

MEMO

TO: PARENTS
FROM: BARBARA COLE
DATE: September 24, 2009

November 21, 2009



Sept 24th
Thursday

OPT-OUT Form -This Thursday, a form will come home about the VIRTUS sexual abuse prevention program for students, the *Touching Safety* program. Please read the form carefully. If you do not wish to have your child participate in the *Touching Safety* program, please sign the form and return it to the school **no later than 8:00 AM on Thursday, October 1st**.

Sept 25th
Friday

Final Day Of ITBS Testing



Sept 28th
Monday

Reading Around The World Book Fair

What is your destination? Don't miss this great opportunity to purchase books for yourself and as gifts. Book Fair is open Monday – Thursday and Friday morning.



Fifth Grade To Visit McEntire Airbase – Project STARBASE Swamp Fox: They will be participating in a program called “Making Tomorrow Happen Today” which will enhance learning through the study of flight. These students will travel by bus to McEntire every day this week.

Sept 29th
Tuesday

Family Reading Night

Drop in from 6 PM – 8 PM. Are you planning to visit another country? Come see the classrooms transform and pick up ideas on where to travel. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



Oct 1st
Thursday

Touching Safety Program

Students in K5 through 6th grade will participate in this program provided by the Diocese of Charleston. This is a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from sexual abuse.



Notes to Notice

Family Night: What a wonderful evening. Listening to the children sing is always rewarding and such a pleasure. Thank you to the Chairs, Tatum Darby and Trisha Blalock, for all their hard work and to the many parents who volunteered their time to help with the decorations, check-in, and made wonderful baked goods. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for doing all the cooking.



H1N1 Flu: The SJN Family is working together to fight the spread of the H1N1 Flu! The symptoms of H1N1 flu are similar to the regular flu symptoms and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. The government website says some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with H1N1 flu. If your child or you have the flu, you should stay home and keep away from others as much as possible, including avoiding travel and not going to work or school, until you are **fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication (Tylenol, Ibuprofen)**. For additional information visit www.flu.gov. If anyone in your family has been officially diagnosed with H1N1, please call the school office.

Jodee Blanco: Hopefully, everyone had an opportunity to hear Jodee Blanco speak. If you would like one of her books, they are available in the school office: **Please Stop Laughing at Me** \$13 or **Please Stop Laughing at Us** \$16.

VIRTUS Training: As a part of the SJN family, we expect all parents to volunteer at some time during the year. Because of this and to insure the safest possible environment for the children, all parents are required to complete the VIRTUS training. It is offered at the school and throughout the state at various times and dates. If you attend a training session at a different location, you must send in a copy of your certificate, so we have it on file. Go to www.virtus.org to find a date and time that is convenient to you. You must register online before attending a session. When you take this class, you are given several references where you can check on information for your neighborhood. Please add this website to those references www.familywatchdog.us.

Next Training: October 14, 2009 with Mrs. Cole in the library from 12:00 – 3 PM

Volunteers: We are still in need of volunteers for morning carpool and lunch duty. Morning carpool is from 7:30 to 8:00 AM and lunch duty is from 10:55 AM – 12:15 PM. We would welcome you any day you can come. If you find yourself with free time you normally don't have, we would welcome you for just that day. We know that everyone can't help on a regular schedule but appreciate any time you can give us.

