alone), and I think we should assume that schools in the Chattanooga community will be hit hard as well. As always, Bright School is making preparations for keeping our children healthy and maintaining a consistency in their learning. I first need to ask your help. With the help of Nancy Watts, one of our parents and the Director of the Community Health Institute at Chattanooga State, we've been able to access all of the current literature and web information regarding swine flu, and with that knowledge we'd like to make the following suggestions for our families:

- Become familiar with both the H1N1 and the seasonal flu shots being made available this fall. In consultation with your doctor, consider the importance of these shots in helping to minimize the virus's impact.
- Remind your children to wash hands, thoroughly. We use hand sanitizers here frequently at school, and you may want to think about doing the same at home.
- Please have your child stay at home if he or she is sick. At this time, it's better to err on the side of caution. We also need to remember that children should not return to school until 24 hours after a fever has subsided.
- If we do have an outbreak and school closes, use caution in attending social gatherings. If an outbreak is severe, families may want to prepare to stay at home until the danger passes, possibly necessitating stocking up on supplies to last those few days.
- Please be prepared to get a phone call from the school if your child is sick. We will be sending children home if we feel the child has flu-like symptoms. Our school nurse, Hilda Horton, will be helping us make these determinations.

Welcome Back!



Bright School's part will be to maintain a healthy atmosphere and do whatever necessary to protect children and stifle the possible spread of a virus. Here is what you can expect from us:

- Being vigilant about personal hygiene, especially hand-washing and the uses of hand-sanitizers
- Isolating a sick child in our sickroom until the parents can come to pick him or her up. We'll also ask those tending to the child, and the child himself, to wear a mask until the child leaves for home.
- Communicating clearly and expeditiously with parents about the level of sickness at the school. At this point, we anticipate closing the school if we reach absenteeism of 20% or more. The Health Department will also provide guidelines about this, and we will communicate them to you as well.
- Providing a clear process of continuous learning using our website and direct communication between teacher and student.

As information comes to us from the CDC, the Health Department, and other schools, we will update our plans and monitor the severity of this pandemic. The worst thing we can do is get complacent, so I very much appreciate you joining the school whole-heartedly in doing all we can to keep the school healthy.

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Sell, Sell, Sell Sally Foster!

Proceeds benefit Bright School's Science Program

Sally Foster is our Parents' Association fundraiser for this school year. Browse through the catalog of top-quality gift-wrap, related accessories, gift items, cookie dough and magazines and make your selections right away. ***Our school earns 50% on every item sold!***

Out-of-town family and friends can support our school by visiting SallyFoster.com and your child can earn prize credit, too.

Here's how:

1. Fill out the easy-to-use "E-mail Campaign" form at www.SallyFoster.com using our account number - 507463. (**Win a Nintendo DSI™ or an Apple iPod Nano®!).

Bright School ID/Account Number - 507463

2. When family and friends receive the e-mail, they can click on the link to Sally Foster's online store and make a purchase. Our school and your child earn credit! (Students receive prize credit for online purchases)

3. You can request a summary of your child's online orders by visiting *Internet Sales History* located at www.SallyFoster.com.

4. Any shopper can credit our school during the checkout process. When prompted, they can enter our school's account number - 507463

Our Sally Foster sale dates are:

Monday, August 24, 2009 to Monday, September 21, 2009

For catalog orders, return your orders to your teacher **or** place them in the PA box located in the office. Please return the original only and keep the duplicate copy for your records.

Make checks payable to: ***Bright School***

(Internet orders are paid online with credit card. Online orders will be shipped to purchaser.)

With your help, we're looking forward to our best fundraiser ever! Thank you!

Stacie Helton - Sally Foster fundraising chair(email shelton@brightschool.com), and

Lisi Phillips, co-chair.

Students: Safety comes first! Please, only sell to people you or your parents know. NEVER approach strangers.