



Burtonsville Bulletin



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE- APRIL 27, 2012

Please plan to join us on May 1st at 6:00 p.m. in the all-purpose room. Author, Barry Louis Polisar, will be joining us for our Reading Night this year. He is an author, songwriter, story-teller, and poet. A five-time Parent's Choice Award winner, Barry has written songs for Sesame Street and the Weekly Reader. He has been a regular musical performer on The Learning Channel and the star of an Emmy Award-winning television show for children. Look for order forms to come home with your child/children at the end of the month so they can preorder any of Barry's books or CD's. Materials will also be available for purchase the evening of the performance.

Benjamin Banneker Middle School will be holding an incoming 6th grade student Orientation Night on Thursday May 3, at 7:00 pm both parents and students are invited. Students will have the opportunity to go to a classroom, ask questions about life at Banneker, as well as participate in a scavenger hunt to win prizes! If you have any questions, call Banneker at 301-989-5747.

In response to questions pertaining to the 2012 fifth grade pool party, we have been advised that due to potential liability issues we should not approve end-of-year pool parties during the school day.

Congratulations

Art Show: The following students, Kevin Lin and Annie Hicks, had their artwork selected by MCPS from the White Flint Art Show this weekend to be part of a state-wide exhibit next school year. It is quite an honor for these students.

Destination Imagination: After winning honors for creativity and problem solving in regional and state and tournaments, the Burtonsville Elementary School "Brain Drains" team has earned the right to travel to Destination ImagiNation's Global Finals – the largest creative thinking and problem solving competition in the world. The team members include Nicholas Chitvaranund, Natnael Gebretsadik, Gilbert, Otoo, Ishaan Puri, and Nathan Wright. The team is managed by Chad Chitvaranund, who has led the team in the competition since 2008.

Important Dates

4/30 – 5/4 – Book Fair

5/1 – 5/3 - Kindergarten Orientation all day; there will be no kindergarten classes those days

5/1 – First grade: Ms. Smith, Ms. Ball, and Ms. Murch field trip to Montgomery County Recycling Center

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5/1 – Reading Night

5/2 – First grade: Ms. Whalen, Ms. Evans, and Ms. Keplinger field trip to Montgomery County Recycling Center

5/3 - Incoming 6th grade student Orientation Night at Banneker Middle School

5/8 – 4th Grade field trip to Historic St. Mary's City

5/10 – 3rd Grade, Ms. Renfrew and Mrs. Hendrickson field trip to National Capital Historical Museum of Transportation

5/11 – 3rd Grade, Mrs. Straub, Mrs. Hendershot, and Mrs. Weaver field trip to National Capital Historical Museum of Transportation

5/12 – Performing Arts Festival in the Rockville Town Center

5/14 – 5th Grade Group Portrait

5/16 – Patrol Picnic

5/22 – Spring Band and Orchestra Concert at 7:00 p.m. in the all-purpose room

5/24 – Field Day for Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade

5/25 – Field Day for Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade

Family Health Schedule for Fifth Grade

Week of Instruction (Family Health)

May 7th - May 11th

HIV/AIDS instruction

May 21st & 22nd

- Boys and girls will be separated for the entire week of instruction
- The nurse will come on Wednesday, May 9th to address each group
- Instruction will occur from 9:30 to 10:30
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MCCPTA Performing Arts Festival

Saturday, May 12, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. MCPS student based dance groups and adults will be performing at Rockville Town Center. The performer level is all school levels (elementary, middle, and high schools).

Superintendent to Hold Four Forums This Spring

Superintendent of Schools Joshua Starr will be holding four forums this spring, each focusing on a specific topic—Social and Emotional Learning (May 10 at Whitman HS). Each forum will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and will provide an opportunity for parents, staff, and the community to hear about the latest trends and research, find out what's happening in our schools, and share their thoughts and ideas with Dr. Starr, guest panelists, and other participants. Interpretation and childcare will be available. Additional information is available at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org or by calling 301-309-MCPS (6277).

Kids After Hours – Daycare

Parents, are you aware Burtonsville Elem has a fantastic before and after care program called Kids After Hours? Any questions check out Kidsafterhours.com or call Dave at 301-421-4195.