
BRADLEY HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

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Giving a Voice to Tomorrow's Leaders

December 5, 2011



Principal's Corner

By Sandra S. Reece

Believe it or not, it is already December and we are counting down the days until we relocate to Radnor. Teachers are busy packing, we are finalizing drop off and pick up procedures, and the bus routes have finally arrived. Friday morning, Ms. Enstrom began a series of announcements that will help our students prepare for the transition.

On Friday, we practiced our last fire drill at our current site. The sights and sounds of winter celebrations are appearing everywhere. Both Mr. Dayton and Dr. McDonald are preparing students for the last concerts in our existing all purpose room. It is a time that brings a mix of excitement as we look to the future, but a twinge of sadness as we realize that our building will be very different when we return.

Although winter doesn't officially begin until December 21, our weather is definitely beginning to dip into freezing temperatures. Please encourage your children to wear appropriate outerwear to school, including hats and gloves. Check to see that all items are marked for identification. If you are uncomfortable writing your child's name on clothing, choose another identifying mark that will distinguish items. Each year, an enormous amount of clothing winds up being donated to area charities because items in the Lost and Found are not claimed. As a reminder, children go outside for recess unless the temperature is below 25° with the wind chill.

Now is a great time to plan how your family will handle delayed arrivals and unscheduled early dismissals. Make sure your emergency contact information is correct on all school forms. Talk to your children about unexpected changes in the school schedule to avoid unnecessary anxiety. And, most importantly, keep yourself aware of weather conditions and monitor changes that could impact the school schedule.

Despite the focus on moving, staff and students are still engaged in teaching and learning. We are about mid-way through the second marking period and we still have three weeks of instruction before winter break.

We are looking forward to the PTA Book Fair at Barnes and Noble this Thursday through Saturday. Hope to see you there!



PTA Corner

By Meredith Switkes

It is hard to believe that it's December already! Thank you to all the families that stepped up and joined the PTA and donated to the annual campaign!!! Because of all of you, our children can continue to enjoy all of our fun events and their teachers can continue to get training to be better educators, just to name a few!

I think the move to Radnor is now on everyone's mind. We fought for this for so long and it's finally here: we'll be moving to the holding school and getting a fabulous addition. The teachers and staff have been working on making the transition as smooth as possible for children, but what about us parents! Please plan on coming to the PTA meeting Tuesday, December 6, at 7:00 PM in the Media Center to get all of your questions answered.

I wanted to thank Gail Warner and Terri Wakefield for an awesome Science Fair. It was nice to see so many projects with all the children so excited to show them off. What a great idea to have a special ceremony with the medals, that made the children feel special!

Remember to save the date for the BHES Book Fair – December 8, 9, and 10. You will have three days of fun and early holiday shopping at Bethesda's Barnes and Noble. Fair opens Thursday, December 8, at 5:00 PM with

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“Family Fun Nite”, where you will get to hear your favorite teachers read; Friday, December 9, there will be a special character reading of “The Polar Express”; and Saturday from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, we will have special guest performances from local authors and Mr. Ross himself! If interested in volunteering, please contact Barry Hauptman, barryhauptman@yahoo.com or Katherine Kerxton, kkerxton@gmail.com.

I hope everyone has Happy Holidays and a Healthy New Year! See everyone next year at Radnor!

Group Pictures

Club group pictures will be taken on December 19th. Ordering envelopes are available in the main office for pick up. The following groups will be photographed: Chorus, SGA, Patrols, News Announcers, Hupcaps, SERT Team, and Ambassadors.

Calendar of Events – December 2011 and January 2012

December 2	SGA Spirit Day – Wear the same color
December 6	7:00 p.m. – PTA Meeting (Media Center)
December 8 – 10	Barnes & Noble Book Fair - Bethesda
December 15	7:00 p.m. – Chorus Concert (APR)
December 16	2:00 p.m. – Birthday Bash (November 5 th Graders and All December)
December 19	1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Group Pictures (clubs only)
December 19	7:00 p.m. – Winter Instrumental Music Concert (APR)
December 19 – 22	Gymnastics Rope Climbing Unit
December 23	No School for Students
December 26	Holiday – No School for Students
December 27 – 30	Winter Break – No School for Students
January 2, 2012	Holiday – No School for Students
January 3, 2012	No School for Students
January 4	Students Return to School at Radnor Center
January 6	8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. – “Welcome to Radnor Walk-through”
January 6	SGA Spirit Day – Pajama Day
January 16	Holiday – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day – No School for Students

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January 20	6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Bingo Night – Pyle MS
January 23	Professional Day for Teachers – No School for Students
January 24	2 nd Semester Begins 3 rd Marking Period Begins
January 30	Non-profit Flyer Distribution Day