Welcome Back!

The Felix Festa Administration and Staff welcome you back from what was, hopefully, an enjoyable summer! There are a number of events coming up in September that we want you to be aware of.

**The First Weeks of School** During the first weeks of school, be mindful of the fact that we are the last school dismissed and the buses will run late. Remind your children that if they miss the bus at dismissal, they should go to the nearest office. We will contact you and, if you cannot pick up your child, we will arrange for their transportation home.

**Box Tops for Education Drive** begins in September. Clipping box tops is an easy way for schools to raise funds. Last year we collected over $1000 and used this money to fund our Olweus anti-bullying kick off assembly. If you are interested in becoming a box top member, you can sign up online at [www.BTFE.com](http://www.BTFE.com) to keep up to date on our school's earnings and receive exclusive coupons, offers and recipes. Box Top collection boxes are placed in each school office. If you have any questions, you can contact Mrs. Madigan at 620-2019.

**Back to School Nights** are as follows:
- Sixth Grade  Tuesday, September 13, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- Seventh and Eighth Grades  Tuesday, September 27, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

In addition, the middle school administration will present information regarding student support programs in the auditorium from 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

**Magazine Drive**  Our annual Magazine Drive kickoff will take place during the school day on September 26. This is a great way to raise funds for each grade level and we appreciate your support.

**PTA**  Our first PTA meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5, in the Library. We encourage parents to join the FFMS PTA at our Meet the Teacher nights and become active members.

**Dropping Off/Picking Up Students**  This is a reminder that students may be dropped off on the parent pick up road between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. by the cafeteria entrance. Students will be supervised in the cafeteria until they are released to go to our morning programs.

**The Morning Programs** will begin on Wednesday, September 14:
- Even Day Mornings – **Movie Matinee Club** in D101. This club provides students the opportunity to experience a variety of movie styles and engage in lively discussion
- Odd Day Mornings – **Current Events Club** in D102    Students will use a variety of resources to understand and discuss local, state and world events.
- Every Morning -  **Breakfast** in the middle cafeteria
  **Homework Center** in B107
  **Open Gym** in B Gym. (Limited to 25 students each morning.) This program promotes physical activity

**The Afternoon Programs** will also begin on Wednesday, September 14, and run from 3:40 to 4:10 p.m. Students can take the late bus home. **These programs run on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays ONLY!**
- **Open Art** in B114. Students are free to work on existing art projects, develop a personal sketchbook or collaborate on a new art project.
- **Homework Center** in B107

**Cafeteria Changes**  The process for requesting a change in cafeteria location has begun and has been explained to the students. The deadline for completing these changes is **Thursday, September 29**. Please be sure to have any change request forms returned by this date.
REMINDERS: As per District/School policy:

- Students are not permitted to bring in food to share with others
- Students are not permitted to use their personal cell phones in any manner, unless for supervised instructional purposes.

We will keep you updated on a monthly basis about all the exciting events taking place at Felix Festa!