



*Highland View's Children — Soaring to New Heights!*

# Principal's Page

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### Soaring to New Heights

Next Thursday and Friday, November 10 and 11, teachers are holding conferences with parents to review student progress toward academic and learning skills standards. I thank both our teachers and our parents for working together for our students' success.

At the conference, or perhaps in your child's backpack (depending on the date of your conference), you will receive the first marking period report card. Please do the following:

1. Discuss the report card with your child. Listen to what your child has to say about his or her performance.
2. Ask your child questions about his/her successes and challenges. Ask questions like: What helped you to be successful? What are some areas in which you would like to improve?
3. Praise and encourage your child. Two key messages we are always imparting to our students are "You can do it!" and "I won't give up on you!"
4. If you have any questions about the report card, please contact your child's teacher.

Report cards are an important way we give feedback to students and parents about students' academic performance. Please take the time to review them as a family.

### Trick or Treating at the White House

As stated in a letter that went home to all families, HVES was one of two schools selected by MCPS to receive tickets to participate in Halloween at the White House Trick or Treat on the North Portico on October 29. We would have loved for all of our community to attend, but we only received a limited number of tickets for staff and families. Our lottery selection process worked well, and we had 117 families send in a ticket request form. Twenty-three families were randomly selected, and the group braved the snow, rain and cold last weekend for the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. While our group did not see President Obama or the First Lady, many attendees were awed to be on such prestigious ground! Highland View eagles landed at the White House! Way to soar!

### Center Program for the Highly Gifted & Middle School Magnets

Information and applications for the Center Program for the Highly Gifted (**Grade 3 students**) and Middle School Magnet programs (**Grade 5 students**) were mailed directly from Montgomery County Public Schools' Central Office to our families with students in those grade levels. Applications for both programs are due by **November 7, 2011**. There will be informational meetings held for parents who are interested in learning more about the programs, and that information was included in what was mailed home. If you did not receive an application or would like more information, please contact Ms. Robin Brown (Highly Gifted Center) or Dr. Jennifer Jones (Middle School Magnets).

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### **November 4**

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.—Gr. 3 Field Trip to Brookside Gardens

#### **November 9**

Fall Pictures Make-up Day

#### **November 10 & 11**

Early Release Days—Students Dismissed at 1:00 p.m. (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

#### **November 15**

Gr. 2 Field Trip to Strathmore Hall

#### **November 16**

First Marking Period Awards Assemblies  
K-2—9:40 a.m.; Gr. 3-5—2:15 p.m.

#### **November 23**

Early Release Day—Students Dismissed at 1:00 p.m.

#### **November 24 & 25**

**No School—Thanksgiving Holiday**

#### **December 1**

**HVES Math Night @6:00 p.m.**

#### **December 6**

PTA Meeting @7:15 p.m.

### **Inclement Weather**

Now is the time to start thinking about the winter. The days are getting shorter, and the nights are getting colder. Soon the daytime will be colder too. Please make sure your child is dressed warmly for the cold weather. Students will have outdoor recess unless it is raining, snowing, or the temperature is below 32 degrees (including wind chill).