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School Secretary: Michelle Forgues

August 2008 Newsletter # 1

August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008

*I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to the 2008-2009 school year. A special welcome to the students attending McDowell for the first time. As you know, I am also "new" in my position as Principal and I'm looking forward to serving the Dr. S. E. McDowell Elementary School Community.*

*All the best in 2008-2009*

*Nancy Arniotis*

**SHORT NOTES**

**Picture this**

Good readers form mental pictures as they read. To improve your youngsters' comprehension, read a book without letting him see the illustrations. Then, ask him to guess what the illustrations look like. Examples: How are the characters dressed? Is the setting bright or gloomy?

**Raising good sports**

You can teach your child to be a good sport by being one yourself. When you attend a game, clap and cheer for players who try hard, even if they're on the other team. You'll help your youngster learn to be gracious to everyone in the game.

**Line them up**

Sometimes kids get math problems wrong simply because they haven't lined up the numbers correctly. Try this. Have your children work problems on graph paper, using one box per number. Once they get used to this system, they'll be able to transfer their lining-up skills to regular paper.

**First Day of School - Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**1. School fees for 2008-2009 - \$70.00**

The school requests that the school fees be paid by September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Please note that we ask that any cash be delivered directly to the office by the parents.

**Breakdown of school fees:**

Noon hour supervision-----	\$51.00
Photocopies -----	\$10.00
Agendas -----	\$9.00

*Please note that noon hour supervision fee may change if your child is registered in daycare, minimum 3 days a week.*

Math workbook will be invoiced at a later date.

**2. Class supplies 2008-2009**

The list of class supplies requested for this school year was sent out with the report card with your child on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008. If you child was absent on this day, please contact the school for a copy of the list. It is very important that your child start school with his/her necessary supplies.

**3. Class assignments**

On Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, at 8:25 a.m., the students will gather in the gym and be assigned to their new classrooms.

**4. Daycare**

For new and existing students, a before and after school program is offered. Rates start at \$7.00 per day. For more information please contact Mavis Palmer at (819) 647-3911.

**Watch for**

your child's name in the next month's Newsletter for "I've been caught being good" weekly winners.

**Did you know...**

More than 3000 new books are published every day!

There are about 540,000 words in the English language.



**5. Transportation**

This is a reminder that Cycle I, II and III students living less than 1.6 km from the school will be required to walk to school. Kindergarten pupils living less than 0.8 km. from the school will also be required to walk. As per Section 3.0.3 of the Transportation Policy, an accommodation service is available.

Included is your child's transportation postcard that provides relevant bus information.

**6. Emergency/Health Information Form**

Please review and complete the emergency/health information form for **EACH** of your children and return to the school on August 28<sup>th</sup>. This is a very important document that gives the contact information we need should an emergency/health issue arise with your child. Please note that we need your civic number for proper registration.

Sincerely,

Nancy Arniotis  
Principal

Enclosures and Special Information:

1. School Calendar
2. Emergency/Health Form
3. Student's Transportation Information Card

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

**First Day of School for the children  
(All students report to the gym at 8:25 a.m.)**

**KINDERGARTEN**

**Staggered start- beginning date for your child was communicated to you by telephone.**

**Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Labour Day Holiday**