



Fawn Hollow School Scoop

October 2011

Fawn Hollow Elementary School, 345 Fan Hill Road, Monroe, CT 06468

Upcoming Important Dates

October 4 & 5

Picture Day
School Store Opens - 10/4

October 10, 2011

No School - Columbus Day

October 11, 2011

Fire Safety Day

October 13, 2011

PTO meeting—7:30
7:00—Meet our Nurse

October 17 & 18

First Grade Field Trip
New Pond Farm

October 29, 2011

Trick-or-Trunk—1:00

November 3, 2011

Storyteller Assembly

November 10, 2011

PTO meeting—7:30

November 18, 2011

Turkey Trot— Raindate 11/22

November 23, 24, & 25

No School—Thanksgiving Recess

November 30, December 1 & 2

Early Dismissal—Conferences

The mission of Fawn Hollow School is to provide diverse opportunities for students to achieve their personal best, become responsible and productive citizens, and embrace lifelong learning in a safe and nurturing environment. At Fawn Hollow we recognize students for their unique intellectual, physical, social, and emotional abilities and we cultivate those through a rich and varied educational experience.

Principally Speaking

September was a very exciting month at Fawn Hollow! We opened our doors to 560 eager students, ready to embrace all that school has to offer. Learning is in full swing in every classroom, the joy of it evident on the faces of our students.

To date we have hosted well-attended Back-to-School nights, our Annual Ice Cream Social, a PTO meeting, and our Room Rep breakfast. We have much to look forward to in the month of October, as you can see from the calendar in this issue. One thing is for sure, there is never a shortage of growth opportunities for children and adults at Fawn Hollow School!

Our school community is pleased to welcome Mr. John Battista as our new Assistant Superintendent of Schools. We look forward to a superintendent being appointed before the end of the calendar year. Staff at Central Office, Fawn Hollow, and First Student continue to work together to insure the safe and timely transportation of students to and from school.

Now that you have met your child's teachers, please commit to establishing a positive working relationship with them. Keep communication open throughout the year. You are our partners in the process of educating your children. If there is ever any way I can be of help, please do not hesitate to call me at 452-2923.

Rebecca Kosisko
Principal



Are you or someone you know a firefighter?

In recognition of Fire Prevention Month, members of our local fire departments will be visiting kindergarten and first grade classes at Fawn Hollow School on **October 11, 2011**. These visits will occur at 9:30 and 1:30 and we welcome family and friend firefighters to join us. If you are able to attend, please contact the main office.

Did you know Fawn Hollow has Before and After School Care?

YMCA Before Care: 7:00 am to the start of school
YMCA After Care: Dismissal to 6:00 pm

Children who attend this program receive academic support for homework, and enjoy a variety of activities including playing with Legos, arts & crafts, using the computer labs, gym, and outside play equipment. Drop in Scheduling is available.

For more information please contact
Meg Ballard (203) 445-9633 - Program Director
Irene Miscione (203) 459-1837

Walk for a Cure

Dear Fawn Hollow Friends,

As some of you know, I was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at the age of 2. Every year since then our family has participated in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation *Walk to Cure Diabetes*. The JDRF walk to cure diabetes is scheduled for October 9, 2011.

Kimberly's Klan is again participating in the walk. Since we first started participating in the walk our team has raised \$82,500.00. My goal this year is to raise \$1,000.00. With your help I will reach my goal.

JDRF scientists are working very hard to find a cure for diabetes. I hope one day I will be free of diabetes. In the meantime I am trying to raise funds in order for the researchers to find a cure. Diabetes never takes a break, so neither can I.

I hope that you will consider making a donation to my team, Kimberly's Klan. You can make a check payable to JDRF and give it to your teacher or deposit it in the box located in the main office. Donations to Kimberly's Klan can also be made online at jdrf.org. Thank you for your support.

Kimberly, Fawn Hollow Fifth Grader



A Note from our Art Teachers

The world is their canvas...

Place a paint brush or marker in a young child's hand and you will observe this truth: children are artists! It is a rare child who does not love to paste, paint, color, play with clay, construct, and explore a variety of art materials. Through art, children can express feelings, practice skills, explore concepts, discover, converse, and cooperate with friends on exciting projects.

As teachers of young children, we have watched as a child tries out every color, ending with a large brown blob; or as another squeezes glue all over paper and sticks three small scraps in one corner; or still another as he smears finger paint over a paper and then on a whim, dashes off leaving his "creation" behind. We have admired works of clay or the results of mixed media collage, and puzzled over the face that one child wants to save a masterpiece while another tears it up and begins again.

These budding artists are learning about their world; what happens when colors blend together one-by-one, what glue looks and feels like as it drips across paper, how paint feels as it oozes through fingers. They are developing an awareness of color, form, line, and pattern. By individual exploration of something seen, the child can create something new and personal. They are exercising large and small muscles as they paint, form clay, or draw. And they are constructing knowledge through the senses as they explore.

In children's art activities, the teacher's role is to provide materials and opportunities and appreciate effort regardless of the final product. For as children engage in art, it is the process that intrigues and excites them, not the end result. What a thrilling process it is!

Best Wishes in the New School Year,
Mrs. Scarpati & Ms. Welsh
Art Educators

PTO NEWS

We will be having
TRICK or TRUNK
again this year.

DATE: October 29, 2011

More information to follow.



On September 26, 2011, the PTO provided an assembly for all students at Fawn Hollow. The assembly was called **Stronger than a Bully**. During this interactive program students learned appropriate behavior and how to correctly respond to mean behaviors at school. This was a fun and exciting presentation for the students and everyone at Fawn Hollow would like to thank the PTO for providing this wonderful assembly! We also thank the PTO for our fabulous new blacktop and basketball hoops!



Clinic News from our Nurse

Many have received forms from me regarding their child. These forms are Individual Health Care Plans and do not need to go to the physician for signature. Individual Health Care Plans help assure consistent, safe health care for your child, and provides documentation regarding the extent of services provided. This plan will go in the student's health folder and will be updated on an annual basis or when the student's condition changes.

The Emergency Care Plan (ECP) is required when a chronic condition has the potential to result in a medical emergency. The ECP is a component of the IHCP.

Please let me know if your child has had a change in diagnosis so that I may make the necessary corrections to the health folder. As always, a physician order or note regarding the change in diagnosis would be helpful.

Please contact me for any questions, concerns, or stop by the clinic anytime.

Regards,

Dana Jarvi, R.N
Fawn Hollow School

September in Review

We have had an awesome first month of school this year. Here is an overview of what is going on in our classrooms.

Kindergarten

All the Kindergarteners have been slowly adjusting to new routines this year. We have been learning our alphabet. Mrs. Haughton's class is learning the Preamble to the Constitution. In math we are practicing sorting objects into two groups.

First Grade

We are off to a great start in First Grade! The children are doing a great job learning the routines of the classroom and the lunch room. We will be visiting New Pond Farm in West Redding in October where we will learn about the farm animals. The children are becoming familiar with work stations in our classrooms and we will be beginning our guided reading groups very soon. In math we are laying the foundation for the concepts of addition and subtraction. After a brief review of the five senses, we will begin our first science unit on Sunshine and Shadows.

Second Grade

Grade 2 has been working hard and settling into our reading groups and learning stations. We are learning addition and subtraction strategies and the language used to write our own story problems. In science, we have learned about the 5 food groups and how to stay healthy by creating balanced meals.

Third grade

The third graders have been adjusting well to our third grade schedule and curriculum. It was so nice to meet all of you on "Back to School Night." Thank you for returning the notices so promptly. All the third grade teachers have been very busy introducing the children to our new subject matter.

Please remember to check your student's agenda and folder nightly. Also the 20/20 reading sheet should be returned at the end of September. A field trip to Monroe School House will be occurring in October. Thank you for all your continued help and support.

Technology

We have been creating projects, learning about computers, and using some interesting programs with our new Technology Paraprofessional, Ms. LoConte. Many of the programs we are using in school, as well as terrific programs to practice math facts, can be used at home.

To find some great online programs go to Monroeps.org, quick links, educational technology center and click on the grade.

Library

We have a new catalogue system in the library. Parents and students can access this site from home. To view the collection go to: <http://acorn.biblio.org/fawnhollow>
Happy Reading!

Fourth Grade

Fourth grade is off to a great start! In language arts, we are reading the wonderful story, Stone Fox, and working on a terrific project tied to this literature with our new media specialist, Mary Rauner. In math, we are studying measurement and mastering multiplication facts. We are encouraging students to review multiplication facts by going to the MPS Technology Center for fun, interactive multiplication games.

All fourth graders will be attending a field trip to the Kellogg Environmental Center in Derby as an extension to the Science unit on the water cycle. Here they will participate in several hands-on activities to gain a deeper understanding of how water moves and the importance of protecting the environment. Thank you PTO again for the amazing playground.

Fifth Grade

In Memory of all of our Heroes on 9/11, fifth grade students discussed events of 9/11 and focused on the people who helped rescue others (FDNY, NYPD, EMS, PORT AUTHORITY POLICE and other volunteers). Students created "Paper Quilts" to remember those heroes. The quilts were put together as one large quilt (with Mrs. Scarpati's and Kristen Troy's help). This is on display in the All Purpose Room.

Reading Groups have begun and are off to a wonderful start!! We are working on megacognition skills and CMT strands. Students are reading "Just Right" Books and reading logs are completed each night and turned in every Monday.

In math, students have been learning Geometric Math: 3-D Shapes, Attributes of a Circle, Protractors, Angles, Congruency and Similarity. The Scientific Method is being taught in Science and Social Studies is well underway with map and globe skills.

A Note from our Guidance Counselor, Mia Cueva...

I hope this year is off to a good start for FH families. Working at Fawn Hollow is a new assignment for me, having worked at Chalk Hill for many years. I am pleased to be at Fawn Hollow every Monday, Wednesday and alternating Fridays and have visited every classroom at least once during September.

In addition to the academic pursuits, Fawn Hollow is committed to programs to enhance life skills. This includes Developmental Guidance lessons in the classrooms, small and individual as well as family consultations. These services often deal with learning about getting along with others making friends, handling emotions, behavior management, and stress.

Students may be referred by their teachers, parents, or may refer themselves. Many times the visits are short and can calm an anxious child or mend a friendship. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns, 203-452-2923.