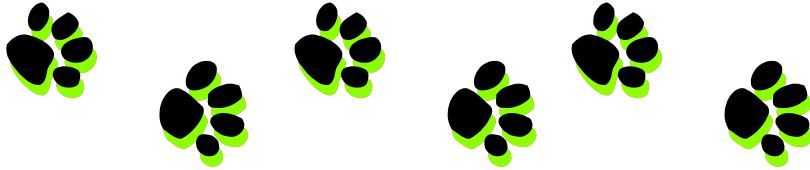




Fifth Grade Center News



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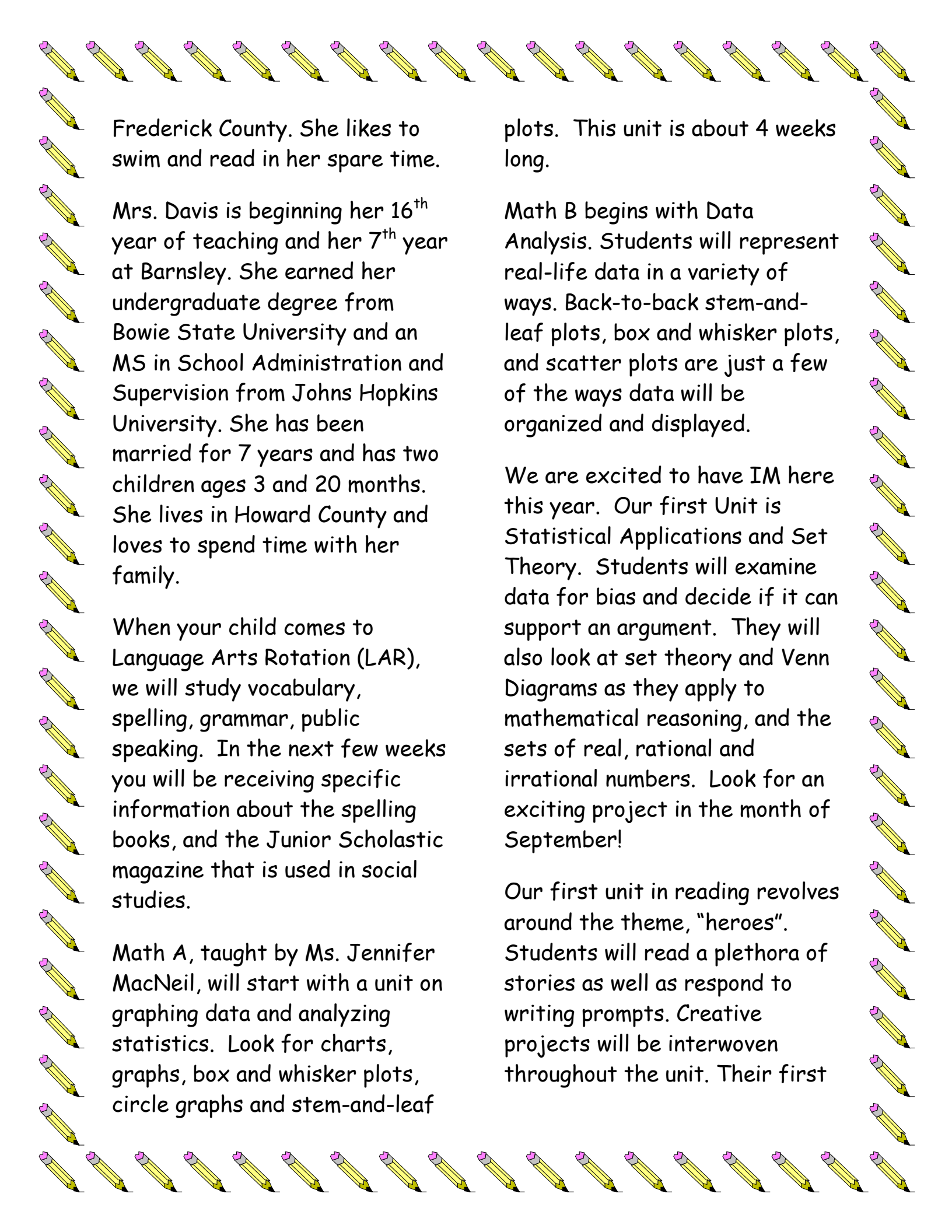
Welcome back to school for the academic year 2011-2012! We have all been working hard, along with our administrative team, Mr. Winter and Mr. Heidler, to make this year both exciting and productive.

Your child's three main teachers are Mrs. Lynn Camacho, Mrs. Karen Davis, and Ms. Michelle Hirsh. Your child's homeroom teacher will instruct him/her in both reading and writing. In addition, Mrs. Camacho will teach Math B and science, Mrs. Davis will teach Math B and social studies, and Ms. Hirsh will teach IM and Language Arts.

Mrs. Camacho is beginning her 32nd year of teaching in M.C.P.S. and her 17th year at Barnsley.

She graduated from Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY and has completed a Master's equivalency program through the county. Mrs. Camacho has been married for 23 years and has 3 children ages 22, 19, and 18. She enjoys dancing, cooking, reading and working with Premier Designs Jewelry Company.

Ms. Hirsh has been teaching for 28 years in both Pennsylvania and Maryland. Her background is in Montessori and gifted education. This is her 11th terrific year at Barnsley. She has a Master's equivalency along with a gifted education certificate from Johns Hopkins University. She lives in



Frederick County. She likes to swim and read in her spare time.

Mrs. Davis is beginning her 16th year of teaching and her 7th year at Barnsley. She earned her undergraduate degree from Bowie State University and an MS in School Administration and Supervision from Johns Hopkins University. She has been married for 7 years and has two children ages 3 and 20 months. She lives in Howard County and loves to spend time with her family.

When your child comes to Language Arts Rotation (LAR), we will study vocabulary, spelling, grammar, public speaking. In the next few weeks you will be receiving specific information about the spelling books, and the Junior Scholastic magazine that is used in social studies.

Math A, taught by Ms. Jennifer MacNeil, will start with a unit on graphing data and analyzing statistics. Look for charts, graphs, box and whisker plots, circle graphs and stem-and-leaf

plots. This unit is about 4 weeks long.

Math B begins with Data Analysis. Students will represent real-life data in a variety of ways. Back-to-back stem-and-leaf plots, box and whisker plots, and scatter plots are just a few of the ways data will be organized and displayed.

We are excited to have IM here this year. Our first Unit is Statistical Applications and Set Theory. Students will examine data for bias and decide if it can support an argument. They will also look at set theory and Venn Diagrams as they apply to mathematical reasoning, and the sets of real, rational and irrational numbers. Look for an exciting project in the month of September!

Our first unit in reading revolves around the theme, "heroes". Students will read a plethora of stories as well as respond to writing prompts. Creative projects will be interwoven throughout the unit. Their first

novel will be in the historical fiction genre.

Forces, Motion, and Energy is our first unit in science.

Students will do many hands-on experiments and explore basic physics. They will also have an opportunity to infuse creative writing into their explanation of scientific principles.

The first unit in social studies focuses on government, rights and responsibilities of citizens, and the election process. There will be several discussions held regarding the upcoming elections and students will, in turn, learn more about our local candidates who are running for office.

Important Dates:

September 5- Labor Day (School is closed)

6- PTA Meeting

9- Sleepover (for those who completed the summer assignments on time)

15-Back to School Night

28- Early Release Day

29- Rosh Hashanah (No school)

We look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night!

Please don't hesitate to contact us if there are any questions.

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