



**M. JOAN PEARSON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**  
**WELCOME BACK ISSUE**  
**SEPTEMBER 2011**



**Principal's Corner:**

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year. Thank you for helping us with a smooth opening. We welcomed 270 students on September 7<sup>th</sup>! I would like to offer a very special welcome to all of our new students and our kindergarteners as well as all of our new parents.

I would like to invite each of you to our **Back to School Night** on **Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** This is a great time to meet your child's teacher, learn his/ her expectations and procedures and receive an overview of what your child will learn this year.

We are looking forward to a STAR STRUCK year as we help all of our students R.E.A.C.H. for the stars. Please contact the school with any questions regarding our procedures. Also, check out our school web page for timely information regarding school events as well as district policies and school procedures. Our school website is [www.delanco.com](http://www.delanco.com)

Also, I would like to remind you that all of the student paperwork your child brought home from school on the first day should be returned to the school promptly. Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to seeing each of you at Back to School night.

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS: Student Drop Off/ Pick**

It is important that we take some time to review the following procedures to ensure the safety and security of all of our students who either walk or are driven. Child safety remains our number one priority!

- Please maintain our "one way in and one way out" policy when dropping off and picking up students.
- Please drive slowly (5MPH) through the parking lot.
- Please do not leave your car unattended in the pick up lane. If you are meeting your child as he/she exits the building, you should park in a **designated spot in the parking lot.**
- Please do not allow your child to exit your vehicle in the morning or enter your vehicle in the afternoon on the driver's side of the car. This puts your child at risk from oncoming vehicles.
- Please park in designated parking spots in the lot.
- Please do not pick up your child in the second lane of traffic. Students should only enter car in pick up lane, which is the lane closest to the curb.



**NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN:** Looking for a convenient way to take care of lunch money? You can purchase lunch tickets in advance. Tickets may be purchased in increments of 5. Payment can be made in cash or check. Checks should be made payable to the Delanco BOE. Please include your child's name and homeroom teacher on your check.

Did you know we have a *Birthday Club*? In an effort to encourage healthy birthday celebrations, Nutri Serve can serve state regulated snacks that are delicious and low in fat. The "Birthday Club" offers you the opportunity to order treats for your child and classmates in celebration of his/ her birthday. The cost per child is \$1.25. Please contact Diane Arrain at 856-461-1976 ext. 3 if interested. She will need a three day notice.



**The Problem**

In the United States, pedestrian injury is the second leading cause of injury-related death for children ages 5 to 14. In 2007, nearly 27,440 children were treated in emergency rooms for pedestrian-related injuries.

**What We Do**

Safe Kids Worldwide and program sponsor FedEx Express created Safe Kids Walk This Way to teach safe behavior to motorists and child pedestrians and create safer, more walkable communities.

The goal of the initiative is preventing pedestrian-related injury to children. Since the launch of the program in spring 2000, Safe Kids Walk This Way has spanned the globe, engaging FedEx volunteers to reach families in hundreds of communities throughout the United States and around the world.

Safe Kids Walk This Way relies on FedEx employee volunteers and encourages new partners, including public officials, public agencies, community organizations and parents, to join Safe Kids Worldwide coalitions to improve conditions for child pedestrians.

**DELANCO SCHOOLS WILL “WALK THIS WAY” on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. We encourage all to participate. Please look for information that will be sent home at the end of September. In the meantime, for more information go to <http://www.safekids.org/our-work/programs/walk-this-way/>**

**COMMUNICATION CORNER:**

In our efforts to GO GREEN, we would like to move to paperless communication. Please e mail our school secretary ASAP so that we may add your e mail to our mass communication list. You can reach Ms. Cotten at [dcotten@delanco.com](mailto:dcotten@delanco.com). Thank you for your help.

**Parent’s Corner**

**Start the school year with successful habits**

Research shows a link between parent involvement and student success. So plan to pitch in with school activities—right at home. This will require some self-discipline, but it will also set a great example for your child. Try to:

- **Put priorities on the calendar**, such as study time and school events.
- **Stay nearby while your child does homework**. He needs your support.
- **Create Routines**. Read. Exercise. Go to the library. Have family meals.
- **Talk with your child about school**. Show interest every day.
- **Keep in touch with the teacher**. Attend parent-teacher conferences.
- **Be consistent**. Use a daily and weekly schedule that works.

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**CALENDAR:**

- September 14 BOE meeting Pearson School 7:30
- September 20 Back to School Night Pearson School  
6:30 Basic Skills Parent Meeting  
7:00 All parents attend meeting in cafeteria
- September 22 Back to School Night Walnut Street School, 7pm
- September 23-30 Book Fair
- September 30 PTO Bingo Pearson School, \$2.00 a person, 7pm

