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Visit our website! <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/greencastles/>

Our Mission: The students, staff and families of Greencastle Elementary School will work together as a community of learners to provide high expectations and successful learning experiences for ALL!

Important

Upcoming Events



- 1/23 No Students, report card prep
- 1/24 Strathmore Assemblies
- 1/25 5:30-7pm PEP Families at Chick-Fil-A
- 1/30 Classroom Group Pictures Pre-K to 2nd grades
- 1/31 Classroom Group Pictures 3rd to 5th grades



- 2/1 Report Cards distributed
- 2/3 Pennies for Patients
- 2/6 9:15am Awards 3rd to 5th grades
- 2/6 10:15am Awards Pre-K to 2nd grades
- 2/7 7:00pm PTA meeting
- 2/8 Pre-K Vision & Hearing test
- 2/10 Lesole's Dance Project Assemblies
- 2/13 & 14 2nd Grade In-House Astronomy Program

Dear Parents:

I hope that you are having a glorious GREENCASTLE NEW YEAR! By the way, how are you doing on your New Year's resolutions? :)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our many parent volunteers who are making a difference in the lives of our children. Whether you are working with students in the classroom, making copies, cutting paper, standing outside on recess duty, chaperoning on field trips, etc., etc., we are all so appreciative of your hard work and support. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

In our on going effort to reunite students with their belongings, we have relocated the lost and found. It will now be available for viewing by parents and student on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:20 am to 8:50 am on the blacktop outside the gym. In the event of inclement weather the rack will be in the foyer of the gym. Please remember also that items will only remain in the Lost & Found for 2 weeks. During the third week, clothing items will be donated to a local charity. Please remember that putting your child's name on their items will make it easier to reunite the lost article to its owner.

Have a tremendous week!

R. Kevin Payne



Knights Writing Academy Awards

Each month, student work is selected by teachers as exemplary and displayed in the showcase next to the media center. I invite you to read the wall regularly to see some fabulous writing!

Congratulations to the students whose writing has been highlighted for the month of **November!** We will highlight the **December** winners in the next issue.

Kindergarten: Mariah, Leilani, Larry, Skylar and Jennifer

Grade 1: None at this time

Grade 2: Rasmin, Riane, Fahad, Brian and Adam

Grade 3: Christopher, Nidhi, Jaron and Princess

Grade 4: Arthur, Jacinda, Valentina and Bryan

Grade 5: Bria, Daniel and Christopher



TRANSFER APPLICATION SEASON – Montgomery County parents who wish to request a change in school assignment for their children from their home school may begin the process during the upcoming transfer season, which will be held from February 1 through April 1, 2012. Assignment changes of students from one school to another are permitted under the following limited circumstances:

- 📖 Older sibling in the requested school
- 📖 Continuation in a feeder pattern from middle school to high school, except when affected by boundary changes
- 📖 A documented hardship situation



The transfer process begins at the home school, where parents may request an assignment change form and an information booklet that describes the process and provides useful information. Beginning in February, you can also find out additional information at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org.

HALL OF FAME – At Greencastle, we look for many ways to recognize our students for doing an exceptional job. The Hall of Fame is one way Greencastle uses to honor students who embody what it means to be a Noble Knight. Students earn a positive “Caught at the Castle, Knight Koupon” when a teacher or any staff member in our building “catches” him/her exhibiting expected behaviors. This could happen in the classroom, hallway, cafeteria, playground, bathrooms, arrival, dismissal, and bus/bus stop. Students are able to use their “Castle Coupons” to earn individual and class-wide rewards.

Students who earn 15 coupons in a single month are awarded the prestigious honor to be in “The Hall of Fame.” They have their pictures taken and are invited to attend a party with the principal! Below, you will find the month of November winners. Congratulations to...

Kindergarten

Muskaan
Johnny
Nayeli
Jennifer
Asherah
Faith
Bisrat
Sydney
Ami
Summer

Joilin
Moses
Joy
Stafina
Andrew
Nicholas
Minelis
Jordane
Skyler
Junior
Grace
Angelica

Yasmin
Jeremy
Maliha
Ryan
Michael
Tatum
Sean
Kyrene Anne
Zaire
Brownlee
Kalaylah
Qifenf

Temi
Markayla
Sabionn
Bryan
Neil
Fayanne
Kevin
Clarissa
Marcella
Firas
Neko
Laetitia



First Grade

Christopher
Holly
Markayla
Marakey
Giggy
Muhammed

Divin
Jiwan
Matthew

Second Grade

Khandi
Riane

Third Grade

Melody

Fourth Grade

Carlos
Valentina

Fifth Grade

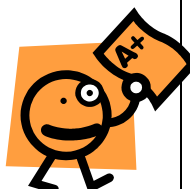
Helen
Andrea
Zeeta
Ronald

REPORT CARDS – Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, February 1, with all grade K-5 students. The following items will be included in the grade report cards:

Report card and comment sheet

IEP quarterly reports for students receiving special education services

ESOL updates for students receiving ESOL support If you have questions about your child’s progress through the curriculum and with the objectives, please chat with his/her teacher.



George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy Saturday School

- 📖 Low cost tutoring program for MCPS students
- 📖 Small group instruction from certified teachers
- 📖 Curriculum aligned with that of MCPS

Saturday School offers tutoring and mentoring in reading/language arts, mathematics, and test-taking skills for students in grades 1-12. It takes place Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at 12 high school centers.

For more information, please call the office of the director at 301-320-6545 or visit www.GBTLearningAcademy.org