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THE PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER FOR STONEGATE FAMILIES

STONEGATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
14811 NOTLEY ROAD
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A Message from Mrs. Glawe

As we begin the second semester, please take time to review the Rules of Conduct for behavior in our school. We continue to emphasize our core values and to expect the best from our students. Discipline data is in this edition, and will be shared with the students and staff this Friday at our quarterly town hall meetings.

Please review:

- Students only need to bring the necessary items to school. Cell phones, toys and electronic games are not appropriate for the school environment. These items will be taken from the students and held until a parent comes to retrieve them.
- Students will use positive and respectful language at all times. The use of profanity, put downs, name calling and threats is grounds for disciplinary actions.

Please help our students develop good citizenship skills by modeling and supporting our core values of respect, responsibility, commitment and collaboration.

Help Keep our Students Healthy!

We have had many students come to the nurse's office due to illness. Please encourage your child to wash his/her hands frequently. If your child has a fever or has vomited, please keep him/her home for at least 24 hours. Our building service staff is working hard to ensure that desks, chairs and doorknobs are kept cleaned and ready for students.

For those who have students who like to visit the nurse frequently, please remind them that they should only visit the nurse if they are truly not feeling well.



Friday, January 21, 2011

Audra Fladung, Principal
Carla Glawe, Principal Intern

Nancy Evans, Acting AP

Special Points of Interest:

- **January 21 marks the end of the second quarter.**
- **January 24th is a Professional Day for staff. NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS!**
- **Students will attend the second quarter Town Hall meetings on Friday, January 21, beginning at 8:50 a.m.**
- **School Improvement Team Meeting will be held on January 31, at 3:15 p.m.**
- **The PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 2, at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Report cards will be distributed on Wednesday, February 3.**





Drop off and Pick up: Safety First!

We continue to have safety concerns during drop off and pick up in the front circle. As you know, safety is a number one priority for our students, staff and school.

A few reminders:

- Please pull all the way up to the Student Drop Off Sign to help decrease the congestion and unsafe conditions on Notley Road.
- Please follow the cues and directions of the adults and patrols on duty. It is equally important for students to enter and exit the vehicle in a safe manner.

- Please slow down in the circle
- Please do not walk through the traffic circle, we need to keep the line of cars moving
- Please do not cut in front of other cars while waiting in the line
- Please , do the best that you can, to have your child or children exit to the curb and into the traffic
- Please do not double park on Notley Road and have your children run into the street
- Please do not ask your children to run across the circle to meet you.

The adults outside will continue to monitor the traffic circle procedures. Please do your part to help keep our students safe.

Search for New Community Superintendent!

Dr. Jerry D. Weast, superintendent of schools, has announced his retirement effective June 30, 2011. As a result, the Montgomery County Board of Education is conducting a search for a new superintendent of schools. MCPS is working with the executive search firm of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA) to identify the best possible candidate for the position.

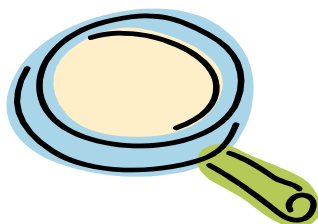
Parents and community members are invited to attend public forums conducted by the consultants. Below are the dates, times and locations of the forums.

Jan. 31, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.– Northwest High School and White Oak Middle School

February 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.– Bethesda Elementary School and Montgomery Village Middle School

February 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.– Wheaton High School and Carver Educational Services Center

If child care or translation/interpretation services will be required, please contact the Board of Education office at 301-279-3617 by January 24, 2011. For sign language interpretation, please call 301-517-5539 by January 24, 2011.





Farquhar Middle School Meeting: Save the Date!

On February 15, 2011, Farquhar Middle School will host an information meeting for parents of incoming 6th grade parents.

Parents will have the chance to meet Ms. Morris, the principal, and the administrative team, as well as the sixth grade team leaders, counselor, and current 6th grade students. In addition, parents will learn about course work, how to register middle school

courses, curriculum, policies and procedures. Parents will also learn about a 6th graders' typical day, and will be given the opportunity to ask the administrative team questions.

If you have any questions please contact Farquhar Middle School at 301- 924-3100.



Weather Related Emergency Info

- Information about school operations is announced publicly as soon as possible on local radio and television stations and other media including the internet. Please listen to the media in the morning before heading out the door. We have had students come to school on snow emergency days. No one is here to supervise the students when there is a 2 hour delay or when schools are closed due to a weather emergency. Below are a couple of information sources for you:
- Montgomery County Public Schools website: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org> .
- Comcast Channel 34
- Local radio and television stations

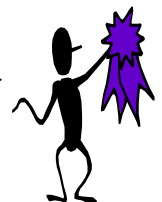
Quarter 2 Discipline Data

Our students continue to make wonderful strides in demonstrating our core values. Students have been honored through the distribution of “sharks”, quarterly core value certificates, Silver Spork rewards and Peace Day celebrations. In fact, many of you know we just celebrated our 50 days of peace by having a big dance party! We look

forward to celebrating our next peace day!

We increased our referrals by only one from quarter one. Our second grade continues to have no referrals yet this year! Our fourth grade decreased referrals by two this quarter as well. Most of the referrals the second quarter were from class-

room teachers. This data tells us that we need to ensure students are reminded that they are in school to learn. Please take time to review and reinforce the expectations during the school day.





Core Values

Respect

Responsibility

Collaboration

Commitment

Mission Statement

Stonegate's mission as a caring community is to foster the growth of life-long learners by communicating high expectations and standards through respect, flexibility, and collaboration.

Vision Statement

The Stonegate Community will be committed to a multicultural learning environment that motivates and supports all learners to achieve their greatest potential. We will collaborate respectfully to develop a standard of excellence that promotes high expectations for all learners.

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University of Maryland Interns

We welcome three University Maryland Interns to Stonegate. The interns will be working in kindergarten and third grade! They will help their mentors prepare for subject areas as well as facilitate small group instruction based on the teacher's lessons plans.

MCPS Parent Academy Workshops

The MCPS Parent Academy will present workshops between January 11 and March 30, featuring a broad array of important topics that are relevant to parents across the school system.

Three sessions will focus on the proposed MCPS operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year and feature Dr. Marshall Spatz, the budget director for the school system. A series of four workshops will educate parents on the special education process and how to become effective advocates for their children. Those sessions will be facilitated by the Montgomery County Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health.

The YMCA Youth and Family Services will present three workshops designed to help parents develop strategies and skills for raising responsible children.

Many more topics also will be covered in the workshops, including how to teach teenagers to be smarter, safer drivers, and how to communicate effectively with teachers and principals.

