

Clearspring Weekly

Principal's Newsletter
December 2, 2011

"Education commences at the mother's knee, and every word spoken within the hearing of little children tends towards the formation of character."

Hosea Ballou (1796 - 1861)

Mission

Clearspring Elementary School is dedicated to working with parents and the community to promote the overall growth and development of the students so they become responsible, respectful, and productive members of society.

Principal's Note

As was mentioned in a previous Clearspring Weekly, Montgomery County Public Schools is in the process of implementing a visitor management system in all schools. The system has now been installed at Clearspring. We will **officially begin using the system after winter break**, but will, in the meantime, start to enter some of our visitors into the system. Please **bring your driver's license when you come into the building in the future**. It will take a few minutes to scan your license and enter some information, but after your initial visit, it is only a matter of scanning your license for each visit. Please bear with us as we familiarize ourselves with this new procedure. Thank you.

During the principal's coffee two weeks ago, I shared with parents a resource which can be accessed on the following website: <http://www.msde.maryland.gov/MSDE/programs/ccss>. This site allows you to look at the **Internationally Driven Standards** (common core) which Maryland has adopted. These standards are used in the development of Curriculum 2.0. It's a lengthy document. Having the website will assist you in taking a look at what is coming to all grade levels in MCPS.

Dr. Starr will present his **budget proposal** to the community on December 7th at Richard Montgomery High School beginning at 7:30 p.m. See the flyer attached.

Worth Repeating:

It is important that parents who are dropping students off in the morning or picking them up in the afternoon at the **car riders' area remain in their cars**. Any disruption to this plan delays the arrival and dismissal process. Thank you for your cooperation!

Please remember that there is **no parking in the front of the building** during the school day. This area is a fire lane and must also be available to buses. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Steel

Celebrations

Congratulations to the following Clearspring students who are members of **the DSA Cougars Football Federals (7-9) who beat Reisterstown on Saturday, November 19 in the Superbowl!**

Milan Chaudhary

Seth Holt

Wesley Lawlor

Nick Marley

Great job, Clearspring Cougars!

Congratulations to the winning classes for the previous 2 Spirit nights at Dominos' Pizza. These classrooms **won a free pizza party!**

- Winning Class for September **Mrs. Beam**
- Winning Class for October **Ms. Stroot**

Fifth grader, **Trey McCloskey**, recently became the first ten year old to fully complete the Double Black Diamond Rope Course at the Sandy Spring Park. This course, which is the largest rope course in North America, is usually reserved for participants 16 years and older. Way to go, Trey!

Congratulations to the following students who made the **MCPS North County Elementary Honors Chorus**:

- **Grace Kim**
- **Kaitlyn Noveras**
- **Shannon Scott**
- **Angel Clay-Lopez**
- **Taylor Jensen**
- **Alex Makogon**

Kudos to all students who tried out! You all gave an amazing effort! ☺

Husky News

From the Art Room – Mrs. Mendoza uses Styrofoam egg cartons as paint holders in the art room. If you use these in your home, she would be most appreciative if you will send them in to school with your children. Thank you.

The PTA will hold a holiday Snoop Shop where children can shop without their parents for inexpensive gifts for family and friends. They are seeking volunteers to help staff the tables, helping children select gifts and manage their money. No experience necessary! Please email Mrs. Kate Groves (kategroves@verizon.net) if you can volunteer for one or more shifts. Students in middle and high school may volunteer after school to earn SSL hours.

Tuesday, December 6: 8:20-9:00am, 11:30am-1:30pm, 3:00-4:15pm

Wednesday, December 7: 8:20-9:00am, 11:30am-1:30pm, 3:00-4:15pm

Thursday, December 8: 8:20-9:00am, 11:30am-1:30pm, 3:00-6pm

From the Clearspring PTA – Blue Envelope Campaign - Have you turned in your Blue Envelope donation yet? So far only 22 families have returned their gift and WE NEED YOUR HELP in order to maintain the current programming. If you need a flyer or envelope, email the PTA (clearspringpta@gmail.com) with your student's name and homeroom teacher and they will make sure one comes home with them. Let's see if we can reach 100 family donations by parent-teacher conferences!

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