

# Montgomery Knolls Elementary School

"Where Learning Is Magic!"



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## Calendar of Events January, 2012 Happy New Year!!!!

### January 11<sup>th</sup>

Chess Assembly, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Parents & Children attend, MKES Cafeteria

### Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

Holiday – Martin L. King, Jr. Day

### Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Ends

### Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

Professional Day for Teachers  
No School for Students

### Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

-Enrichment Night, 7:00-8:00 p.m.,  
Parents and Children attend  
-Dress Up Day (Wear Fancy Clothes)

## February

### Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

Report Card Distribution

Dear Montgomery Knolls Families,

Happy New Year! We hope you had an enjoyable winter break with family and friends. The children were very excited to return to school and shared some interesting stories about what they did during winter vacation. We are already working hard and look forward to the second half of the school year.

In addition, I want you to know that January will be a very busy month for students and teachers. All students will be taking their mid-year formal reading assessments as well as math assessments. Our teachers will also be completing report cards and writing report card comments for the second marking period, and planning for the third quarter. So, it is very important that your child attends school every day. We can assure you that quality instruction will continue to occur for all of our students!

Finally, the PTA meeting that was scheduled for next Wednesday has been cancelled; however, there will be a PTA meeting on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. We will still have a Chess Assembly next Wednesday at 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The purpose of the assembly is to introduce students to chess to see if they are interested since a chess club is being offered as an after school club starting at the end of the month. During the assembly, children will have a chance to play chess with their peers.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Collins  
Principal

## Welcome New Staff!

We are happy to welcome Mr. Daniel Yirenyi as our new Instructional Data Assistant who has taken over for Mrs. Giesler. Mrs. Geisler was able to find a position closer to her home in Gaithersburg. You will probably see Mr. Yirenyi during arrival time, lunch time and at dismissal. He will also be working with students in the classroom. We are also happy to welcome Ms. Sara Ortiz as an additional lunch & recess assistant. She has been supporting Kindergarten lunch and recess.

## Playground Installation and Construction Updates

- As long as the weather cooperates, the final installation of the playground equipment should be completed this week. Then, the director of MCPS safety programs will do a final inspection of the equipment to confirm that it is safe for the students to use. In the meantime, the students have been playing on the field and blacktop when possible.
- Over the holiday, the bulletin board that was on the wall at the main entrance was removed and the house sculpture was moved over. Two smaller bulletin boards will be installed around the sculpture and the front entrance will be resealed and re-painted over the next few weeks.
- Due to a few setbacks in completing certain areas of our school's renovation project, this will delay the MCPS School Board from doing their walk-through of the building. As a result, we will need to push back the dedication celebration of the project to late February or early March.