

Montgomery Knolls Elementary School

"Where Learning Is Magic!"



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PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER, #5

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Calendar of Events October, 2009

Monday, October 26th

Hearing & Vision Screening (K & Gr. 1)
Parent Group Mtg. (Media Ctr) 7:00 p.m.
Spanish Parent Group Mtg.
(Staff Lounge) 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 29th

Hearing & Vision Screening (K & Gr. 1)
Pre-K (a.m. and p.m.) and Head Start to
Homestead Farm 9:30 a.m.

Friday, October 30th

1st Marking Period Ends
Fall Harvest Festival 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Monday, November 2nd

Professional Day - No school for Students
Parent Group Meetings 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 3rd

PTA Board Mtg @ MKES 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4th

School Individual Photographs

Friday, November 6th

Assembly for Grades 1 and 2 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, November 11

Early Release – **Parent Conferences** 12:35

Thursday, November 12

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Dear Montgomery Knolls Families,

First, attached to this newsletter, you will find information from the MCDHHS on how to prevent the spread of germs and flu-like symptoms.

Also, you will find information about checking for head lice. This information was sent home at the start of the school year, however, we are sending it home again to ensure that our community continues to stay informed.

Secondly, as you know, parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, November 11th, and Thursday, November 12th. If you have not scheduled a time to meet with your child's teacher, please do so as soon as possible. The parent/teacher conferences are extremely important since they allow for an exchange of information on your child's academic performance, social skills, the school program and expectations, and offer suggestions on how parents can help at home. If you would like further information, please contact your child's teacher.

In addition, congratulations to Mrs. Maria Narboni; last Friday was her last day as our school's Cafeteria Manager. Mrs. Narboni worked at MKES for over 10 years. We wish her well on her new journey.

Finally, After School Programs have begun, and will continue every Wednesday through March 24, 2010. Transportation is available for students who normally ride the bus; however, we have only one bus and over 20 students riding the bus. This means it will take a longer period of time to drop off your child. If you prefer to pick your child up at 4:15 p.m. on Wednesdays, please contact Mr. Fazzalare at school.

Sincerely,

Deann M. Collins
Principal

Developing the School Improvement Plan

All schools develop or revise a School Improvement Plan (SIP) each school year. This summer we updated the 2009-2010 SIP by examining data collected from student assessments and parent and staff surveys. This data is used to determine where we will focus our efforts to enhance and improve instruction based on the needs of our students, staff and parents; to allocate resources; and to plan parent and staff training. Parents are an important and vital part of the SIP process. We welcome your participation on our team so that your ideas and suggestions can be incorporated into our school's Plan. To be part of our SIP team, please contact Mrs. Deann Collins, Principal, at 301-431-7667.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS NEXT WEEK!!!

On Wednesday, November 4th, LifeTouch will be at our school to take individual school photographs. The package envelope will be coming home soon. Please make sure that you enclose the proper amount inside the envelope for the package you choose. Photographs will be back in time for Retakes on Thursday, December 3rd if you are not satisfied with the original photos. Monies must be included on Picture Day; LifeTouch will not take "late" payments for these photographs. If you have any questions, please call our office at 301-431-7667.

******WANT TO HELP US RAISE MONEY?******

...Then, please send us your Box Tops! Box Tops may be found on products with the following labels: Cottonelle, Huggies, Betty Crocker products, Juicy Juice, General Mills Cereals, Kleenex, Scott Paper Products, Viva paper towers, Old El Paso, Pillsbury, Yoplait, Ziploc and Hefty. The more box tops you send in, the more money our school will receive.

Also, if you sign into boxtops4education.com/earn/marketplace, Montgomery Knolls Elementary can earn box tops on sales, i.e. Oriental Trading, 1-800-Flowers.com and Lands End. Many other retailers are listed on the website.

BEAUTIFICATION AT MONTGOMERY KNOLLS!!!

Many kudos go out to Ms. Danielle Brabazon, mother of Rae Ann (Ms. Weitz' class), who has taken on a major beautification project of our Courtyard! If you would like to assist Mrs. Brabazon, please email her at DBrabazone@loyola.edu. Last Sunday, our school community gathered to remove yard waste from the patio (by the cafeteria). Mulch has been laid and we hope to see spring flowers popping up in the garden early next year! We appreciate all the hard work.

******IMPORTANT PARENT REMINDERS******

Please make sure your child is in school on time! Students **are late at 8:50 a.m.!** All parents must accompany their child to the school office for a **tardy slip** if you arrive at school 8:50 a.m. or later. If your child's classroom is located in a portable, please obtain a Visitor badge and walk your child to his/her portable.

Also, there is **NO PARKING** on **Daleview Drive**. We have been informed by the Division of Transportation and Montgomery County Police that cars will be ticketed if you park on Daleview Drive. Parents/Visitors may use the parking lot at the Daleview Pool or drop off students in front of the building, using the drop-off zone in the traffic circle.