

# Montgomery Knolls Elementary School

"Where Learning Is Magic!"



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PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER, #6

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## Calendar of Events November, 2009

### Thursday, November 12

Early Release 12:25 p.m.

### Parent Conferences

### Wednesday, November 18

Grade 2 – Strathmore Concert –9:30 a.m.

### Thursday, November 19

Family Math Night – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, November 24

Grade 1 – Field Trip to 9:30-1:30 p.m.  
National Building Museum

### Wednesday, November 25

Early Release 12:25 p.m.

### Thursday, November 26

Holiday–Thanksgiving – Schools Closed

### Friday, November 27

Holiday–Thanksgiving – Schools Closed

### Monday, November 30

Hearing & Vision – Rescreening

**Book Fair** Begins– Media Center

(Mon., Nov. 30 (Preview Day) thru  
Friday, Dec. 4. The fair will be open until  
6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 2.

### Thursday, December 3

Photograph Retakes

Dear Montgomery Knolls Families,

First, the staff and I would like to thank all of the parents that were able to attend parent-teacher conferences. Thank you so much for taking the time from your schedule to meet with your child's teacher. We had a great turn out! You were given a survey to complete that will provide us with feedback on the conferences. Please complete the survey and return it to school by Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. If you were not able to meet with your child's teacher, or did not receive a survey, please call or email your child's teacher to schedule a time to meet and/or hold a telephone conference.

Second, during parent conferences you should have received a copy of our Parent Involvement Policy-Parent Compact. All Title I schools are required to put this compact into action. The policy outlines how the families and school staff will work together to ensure that our children are successful in school. If you need a copy of the compact, please contact the school office. It will also be posted on our school's website very soon.

Third, we are looking forward to an exciting **Family Math Night** on **Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** so please mark your calendars to join the festivities. Math night will be held from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Fourth, I want to thank our parent volunteers, Ms. Jean Townsend and Ms. Danielle Brabazon, for assisting the photographers on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, Picture Day. Unfortunately, the photo packages were delayed reaching the school in a timely manner; however, Retake Day will be on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and your child will have an opportunity to take and/or purchase photos on that day. We will also have individual and class photos in the spring.

Finally, the next issue of our Community Newsletter will be sent home the first week of December, due to the forthcoming Thanksgiving holidays. The staff and I wish you a very happy and healthy holiday.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Collins. Principal

## THANK YOU!!!

The staff says a big "thank you" to the PTA and all the families who provided food for the Staff Luncheon held today. The meal was outstanding and very much appreciated by the entire staff!

## THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING

Our first Book Fair of the year is coming to MKES on Monday, November 30, which is preview day for the students. The sale will officially begin on Tuesday, December 1. Students will bring home their "wish list" and a student order form. **Please remember to add 6% Maryland Sales Tax to all orders.**

### 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.

### NEWS FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

Christine Cheson, RN, School Community Health Nurse is available to speak or meet with parents who have any health concerns or questions. Her email address is: [Christine M Cheson@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Christine_M_Cheson@mcpsmd.org). She is here in the Health Room on Thursdays and can also be reached through the health room as needed on other days.

Up to date information on H1N1 flu and vaccines can be obtained through the Montgomery County website, [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/H1N1flu](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/H1N1flu). There is also a flu hotline at 240-777-4200. New information is posted as soon as it is available. If you cannot find an answer to your question, contact the MKES health room.

The Health Room is in need of some gently used clothing. We especially need underwear (small sizes), pants, jeans and sweat pants. Please submit your donations to Ms. Falice Henry, School Health Tech.

### \*\*\*\*PLEASE HELP US RAISE MONEY?\*\*\*\*

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](http://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.

### \*\*\*\*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.**

**We have attached to this newsletter the MCPS Winter Weather emergency information. Please note that you should not call the school in case of snow or icy conditions. Please watch MCPS Cable TV (Comcast Channel 34, Verizon FIOS Channel 36, RCN Channel 89) or telephone 301-279-3673 for a recorded message from Montgomery County Public Schools.**

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.