## **Fayette Street Academy**

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## September 2016 Newsletter

**Fix-up Clean-up** of the school was quite efficient this year for which we are very grateful! Making the school ready for the year takes the loving attention of every family. Thank you all for your time and effort.

**"School Bus Time"** is a great part of the Fayette rhythm and we encourage an early arrival to give students time to visit and transition, arriving late is stressful for most students. All Bigs arrive at school by 8:00 when tests start. Minis and Munchkins arrive by 8:30. School buildings are open at 7:30.

**Health Records** are due ASAP so students can come to school. Please give us a copy of any inoculation updates. Exemption Forms must be resubmitted every year with DoH.

**Kids and Drugs:** Please inform us of any pharmaceuticals our students are taking. Any medications needed at school should be in the hands of the staff and not the student, along with an instruction note. Drugs, along with their desired effect, often affect learning and development. As we work with our students, we need to know all the factors influencing them.

**Pack it in Pack it out and Food at Fayette:** All food leftovers and trash will come home in lunch boxes, in an effort to give you feedback about what your child ate at school. Please remember to keep processed, packaged foods to a minimum and read the nutritional labels, searching for excessive amounts of sugar. *Fayette is a bubble, caffeine, hfcs, styrofoam and pomegranate free zone.* 

**Family Changes** profoundly affect your child and therefor our student. When any disturbing or significant event, re-arrangement, loss, or addition occurs at home please, for your child's sake, let us know.

**Annual Potluck - Meeting** will be at school on Friday evening, Sept. 23rd. An information sheet will be available mid-September. Attendance by all families, especially those new to the school, is desired. This is always an enjoyable event and we look forward to seeing everyone there. Our alumni would say "the food is epic!"

**Typing for Bigs:** all *final copies* of Bigs' writing assignments should be typed. If a Big can already type – great. If not, then their parent can type the final draft and the student should be practicing on a Typing Tutor program.

**Park Time** happens every school day. A sun hat is mandatory and sun screen is always available. Real sports shoes are needed every day. Inclement weather rarely detours our outside play.

Attendance by every student every day is desired. Tuesdays, being the start of each week, have particular importance. Family trips during the school weeks need to be coordinated with the staff. Any students in their first year as a Big or Munchkin should attend class each day they are enjoying good health during the first eleven weeks. Please email us any day your child will be absent. For schooltime vacations, medical appointments or other multi-day absences please give us email notice.

**Cell phones** are not needed or allowed during pickup. *Parents are asked to refrain from using phones on school grounds and sidewalks*.

Welcome to all!

Tara