

November 20, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Thanks to your generous support, the fall fundraiser was a great success. With over \$7,500 in sales, the net proceeds to your PTA were a little more than \$3,300. This money comes right back to the children through events such as the cultural arts presentations, BINGO Night, and tonight's Movie Night. These extra events that make our school so special could not take place without our PTA and without your support of their work. Thank you!

This will be my last letter to you for a few months. Since next week is a short week, we will not send a letter and as we move into December, Mrs. Morris, our principal intern, will take over the task of keeping you informed through the weekly letter. I will continue to give Mrs. Morris more and more responsibility for the school and will leave for nine weeks beginning in late January so that she will have full responsibility of the principalship. During my absence, Mr. Eric Mills, a retired MCPS principal, will assume the role of assistant principal until I return in April. Mrs. Morris is well-prepared to take on these new responsibilities and I know the school will continue to run well under her expert leadership.

Here are some additional matters for your attention:

- The new standards-based grading and reporting system provides parents with more detailed information about what their children know and are able to do. However, this change in how we report children's progress does not lend itself to having an honor roll. We will continue to recognize students for their effort. The awards ceremony for the first marking period will be held on Monday, November 30th, at 2:00 PM. As always, parents are most welcome to attend the ceremony.
- The PTA will be showing the movie, *Ice Age 2*, tonight in the AP Room. The movie is free and the PTA will be selling hot dogs and snacks. This is a family event—parents must attend with their children.
- The PTA is also selling the Entertainment Book, which contains discount coupons to hundreds of restaurants, shows, and other stores. Books were sent home to each family to review. You must either return the book by November 30th or send in \$30 to purchase the book.
- We appreciate the fact that almost 90% (88.6%) of our parents met with their child's teacher for a conference. Our goal is still to meet with 100% of our parent partners. If you have not met with your child's teacher, please contact them to arrange a conference.

There's more on the back!

While my weekly writings to you may be on hiatus for the next few months, I will continue to be at school through the end of January and will be in regular contact with Mrs. Morris while I am on temporary special assignment for nine weeks. I know that I am leaving your children in exceptionally good hands.

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

Sincerely,

Robert B. Grundy
Principal

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT BROOKHAVEN:

Tuesday, November 24: Re-screening for Hearing and Vision

Wednesday, November 25: Early release day, no Pre-K or PEP classes

Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27: Thanksgiving holiday

Monday, November 30: Awards Ceremony for grades 1 – 5

Tuesday, December 1: Leadership Team meeting: PTA meeting at 7:00 PM