

Poolesville Elementary Principal's Newsletter

Montgomery
County Public
Schools

After Five Weeks of School.

Although it feels like the school year just started, so much has happened at Poolesville Elementary in the past five weeks!!

Our students have practiced classroom routines and are following school rules. Our teachers have identified the strengths and needs of their students. Supports are in place for students who need them. Our students know what is expected of them and they work hard to meet our expectations. We had a town meeting when we dis-

cussed the concept of RESPECT. The Tiger Reader Program is up and running. Our fall Tiger Tales reporters are ready to go. Our chorus has been selected. Instrumental music starts tomorrow. We might be able to have drama classes after school. Our patrols are keeping our students safe. MCPSAP and MAP-R reading assessments have been given and scored. Teachers are already getting ready for parent conferences. We are helping students remember to cough in their



elbows and wash their hands. Our wonderful volunteers are busy, busy, busy. We have had fire drills and Code Red/Blue drills.

All this and more in the past five weeks!!!!

October 2009

Did you know . . .

- That our teachers are studying about critical thinking and how we can bring these concepts into the classroom.
- Open House is on October 12 from 1:30 to 3:00.
- When students are waiting for buses, drivers **MUST** go slowly and watch for students who are not watching for cars.

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News from the School Cafeteria

Ms. Bateman and Ms. Sheetz work in our cafeteria. If you have questions about your child's account please contact them.

MCPS has developed

new lunch loan procedures for students. Account statements are generated for balances of \$20.00 or lower. When these accounts reach a \$10.00 negative bal-

ance limit, the student will receive a cheese sandwich instead of a meal. The school will absorb the cost of the cheese sandwich. The school has the responsibility

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of collecting the negative balances.

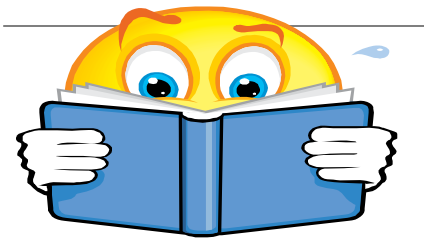
During the first few weeks of school, we have observed too many students coming into the cafeteria and immediately throwing their lunches into the trash. We try to make sure the students take their lunch back home if it is not eaten so that parents can see what their child has eaten or not eaten. However, if students throw their cafeteria lunches, nothing goes home. If a student is observed throwing away a full cafeteria lunch, the student will come to my office and I will call home with an FYI so that parents know that their children are not eating their lunches.

At the beginning of November, we will provide training for our lunch/recess aides. This training will include lunchroom and playground policies, procedures, and expectations. We will address issues of concern and make sure everything is in place so that lunch and recess go smoothly every day. If you have concerns about our lunch and recess time, please e-mail me directly and I will make sure your concerns are addressed. Lunch and recess in our school should be an opportunity for our students to interact with their friends within a less structured environment. The lunch and recess time should be fun and safe for all students.



Attached you might find

I have attached an important document for all K, first, and second grade parents. It contains information on first and second grade reading levels and the targets for kindergarten through fifth grade. This document describes a variety of different texts, tells you what the students are learning at a particular reading level, and gives you examples of how you can interact with your child as he/she reads to you every night.



This document can also help you choose books that your child can read inde-

pendently. Our teachers promote reading at home through the Read To Me, Talk With Me Program, our Tiger Reader Program, and daily homework reading assignments. The more reading children do, the better readers they will become. Please take a moment every night and on the weekends to read to and with your children. Also, if your children see you reading for enjoyment, they will follow your lead and learn to read for FUN!!!!

Dates to Remember

October 5	Cultural Arts	November 2	NO SCHOOL
October 12	OPEN HOUSE	November 3	PTA Meeting 7:00
October 16	NO SCHOOL	November 11, 12	Parent Conferences
October 19-23	Book Fair Week	November 25	Early Dismissal (12:35)
October 30	End of 1st Grading Period	November 26, 27	NO SCHOOL
	1:45 Halloween Parade and Parties		Thanksgiving



Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find “filler” articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you're finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.



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Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 100-150 words.

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or economic trends, or make predictions for your customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new

“To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.”

procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 75-125 words.

Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you're trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that appear to be out of context.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands

of clip art images from which you can choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

Once you have chosen an image, place it close to the article. Be sure



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to place the caption of the image near the image.

Montgomery County Public Schools

Primary Business Address

Your Address Line 2

Your Address Line 3

Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555

Fax: 555-555-5555

E-mail: someone@example.com

**We're on the
Web!
example.microso
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Your business tag line here.



Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

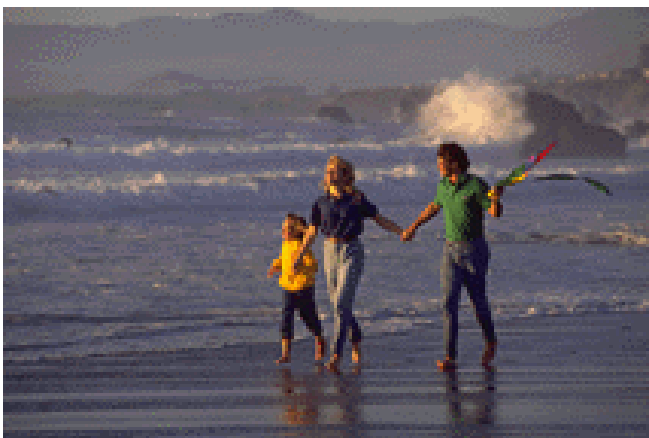
A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to re-

fer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind

readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.



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If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.