



# SPOTLIGHT ON CASHELL



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## Important Upcoming Events

- 11/20 Kindergarten & 1st Grade Thanksgiving Feasts
- 11/25 Early Release Day, dismissal at 12:35pm
- 11/25 School Spirit Crazy Hair Day
- 11/26-27 Holidays—Thanksgiving
- 12/1 Domino's Dough Raiser
- 12/1 No PTA Meeting
- 12/2 "Lovely Ladies of Leisure World" visit Pre-K to deliver knitted hats & scarves
- 12/2 Market Day Pick-up
- 12/4 Family Snow Ball & Winter Wonderland Raffle
- 12/9-11 Cashell Toy & Coat Drive
- 12/10 4th & 5th Gr. at Pageant of Peace
- 12/11 Hanukkah Begins
- 12/18 Winter Reading Program Begins
- 12/24-25 Holidays—Christmas
- 12/26 Kwanzaa
- 12/28-31 Winter Break
- 1/1 Holiday—New Year's Day
- 1/4 Students return from Winter Break
- 1/5 No PTA Meeting

Dear Parents,

### **BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR FAMILIES FOR A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING!**

We have so much to be grateful for at Cashell. We have a beautiful new building with incredible technology. We have amazing staff members who go above and beyond every day to ensure that all students are learning and growing. AND, we have the best students and parents in Montgomery County! So many wonderful things happen here because people give so generously of their time and talent.



We had a very interesting PTA meeting this month. In addition to her role as PTA president, Dr. Weichel prepared a very informative presentation on the H1N1 virus. Mr. Dennis Hackett from MCPS Food Services also spoke about the nutritional benefits of the school breakfast and lunch program and prepared some delicious samples for us to try.

Next spring we will have Mrs. Setzer to thank when we see gorgeous daffodils blooming in front of our school! She singlehandedly dug up 1000 bulbs from the ICC construction site and planted them here at Cashell.

Thank you so much for your support of all the wonderful Cashell Events sponsored by the PTA. Once again, the Book Fair was fabulous! I especially would like to recognize and thank Mrs. Reed and her many loyal volunteers who worked so hard to make this year's Book Fair a great success. We are especially grateful to all the parents who supported the Bucks-for-Books program that enabled us to purchase books for students who could not afford them.

Thank you, too, for your generous support of the food drive. Have a wonderful holiday!

*~Maureen Ahern-Stamoulis~*



**YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY: Part I** - At last week's early dismissal, several children were not picked up at 12:35. I was very surprised at how few of them knew their home phone numbers! Any child over the age of 5 should be able to give his or her address and phone number to an adult in an emergency. Students older than 7 should also know mom or dad's cell phone number. Kudos go to two FIRST graders who knew both home & cell numbers!!

## YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY: Part II - Going Home in the Afternoon

Please help us keep your children safe by making sure they know EXACTLY how they are to go home in the afternoon. We've had several instances in the last couple of weeks where students and parents missed each other because the student was confused about whether they should ride or walk. It helps if you can keep the routine the same every day. Children get confused when the routine changes, and that's when problems occur. If your child is going home a **DIFFERENT** way, please make sure you write a note to the teacher. Try to avoid last minute changes. The last half hour of the day is busy and it's difficult to get messages out.

*It was great to see so many families at Cashell Eats Out at California Tortilla and Coldstone. Even though it was a cold and rainy night, we made almost \$400 for the PTA!*



The Cashell Elementary School PTA and our local Domino's Pizza on Georgia Avenue have teamed up for another fantastic "DOUGH RAISER"! **Here's how it works: When you place your order on Tuesday, December 1st**, let the Domino's employee know you're from Cashell ES. **When you pick up your order or the delivery person brings it to your door**, turn in the completed coupon on the back of this flyer. (If you forget the coupon, it's okay, but it helps Domino's keep track of the Dough Raiser money.) **Then Domino's will donate a portion of the sale to our PTA!** It's a simple, yummy way to earn money...and that's why we call it a "Dough Raiser"! Participate in the Domino's Dough Raiser and you could WIN 2 FREE PIZZAS! Each month, we will randomly draw a name from the coupons turned in during the previous month's Domino's Dough Raiser and that lucky family will get 2 FREE PIZZAS on the current month's Dough Raiser night.

Remember, you must participate in the Dough Raiser and turn in your Dough Raiser coupon in order to qualify for the raffle. So order your pizza on the **FIRST TUESDAY** of every month from: **Domino's Pizza, 18037 Georgia Ave, Olney, MD 20832 (301) 570-3800!**

**MCPS Parent Academy WORKSHOP on INTERNET SAFETY! Keeping Kids Safe on the Internet and Cell Phones**—Thursday, December 3, 7:00 p.m., at A. Mario Loiederman MS, 12701 Goodhill Road, Silver Spring. All workshops are FREE, and child care and interpretation services are provided. For additional information about the schedule of workshops and to register, visit [www.mcpsparentacademy.org](http://www.mcpsparentacademy.org) or call the Division of Family and Community Partnerships at 301-517-5940.

### *THIS AND THAT...*

Be sure to read the INCLEMENT WEATHER information that was sent home last week. Remember to listen to the radio or TV for school closing information! If you sign up for MCPS QuickNotes or schools.out.com, you'll also get an email when schools are closed!

STAY INFORMED: **CASHELL website:** <http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/cashelles> or the **PTA website:** <http://www.cashellpta.net/> Join the PTA listserv and receive weekly updates and emergency messages. Contact Damon Riley at [damon@damonriley.net](mailto:damon@damonriley.net) if you wish to be added to the listserv.

Remember to keep money in your child's SNAP account. We don't allow students to call home for forgotten lunches and we are unable to lend money.

School starts PROMPTLY at 8:50. Students are tardy if they arrive after this time. We have a handful of students who are consistently late. This starts off their day on the wrong foot, since they have no time to get settled and organized. Ideally, all students should be here by 8:40.