



Principal's Corner

By Sandra S. Reece

Punxsutawney Phil, the infamous groundhog, did see his shadow, so it looks like we may be in for more winter weather. Even as I write this, I am wondering what the weekend will bring. This school year has already seen 4 days of school closure due to the weather, and winter is not over yet. If you ever suspect a weather delay or closing, please check your television, radio, or Internet. You may also call the MCPS Information number at 301-279-3673.

Despite the weather, February is a busy time at Bradley Hills, and there are many opportunities for you to join in the fun. On February 12, we will celebrate Valentine's Day with classroom parties beginning at 2:00 p.m. Students and teachers are preparing for our third annual African American History Museum scheduled for Friday, February 19. We are moving the gallery show to the afternoon (1:45 p.m.). This year's "exhibits" promise to be just as exciting as last. Mr. Mlynarski is busy organizing Jump Rope for Heart that will take place on Friday, February 26.

I also want to join Cathy Scherr in urging you to attend the County Council hearings on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Your presence does make a difference and improving the facilities at Bradley Hills is an important priority. The Council doesn't release the testimony schedule until the last minute; but as soon as we know, we will publish the date for the community. Thank you in advance for your support.

Running out of ideas for snowy days?

How about making some simple science experiments? It is MUCH more fun than shoveling! There are several free and fun web sites that have engaging science activities for families. One example is: <http://fun.familyeducation.com/hobbies-and-interests/games/33402.html>



PTA Corner

By Cathy Scherr

The County Council's hearing on the Board of Education's capital budget request, **which includes funding for the BHES addition**, will be held on either **February 9, 10, or 11, 2010**. Unfortunately, we do not know the actual date of the hearing yet. It is **critically important** for us to show up at the County Council hearing. We need as many BHES families to show up to send a strong message to the County Council that our inadequate school facilities are not acceptable, and we want the school improvements funded now. **Please, please, please make it a priority to attend the hearing.** Also, please encourage your friends and neighbors to attend. A big group makes a very strong impression.

Thank you so much for your support.

Enjoy the weekend (and the snow)!

H1N1 Clinics at Bradley Hills

A limited amount of the H1N1 flu nasal spray vaccine will be made available for free to students at BHES on Tuesday, February 23, Wednesday, February 24, and Thursday, February 25, 2010, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. each day. Please check your child's backpack today for more information and the consent form. Instructions for scheduling an appointment are included in the Department of Health and Human Services information letter.

Awards Worthy of the President

Bradley Hills' students have participated in the Presidential Physical Fitness Challenge for the second year. This is the same fitness program that most of us remember from our own childhood and most likely participated in when we were youngsters. The program began in the early 1960's under President Dwight D. Eisenhower. It has developed and changed over the years from the simple fitness test it

once was to a fitness program that includes awards, differentiated types of challenges, and fitness programs for Americans of all ages.

Bradley Hills' students in grades 3-5 participated in five events which included sit-ups, shuttle run, the mile run, pull-ups, and the sit and reach. Each of these assessments measured one of the five specific health related fitness components, which students learned about during their physical education class during the second marking period.

Students were eligible for the National or Presidential physical fitness award by participating in the challenge. To qualify for the National award, participants must have finished in the top 50th percentile in all five events across the nation with boys and girls of the same age. To qualify for the Presidential award, participants must have finished in the top 85th percentile in all five events. At Bradley Hills we had more than 50 students qualify for the National Fitness Award. Two students, Alessandra Kim (5th) and Katherine Zarate (4th), qualified for the Presidential Fitness Award. These students join others from across the nation in receiving certification from the President. Congratulations to all students who participated in the challenge. – *Mr. Ski*

Saturday Discoveries

Montgomery College Youth Programs will host a special one-day enrichment program for gifted and talented students in grades 4 and 5 on Saturday, March 6, 2010, at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus. Students will attend four small group sessions covering science, the humanities, and the arts. The cost for the one-day program is \$85. Students are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Parents are cordially invited to accompany their children at no additional charge. A special optional workshop for parents will be held. Separate registration is required for the parent workshop. For more information, please call Ms. Sharon Wolfgang at 240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917.

Information is also available on the web site at <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/edce/youth.html>.

LOOKING AHEAD	
FEB. 12	BOUNDARY REVIEW – SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION 2:00 PM – VALENTINE'S CLASSROOM PARTIES
FEB. 15	HOLIDAY - PRESIDENTS' DAY - NO SCHOOL
FEB. 18	9:30 AM - PROSPECTIVE PARENTS COFFEE (MEDIA CENTER)
FEB. 19	1:45 PM - AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MUSEUM
FEB. 23	3:30 PM – H1N1 CLINIC (BY APPOINTMENT)
FEB. 24	3:30 PM – H1N1 CLINIC (BY APPOINTMENT)
FEB. 25	CLASS PICTURES 2:00 PM – BIRTHDAY BASH (APR) 3:30 PM – H1N1 CLINIC (BY APPOINTMENT)
FEB. 26	EARLY RELEASE DAY (12:35) JUMP ROPE FOR HEART