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NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

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Dear Titus Parents,

The turn out for each of our four Back to School nights was fantastic! (A special thank you to those parents who have been here three or four times in recent weeks, including the August 26th Open House!) It is a pleasure to meet with such supportive and interested parents during these fall evening events! The teachers have carefully and thoughtfully presented overviews of their grade level curriculum and student expectations, while giving you important insights into how each classroom operates on a day-to-day basis.

Absorbing all of the “start of school” information can be challenging, we realize. However, we are looking forward to ongoing communication with you throughout the entire school year in a variety of ways. In addition to our phone, newsletter and email communication, this year we will be sending out weekly electronic updates to parent emails registered in Parent Portal. Mrs. Campolongo is in the process of transferring the emails she has collected to parent portal accounts. **However, if you do not have an email address listed in your parent portal, which you can change and update yourself, you will not receive our updates.** If you have not accessed your Parent Portal yet or if you have forgotten your user name and password, go to <https://campus.cbsd.org/campus/portal/cbsd.jsp> for Portal help. Our professional staff will be encouraged to communicate through the Messenger program, also. Our Updates and staff communication will now arrive with the heading **Central Bucks School District Messenger.**

For parents in grades four through six, your child’s PSSA parent report was enclosed in last week’s Wednesday envelope in a sealed envelope. These reports provide a break down of how your child did within specific areas of their reading and math assessments, and also in the area of writing for the current sixth graders and in the area of science for our fifth graders. If you have any questions about your child’s performance, please feel free to contact Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Murray, your child’s teacher or me.

The 2009-2010 school year is off to a fantastic start following what I believe to be our best opening ever, and I am eagerly looking forward to all of the excitement that is yet to come!

Sincerely,

Carol J. Robinson



September 2009

- 18 Student Photo Day
- 23 Chick-fil-A Spirit Night
- 25 Crazy Hair Day
Sally Foster sale ends-return all orders
- 28 Yom Kippur, **NO SCHOOL**
- 30 Newsletter

October

- 1 Warrington Fire Dept. Visits-Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd
- 2 4th grade field trip to Michener and Font Hill
Market Day pick up at Titus-7:00-8:00 PM

On the first day of school as each bus pulled up to a stop, Mrs. Robinson greeted everyone with a welcome to the new school year. Mrs. Dougherty, our bus supervisor and librarian assistant, also greeted our students along with other parents looking for first day photo opportunities. It was a perfect day to begin the new school year. Welcome back everyone!

Health Room Update

Central Bucks School District is state mandated to ensure that each student in certain grade levels has a dental and physical examination. Physicals are required upon entry, grade 6 and 11. Dentals are required upon entry, grade 3 and 7. The forms for these examinations were sent home in the spring and need to be returned to school by October 15th, 2009. During an audit, Central Bucks can be cited by the state for non-compliance if all dental and physical examination records are not on file. More importantly, having up to date and accurate medical information about our students will better insure that we can respond appropriately to any medical needs students present at school. For families where this would cause an economic hardship, the school district will provide these examinations at school, free of charge. *Should you require this assistance please contact the school nurse.*

Because these examinations are mandated by the state of Pennsylvania, it has now become necessary to withhold field trips, field day and other privileges in an effort to improve compliance. Therefore, if we do not receive the required examination(s) prior to October 15th your child will not be permitted to go on any field trips until proper documentation is received. Please understand that these examinations are important not only because they are state mandated but also because they provide valuable information about the health of your child. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

GOOD HANDWASHING PRACTICE



We are in the middle of cold and flu season. Washing your hands thoroughly with soap and water is the single most important way to prevent the spread of germs and protect yourself and others.

It is especially important to wash your hands:

- Before, during and after you prepare food
- Before and after meals
- After going to the bathroom
- After blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing on your hands
- After touching animals
- When your hands are dirty
- More frequently when someone in your home is sick

What is the correct way to wash your hands?

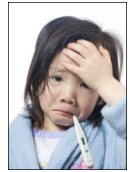
- Always use warm running water and soap

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- Rub hands together vigorously until a soapy lather appears and continue washing for at least 15 seconds or about the length of a little tune. (Children can sing the song "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" while washing) Be sure to wash all surfaces thoroughly, including the wrists, fingers, top of hands, between fingers, and under fingernails.
- Rinse hands under warm running water.
- Dry hands with a clean, disposable (single use) towel
- Turn the faucet off using the towel as a barrier between your hands and the faucet.

Seasonal Flu and Novel H1N1 Flu Virus Prevention Steps

The first step in prevention is getting your students and faculty vaccinated against the flu. This year, everyone should also be aware of the novel H1N1 flu virus - it is different than seasonal flu and so is the vaccine. Vaccine manufacturers are currently developing vaccines against the new pandemic strain of the influenza virus, which are expected to be ready sometime this fall.



However, other flu prevention steps are the same for both flu viruses. In addition to getting students and faculty vaccinated with both vaccines, practice these other prevention steps to help prevent the spread of illness in your school:

- 1. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.** Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. If you don't have a tissue, cough into your elbow.
- 2. Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze.** Alcohol-based hands sanitizers are also effective.
- 3. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.** Germs can spread that way.
- 4. Stay home if you get sick.** The CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school, and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- 5. Use disinfectants on surfaces, as directed, to help prevent the spread of the influenza virus.** Germs can spread when a person touches an infected surface and then touches their own eyes, mouth or nose.

*The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency believes that, based on available scientific information, currently registered influenza A virus products - such as Disinfecting Wipes and Regular-Bleach - will be effective against the novel H1N1 flu strain and other influenza A virus strains on hard, non-porous surfaces.

End of Day Dismissal Change Procedure

In order for us to properly prepare for and monitor dismissal, we request you notify the office of any dismissal changes **before 3:00**. If you know of a dismissal change before your child leaves for school, **please send a written note to your child’s teacher** and the teacher will forward it to the office so there is no need for a call. If you prefer to email, please include the office staff in case of a teacher’s absence with the following email address:

mdaily@cbsd.org and rglasgow@cbsd.org

Thank you

PSSA Testing Windows for 2009-2010 School Year

In order to avoid PSSA testing conflicts with family vacations, we are providing the following information with test dates for your planning:

For students in grades 3-6, the PSSA Reading/Math assessment will be given on April 8-16th. Students in fifth grade will be given a Writing assessment on April 19-23rd. Students in fourth grade will be given a Science assessment on April 26-30th.

Thank you for considering this time frame when scheduling your family vacation.

Attention: Parents of students in grades 4, 5, & 6

You are invited to attend...

Promoting the Home-School Reading Connection

A workshop presented by Titus teachers

Thursday, October 8th from 6:30-7:30pm

- Would you like to learn how to create a positive, motivating reading environment at home?
- Do you want to know how to be sure your child is choosing “just right” books (and what to do if the choice is too hard)?
- Would you like to find out how to have “book talks” with your child?
- Do you want to learn how to make quality time for reading in your family’s busy schedule?

Come join Titus teachers for this informative evening !

R.S.V.P. to your child’s teacher by September 30th and start off this school year with your family being “ready to read!”

Titus Newsletter Submission Deadline Schedule for 2009-2010 School Year

If you would like to submit an article to the school newsletter, please submit information to the Titus office by the following deadlines at noon:

<u>Deadline for Submissions</u>	<u>Release date</u>
September 25th	September 30th
October 9th	October 14th
October 23rd	October 28th
November 6th	November 11th
November 20th	December 2nd
December 11th	December 16th
January 8th	January 13th
January 21st	January 27th
February 5th	February 10th
February 19th	February 24th
March 5th	March 10th
March 19th	March 24th
March 31st	April 8th
April 16th	April 21st
April 30th	May 5th
May 14th	May 19th
May 27th	Final Newsletter June 2nd

Important Notice to Parents/Grandparents Lunch Time Visits

While our lunch period set up is designed for our classes of students, from time to time parents and grandparents come to have lunch with students for a special occasion. On a *limited basis*, we are able to accommodate visitors. However, in the interest of keeping the standard school lunch setting intact, we have established the following guidelines:



- Visiting parents or grandparents sit at the same table where the child normally sits. This is a school lunch for student socialization, not a special parent/child lunch venue.
- Special friends are not allowed to join them from other tables.
- Students are not to set up “lunch dates” with other students, based on their parents’/grandparents’ presence.
- “Doggie bags” are not available – this service is not part of the Sodexo contract with Central Bucks School District.

Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 Offers Workshops for Parents

The Bucks County Schools Intermediate Unit # 22 is pleased to work in partnership with the Associates for Counseling and Educational Services (ACES) each year in order to offer learning experiences for parents. These opportunities offer many topics and are held at the Bucks County Intermediate from 6:00PM-9:00PM on various dates throughout the fall. Here are some of the workshops being offered:

9/30/09 -**Sane Parenting**

10/06/09-**Grief and Loss**

11/18/09-**How to Stubbornly Refuse to Get Upset About Anyone's Behavior or Anything Else, Ever!**

12/09/09-**Children, Adolescents and the Internet**

Please click on the link below for more information under Educational Services/Professional Development. **Parents should call ACES directly in order to register at 215-345-7868.** Educators are also welcome to attend.

Nominate a Titus Student for September's Boomerang Youth Recognition Award

September Asset #26-CARING. Young person cares about others. They place a high value on helping other people. He/she thinks about ways of helping others and is motivated to initiate kind and thoughtful acts. They might demonstrate this asset by being particularly welcoming to new students as the school year begins.

Nominate a Titus student by filling out a ballot from the display in the main office. Nominations for the September asset must be completed by Wednesday, September 23rd. If selected, this student will be recognized by CB Cares, an organization dedicated to promoting a stronger community through the 40 Assets program.

The nomination is open to any student that makes a difference at Titus or the community. Parents, friends, teachers or Titus staff can nominate an individual. Please nominate that special student that makes a difference to our Titus community. Thank you!

If you borrowed an **ice cream scoop** from the cafeteria for end of year parties in June and forgot to return it, please drop it off in the school office. Thank you!



Welcome Back Titus Family to Market Day!

We'd like to thank everyone who supported our September Market Day sale!

This month, we have two great offers - one big thank you! Purchase \$40 or more before tax in October and receive a FREE 1-lb package of Ground Beef.

You can also qualify to receive a FREE 1-lb package of Large Shrimp when you order \$90 at marketday.com and enter the promo code listed in the October Order Guide during online checkout.

This year, our Market Day fundraising goal is \$1,500. Titus will receive 10% of every order. This is why your order is so important to us. Please review your October order sheet that will come home in the Wednesday folder and/or visit marketday.com to see the great selections of Market Day foods at great value. To help Titus earn money, all you need to do is order.

Please volunteer for Market Day. This requires 1 hour of your time a month to help sort orders. We also need a Co-chair which will require about 2 hours of your time a month. Please complete the volunteer form sent home. If you have any questions and/or would like to volunteer to help, or if you have issues with picking up your order, you can call Kayma Sherman-Knuckles at 215-343-4081 or email her at shermanknuckles@verizon.net.

Did you know that pick-up for Market Day products will be at Titus Elementary this year!!

Order online at marketday.com until 11 PM EST on Saturday, 9/26/2009 or send your completed form to school by 9/26 and you can pick up your order at Titus elementary school on Friday, 10/2 at 7PM. With your support, we're looking forward to reaching our fundraising goals of \$1,500.

We appreciate your support and are looking forward to seeing you at our Market Day Sale on Friday, 10/2!

THANK YOU FROM THE TITUS LIBRARY:

Thank you to the following students (past and present) for their donations to the Titus library:

Jake and Ryan Kornegay, Shane Hatter and Isabella Yanik.



TITUS HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

Working Together to Make a Difference

Thought for the Day:

Things work out best for those who make the best of the way things work out!

Any questions, suggestions or concerns, please contact:
Penny B. Seader @ 215-603-8482 or email
pennyseader@comcast.net

A Note From The Board

Titus Home and School would like to welcome everyone back for a school year filled with some new ideas. Please take some time to fill out the Volunteer Sign Up form. With more and more working parents out there, we hope every family can commit to at least two hours of volunteer time throughout the year. If you can't find the time to join a committee, we hope you can find time to help on a specific day doing small tasks. Box Tops, Market Day and Yearbook are all events that require monthly help which may be done at night or at home. Our fundraisers need help with counting orders, counting money, and distributing orders to classroom when they arrive. The Secret Shop is not just a December event, and will require a lot of parent volunteers to help purchase and prepare the gifts for sale as the holidays approach. A few committees are in need of a Chairperson. If you have any time to volunteer, please consider taking on a Committee. We look forward to working with you this year, and hopefully seeing you at one of our Family Fun Nights.

CHAIRPERSONS NEEDED:

We are currently looking for the following chairpersons:
6th grade Promotion Ceremony: We are looking for a 5th grade Titus parent who may be interested in taking over the committee for this year. No experience required! Event is tentatively June 15th. Preparation begins in April.
Spring Fair: Event is May 8th. Preparation begins in January.

Bingo!-Chairman-in-Training: Train with a chairperson now and take over next year. Event is March 19th. Preparation begins in February.

Market Day Co-Chairperson-A person to help and assists with other co chairperson. This a monthly event. Pick-up this year is at Titus! PLEASE call or e-mail with any questions!!

Back To School Night

A special thank you goes out to Kayma Sherman-Knuckles for preparing and serving Market Day at our Kindergarten Back to School night. Great job!

Sally Foster Wrapping Paper

Thank you to Nicole Schilling and Rachel Collachi for your time setting up Sally Foster Wrapping Paper display at our Back to School nights, and for all your time organizing the fundraiser this year!

For further information about the Home & School Association, fundraisers, board members, committee heads, refer to the yellow information booklet that was sent home in Wednesday Folders.

Chik-Fil-A

Mark your calendars-Chick-Fil-A night is Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, from 4-8pm . PARENTS –remember 10% goes to Titus !! Take a break from cooking dinner and enjoy a night out with Titus friends. It's an easy way to support our school – tell your friends and family. DON'T FORGET!!!!

FALL HARVEST FEST

Will take place on October 23th from 7-9pm.

HELP WANTED –Volunteers needed – Please volunteer your time! The following donations are needed: baked goods for the cake walk and filled jars (any size or shape) for the jar raffle game. Please look for the volunteer sign up slips that went home in the Wednesday folder.

SALLY FOSTER Wrapping Paper Sale is HERE!

The Sally Foster wrapping paper sale is running through Friday, September 25th. Catalogs were sent home in Wednesday folders. Get started on your holiday shopping early! There is a wide variety of wrapping paper and gift bags as well as candy and other gifts. Orders will be available for pick-up at the November conferences, in time for the holidays. For more information please contact Nicole Schilling @215-491-3280 or Rachel Collachi @ 267-927-0265. Thanks for your support!

BOX TOPS

Box Tops are a wonderful way we can all help the Home & School earn money for Titus activities. Each Box Top you cut out and send into your teacher is worth \$.10. That adds up to big bucks for our school. For a detailed listing of products visit the Box Tops website at www.boxtops-4education.com.

The KidStuff Book Sale begins soon!

The cost of the book is only \$25 and Titus H&S earns \$12.50- a 50% profit on each book that we sell! Use just a few coupons and save more than the cost of the book. You will enjoy great savings on clothing, toys, electronics, activities, food and more at places like Kohl's, Kmart and Macy's! A copy of the coupon book will be coming home for you to look through on Wednesday, September 23rd. After looking over the KidStuff book, if you decide to keep it, just send in your 5⁰ payment. If you are not interested, we ask that you return the book to school. Thank you