

Montgomery Knolls Elementary School

"Where Learning Is Magic!"



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PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER, #11

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Calendar of Events February

Wednesday, February 1st

-Report Card Distribution

-Student Data Notebooks sent home with students

Friday, February 3rd

Cultural Arts performance for students: Monumental Brass 9:15-10:00, 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 7th

PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at MKES
Children and parents should attend

Wednesday, February 8th

TN2 Information Night
Media Center, 6:00-6:30pm

Family Math Night, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Monday, February 20th

Holiday – President's Day
School Closed

Tuesday, February 28th

Picture Day

Wednesday, February 29th

Favorite Color Day (Students will wear clothes with their favorite color)

Dear Montgomery Knolls Families,

From February 6-24, our school will be participating in collecting coins for *Pennies for Patients*. Pennies for Patients is part of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) School and Youth Program. This program will demonstrate our school's commitment to community involvement and that children do make a difference. The fundraiser is being coordinated by Mrs. Morgenstein-Counselor, Mr. Pompei-Physical Education Teacher, and Mrs. Chimenian-Parent Community Coordinator.

As part of the fundraiser, on Friday, February 3, each student will bring home their own personal collection box. Then, starting on February 6, the students should begin to collect coins and place them in their personal collection box. Each classroom will also have their own collection box, so students should bring their personal box to school and place the coins they collected into the classroom collection box. The classroom boxes will be collected and totaled every Friday. The class that collects the most money by February 24 will receive a pizza lunch. We are looking forward to seeing how much money we collect in an effort to give back to such a worthy cause!

Also, our Kindergarten Orientation Program will take place on Thursday, May 3rd and Friday, May 4th from 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. Kindergarten Orientation is an opportunity for parents and children to meet the teachers and visit the classrooms in a fun and informal way. Parents/guardians of children who will be five years old on or before September 1st, 2011, can register their children for kindergarten on the dates listed above. Please contact Ms. Soria our Attendance Secretary, at school and she will be able to assist you in scheduling a time for registration. **Please remember that on these days, there is no school for our current kindergarteners.**

Sincerely,
Mrs. Collins
Principal

CHANGE OF SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT (COSA)

Students in Montgomery County are assigned to public schools based on their place of residence or in accordance with an individualized Education Program (IEP) and are expected to attend their assigned school. Changes from one's assigned school to another school are permitted for students who are exempt or who have documented a unique hardship. Requests for a change in school assignment will be granted under certain hardships. COSA forms must be submitted **no later than April 1st, 2012**. For further information on the change of school assignment application process for students, please contact 301-592-2040 or the website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/schoolchoice.

Saturday School

MCPS is proud to announce the continuation of the George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy, Inc. Saturday School. This program focuses on english, math, and science in grades 1-12. The program meets each Saturday morning from September 24th through April 26 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Montgomery Blair HS. For further information and registration call 301-320-6546 or 301-320-6545. Financial assistance is also available.

College Gardens Elementary School Chinese Immersion Open House

February 7th and 28th

9:30-10:15 a.m.

Presentation includes:

- **Information about the immersions programs application process**
- **The Chinese Immersion Program at College Gardens ES**
 - **A school tour**

Please direct questions to Molly Murray,
Chinese Immersion Coordinator

E-mail: molly_b_murray@mcpsmd.org

Parent Academy Workshops

Do you want tips for helping your child get the most out of homework? Are you concerned about keeping your child safe on the internet? If the answer to these questions is "yes", then you will want to attend one or more FREE workshops offered through the new Montgomery County Public Schools Parent Academy. Workshops on a variety of topics begin in January 2012 and will be held at schools and locations throughout the county. Interpreters and child care will be provided upon request. For additional information about the schedule of workshops and registration, please visit www.mcpsparentacademy.org or call the Division of Family and Community Partnerships at 301-516-5940.

IMMERSION INTEREST FORM

Prior to completing an Immersion Interest Form, the student must be enrolled in Montgomery County Public Schools (Elementary). Immersion programs are available to families who live in Montgomery County. Forms must be received by the Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services (DCCAPS) or postmarked by April 23, 2012. Your completed interest form may be faxed to 301-649-8155, or mailed or delivered to: DCCAPS, 11721 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902.