



Principal's Corner

By Sandra S. Reece

The superintendent has released the CIP (Capital Improvements Program) budget for consideration by the Board of Education. The addition to Bradley Hills is the top facilities improvement project in the Whitman cluster. The CIP recommends that planning and architectural design begin in July 2010, with a completion date of August 2013. During the construction phase, Bradley Hills will be housed at the Radnor Holding facility which is located within our service area. Our position in the CIP is the best case scenario for our overcrowding issues, but we will need to actively support the approval of the CIP in order for the project to move forward. Whitman Cluster PTA representatives and our own Scott Jofus will be presenting testimony November 11, at 8:30 p.m. at the Board of Education Hearings (CESC, 850 Hungerford Rd, Rockville).

Due to the retirement of Steve Bedford, Dr. Frank Stetson, our community superintendent, has been appointed as acting chief school performance officer. Dr. Stetson will assume his new role on December 1, overseeing all of the MCPS schools, supervising the community superintendents, and managing the Office of School Performance. Sean Bulson, a former principal of BCC High School and current director of school performance, will serve as acting community superintendent. Dr. Stetson shares: "I've been very privileged to work with wonderful school communities and have greatly enjoyed the many relationships I have with members of school staffs and the communities. I am very proud of the work our schools are doing and look forward to the schools continuing their many successes. I am also very pleased that Mr. Bulson will be succeeding me. He is an exceptional educator and leader."



PTA Corner

By Cathy Scherr

Thank you to all the families who participated in another successful Innisbrook fundraiser. A special thanks to **Beth D'Arcy**. Beth did a phenomenal job organizing, promoting, and making the fundraiser a success. Our families sold approximately \$19,000 in products which nets us about \$9,500.

Our next PTA meeting is **Tuesday, November 3**, at 7:00 p.m., in the Media Center. Ms. Reece will bring everyone up to date on the MCPS recommendation regarding the BHES addition. On **Wednesday, November 11**, **Scott Jofus**, the PTA Advocacy chair, will testify before the Board of Education requesting that the Board support the BHES addition. It is critically important that as many parents as possible come to the November 11 Board of Education meeting. We REALLY NEED to show PARENT SUPPORT for the BHES addition because everyone coming in front of the Board is seeking funding. WE NEED TO STAND OUT. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

Heritage Night is just around the corner on November 18. If you would like to set up a display reflecting your culture and heritage, please contact Segolene Adenot (301-320-4349) or Amelie Jourdier (240-330-2048) (heritagenight2009@yahoo.com) It promises to be a fun night. Be sure to save the date on your calendar.

Finally, (since you already have your calendar out), save the dates for the book fair at Barnes and Noble on **December 10, 11, and 12**. More information about the book fair will be coming soon.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Boundary Updates

To address the overcrowding at Bethesda Elementary and correct a cluster articulation problem, representatives from both Bethesda Elementary and Bradley Hills Elementary will participate in a boundary advisory committee. The area in question is part of the Whitman Cluster, however the elementary aged students attend BE, then attend Pyle and Whitman for middle and high school. This boundary study will take place this winter and be presented to the Board of Education in March 2010.

Germes – what are we doing and how can you help

Teachers, staff and volunteers are diligently trying to prevent the spread of illness in many ways, including:

- Increased vigilance regarding how students are feeling and acting and referrals to the health room
- Frequent hand washing/drying and use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers throughout the day, particularly before and after eating and after coughing or nose blowing
- Discouragement of children from touching their faces with their hands
- Reinforcement of proper coughing and sneezing technique (into the crook or arm/underside of elbow), hygienic tissue use (throwing away tissue and then washing immediately)
- Screening of returning students prior to readmission to school following illness
- Cracking or, weather permitting, opening classroom windows to increase air flow
- Unprecedented levels of cleaning and sanitizing of the school facility, including the upcoming installation of 10 new hand sanitizing units around the school

Talk with your children about the ways germs get into our bodies and spread to others so they will understand what they can do, every day, to help. Remind them that washing/drying or sanitizing their hands frequently, catching coughs and sneezes with the crook of their arms pressed into the mouth/nose and avoiding touching their faces are the main ways they can help keep themselves and their classmates, teachers and friends from getting sick.

Saturday Discoveries

Montgomery College will hold a one-day enrichment program for gifted and talented students in grades 4

and 5 at the Takoma Park Campus on Saturday, November 14, 2009, 8:30 a.m. – 2:50 p.m. Parents may call 240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917 for a brochure and registration information or visit the website, www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth. The deadline for registration is Monday, November 9, 2009.

Student Government Association Jean Drive

The Student Government Association (SGA) is organizing a jean drive for another elementary school in Montgomery County. Please donate any jeans you have that are in good/wearable condition and clean. They can be any size (child or adult). The jeans are due by Friday, November 13, 2009.

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| NOV. 3 | 7:00 PM– PTA MEETING (MEDIA CENTER) |
| NOV. 2 | PROFESSIONAL DAY FOR TEACHERS – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS |
| NOV. 10 | PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY |
| NOV. 11 | 12:35 PM – EARLY RELEASE, PARENT CONFERENCES 8:30 PM –BOE TESTIMONY, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM |
| NOV. 12 | 12:35 PM – EARLY RELEASE, PARENT CONFERENCES |
| NOV. 13 | 5 TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO MT. VERNON FLYER DISTRIBUTION DAY |
| NOV. 18 | 2 ND GRADE FIELD TRIP TO STRATHMORE 6:30 PM – HERITAGE NIGHT |
| NOV. 20 | 2:00 PM - BIRTHDAY BASH (APR) |
| NOV. 25 | 12:35 PM – EARLY RELEASE |
| NOV. 26-27 | HOLIDAYS - THANKSGIVING |