



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

# Principal's Page

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### **Fiscal Year Budget Presentation**

Dr. Starr will be presenting his Fiscal Year 2013 Operating Budget to the public on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville. The event will start at 7:30 p.m. Those in need of translation services are encouraged to arrive by 7:00 p.m. Childcare services for children ages 4-12 will be available.

### **HVES Addition Approved**

I am pleased to announce Dr. Starr has included the HVES addition project in his Capital Improvements Budget (2013-2015) to relieve our overcrowding, and remove the portables from our campus. The planning for the project will begin in fiscal year 2015 (2014-2015 school year), with the completion of the addition scheduled for August of 2017. Stay tuned for more information!

### **Visitor Management System**

A network-based electronic visitor management system will be installed soon at HVES. This system will assist us with identifying and verifying business of visitors to the school. This new visitor management system, like our new front door Access Control System, is part of a system-wide Montgomery County Public Schools initiative that eventually will be implemented in all schools. Visitor's drivers licenses will be scanned, and those without identification will manually enter their information. All visitors will receive a badge to wear while in the school building and are expected to return the badge before leaving the building. The safety and security of our students and staff are an MCPS priority, and this new system is intended to enhance MCPS security measures to ensure a safe and secure learning and working environment. If you have any questions regarding this system, please contact the staff of the Department of School Safety and Security at (301) 279-3066.

### **Inclement Weather**

Information about school operations is announced publicly as soon as possible on area radio and television stations, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Cable TV (Comcast Channel 34, Verizon FIOS Channel 36, RCN Channel 89), Outlook, on the Internet at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org), and on a recorded telephone message at 301-279-3673. Emergency announcements are available by signing up for MCPS *QuickNotes* and *Alert MCPS* text and e-mail notifications on the school system's home page. If schools are closed or delayed, the announcement is made no later than 6:00 a.m. (or the night before if possible). If schools are closing early, the announcement is made by 11:00 a.m.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**December 1**  
HVES Math Night @6:00 p.m.

**December 6**  
PTA Meeting @7:15 p.m.

**December 22**  
School Spirit Day—Crazy Hair Day

**December 26-January 2, 2012**  
Winter Break—No school

**January 3**  
Welcome Back!

**January 11**  
ESOL Parent Night –6:30-8:00 p.m.

**January 16**  
No School for Students -Martin Luther King Holiday



### **Testing Dates!!**

#### **Mark Your Calendars!**

MSA testing will be held for students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 from March 12-21, 2012. Additionally, MSA Science for Grade 5 only will be given on May 2-3, 2012. Mark your calendars for TN2 testing for Grade 2 on April 16-18, 2012. The ACCESS testing window for all ESOL students is February 6-March 23, 2012. Dates for specific grades will be sent at a later time.