



Eagle's Perch



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Principal's Corner

Happy New Year to all!

I hope you all had a wonderful winter break! The first semester of the school year will be ending in a couple of weeks. Our kindergarten students will be receiving report cards for the first time this year. The students have been working very hard and making great progress in all areas of their academics. Thank you for your continued support and efforts in making your child an academic success.

Please take note of several important messages within this January edition of the Eagle's Perch. A calendar of events is provided for you to refer to for events through January and February. Our Valentine's Day parties will be held on Wednesday, February 14th, starting at 2pm.

A big thank you to all Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 2 parents, who attended our math night regarding our Curriculum 2.0. It was nice to see interested parents coming to gather more information about how to help their child!

Enjoy the next few weeks and stay warm!

*Sincerely,
Mrs. Malcotti*

From the Desk of Mrs. Jones:

*Happy New Year and welcome back to school!
We had a very smooth transition last week.
The boys and girls arrived 'ready to learn' on Tuesday morning.*

We welcomed several new students to Lakewood and said farewell to some others.

I want to congratulate the 4th and 5th grade students for their much improved behavior in the cafeteria. Each day they have the opportunity and challenge to earn up to 5 pts. for meeting expectations that are desired of all students. Recently four of the eight class groups earned the 'preferred seating' reward. Last Friday, every class earned a "4" or "5" during the lunch period. I expressed my pride in them during lunch on Monday, stating that I KNEW that they could do it and KNOW that they can all earn the reward when they work hard. Thank you also to their teachers and cafeteria assistants for their encouragement.

*We look forward to seeing you at the **WINTER CONCERT** on January 18th. The 4th and 5th grade instrumentalists and the 4th grade chorus have been working hard to present a program that we will all enjoy. We appreciate the leadership of Mrs. Donato and Mr. McIntyre as they prepared the students, not only in the musical aspect but in modeling the teamwork and concert behaviors that so beautifully showcase this event.*

From the Attendance Office:

Housekeeping items:

- *School begins at 8:50. If you drive your child, please allow extra time for the carpool traffic.*
- *Please send your child with coats, hats and gloves for outdoor recess. We go out every day, weather permitting.*
- *Please mark all clothing, lunchboxes, water bottles, etc. with your child's name. Our lost and found is overflowing.*
- *Please make afternoon arrangements in advance; do not call the office to dismissal procedures unless it is a true emergency.*

We began our "Guest Speaker Series" at select PTA meetings, in December. The topic was Inclusion, and how that impacts all of our students in certain settings. The next program will be on Feb. 7th when our Reading Specialist, Mrs. Fisher, will present a program on reading with your children at home. She will offer comprehension strategies that all of you can use with your children. Child care is available, free of charge, by our friends at Bar-T.

Save the Date: Friday, January 27th, 2012

The Lakewood Variety Show
It's going to be a **MAGICAL NIGHT!!!**

7pm – Wootton High School Auditorium



The 2012 Lakewood PTA Lunar New Year Luncheon for teachers and staff is Monday, January 30th from 11:00am – 2pm, in the teacher's lounge. Volunteers are needed for setting up and making dishes. If you are able to help, please contact Yinghua Wang (yshuwang@gmail.com)



School Weather News

As we continue through the winter months and into spring, please be aware of weather news and the potential impact on our school schedule.

Delayed Openings or School Closures – If schools are closed or delayed, the announcement is made no later than 5am. Check your local weather stations for up to the minute information.

Early Dismissals – If schools are dismissed early, the announcements are made by 11am. Information pertaining to delayed openings, school closures, or early dismissals can be found by:

TV and Radio Local Stations

MCPS Cable Channels

Comcast – Channel 34
Verison Fios – Channel 36

MCPS Telephone News Line

301-279-3673

Parents: Please make sure that you have an emergency plan in place for your child in the event that school should be dismissed early due to inclement weather, no heat, no power etc.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the front office at 301-279-8465.

The Stock Market Club & Game 2012

5th graders will learn about and simulate investments in the stock market. The club will meet Tuesday mornings from 7:50- 8:30am for 10 weeks. Team work, cooperative effort, respect, and reliability are stressed as teams of students learn how to invest play money but in real stocks with real-time prices and fees. Status update reports are provided weekly and students are encouraged to check on their investments regularly.

Parent volunteers are needed to assist with teams in the morning meetings. If interested, contact Mrs. Braunstein or Ms. Yasechco.

Jump Rope for Heart – is a community service learning program of the **American Heart Association**. It teaches kids:

- The importance of developing heart-healthy habits;
- That being physically active can be fun; and
- That by raising funds to support research and education they save lives across the country and in their community.

Starts - January 11th and ends January 17th

Upcoming Dates:

January:

- 2 - Holiday
- 9 – 20 MAP-R testing
- 16 – **Martin Luther King Day**
No school staff and students
- 18 - Winter Concert
7pm – Gym
- 20 - Marking period ends
- 23 - **Professional Day for teachers**
No school for students
- 27 - Variety Show
7pm – Wootton High School Auditorium
- 30 - PTA Lunar New Year Luncheon
11:30 am – 1:30pm Eagle's Nest

February:

- 1,2,8 - 5th grade to Kinsley Environmental Center
9:30am -1:30pm
- 3 - 5th grade to Frost Middle School
- 14 - **Valentines Day**
Class parties at 2pm
- 13 – 17 **Jump Rope for Heart**

