

February 3, 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I hope that your children enjoyed School Spirit Week! We had some terrific outfits throughout the week, especially for “Dress Like You Are 100 Day.” The creativity that went into some of the outfits was amazing! Next week, our Student Council is turning more serious by starting its Pennies for Patients collection. From February 6 through February 24, the Student Council will be collecting spare change (although they are not adverse to accepting dollar bills as well!) to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma, which supports blood cancer research and provides aid to patients who suffer from these diseases. Please help your children support this fundraising effort by having them earn money around the house for doing special chores or by donating part of their allowance to this deserving cause.

It was nice to see so many families at the Family Learning Night last evening to learn about how they can help their children do well on the upcoming spring tests. We are only five short weeks away from having students in grades 3 – 5 take the Maryland School Assessment. Please be sure to have your children read for 20 – 30 minutes every night. Kids who read more become better readers!

Here are some additional items for your attention:

- We will hold our awards ceremony for the second marking period on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 for grades 1 and 2 and at 2:15 for grades 3—5. As always, parents are invited to attend.
- We are now accepting priority registrations for the parents of students who live in the Brookhaven attendance area who are interested in the PILOT preschool program for three year olds. After April 15, 2012, registrations will be open to families who live outside of our attendance area on a first come, first served basis. Please contact the PILOT teacher, Mrs. Katie Harris, for further information.
- Please mark your calendars for Brookhaven PTA’s Silver Diner Night on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 until 8:30. More details will follow next week.
- Have you started thinking about summer programs for your child yet? Plan to attend the Summer Opportunity Fair at Richard Montgomery HS on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. To register for any of the Parent Academy workshops, all of which are FREE, please call 301-517-5940 or register online at [www.mcpsparentacademy.org](http://www.mcpsparentacademy.org).

*Please see the other side for “Next Week at Brookhaven.*

Thank you for your continued support. Have a great weekend with your family.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Grundy  
Principal

**NEXT WEEK AT BROOKHAVEN:**

**Monday, February 6:** Practice MSA in Reading for Grades 3 & 4

**Tuesday, February 7:** Practice MSA in Math for Grade 5

PTA meeting in Media Center at 7:00 PM

**Wednesday, February 8:** Practice MSA in Math for Grades 3 & 4

Awards ceremony for grades 1 & 2 at 1:30

Awards ceremony for grades 3 – 5 at 2:15

**Friday, February 10:** Wear Your College Gear