



Friday, January 13, 2012

Dates to Remember

- Mon, Jan. 16—**
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No School for Students or Staff
- Fri, Jan. 20—**
2nd Grading Period Ends
- Mon, Jan. 23—**
Professional Day, No School for Students
- Tues, Jan. 24—**
Cultural Arts Assembly-West African Storyteller, Diane Macklin, 9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
- Thurs, Jan. 26—**
Lunar New Year Celebration, 9:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
- Mon, Jan.30-Fri, Feb. 3—**
PTA Scholastic Book Fair
- Tues, Jan. 31—**
Kindergarten Specialists Night, 6:00-8:30 p.m.
- Wed, Feb. 1—**
Report Cards Sent Home
- Thurs. Feb.2—**
Second Grade Jeopardy Night 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Wed, Feb. 8—**
Open House for Incoming Kdgn. Parents, 9:30 a.m.



Principal's Notes

After enjoying our winter break, our students and staff returned refreshed and ready to face and master the academic challenges ahead. If you look at our calendar on the left, we have many exciting programs and activities planned. Please mark your calendar so you do not miss out.

Remember, there is no school this coming **Monday, January 16**. On this day we celebrate the life, career and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., American civil rights leader. Enjoy your three day weekend.

The Matsunaga/Longview PTA has organized a special **"Dining For Dollars" - Vocelli's Pizza Night on Wednesday, January 18**. The funds raised from this event will help with the cost of the 5th grade class t-shirts. Remember, Vocelli's will deliver! Flyers from the PTA will be coming home on Wednesday. We hope you will enjoy a Vocelli's Pizza Night and support the fifth grade class.

With the unpredictable weather of the season, we ask that you send your child(ren) to school prepared to go outside for recess. This includes coats, hats, and gloves or mittens. We go outside everyday except when the temperature (or wind chill) is below 32 degrees and on those days when rain or snow keeps us indoors.

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Lunar New Year



On Thursday, January 26, 2012 we will ring in the Year of the Dragon with two Lunar New Year assemblies, at 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us! If you have clothing from countries that celebrate Lunar New Year we invite you to wear it and be part of our celebration.

Student performances will include dances, drums, martial arts and a special song from the students in the Korean Language/Culture Before School Program!

The PTA Scholastic Book Fair



The Matsunaga/Longview Scholastic Book Fair will be held January 30 through February 3, 2012.

The book fair hours are:

Mon 1/30—Fri 2/3 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

additional hours:

Tues. 1/31 (primarily for kindergarten families)
6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Thurs, 2/2 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Fri. 2/3 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Please come, shop, save and support the Matsunaga/Longview PTA.



Labels for Education - 100 Point Bonus in Your January Paper!

There was a special collection sheet for bonus points in your January 8th, 2012 newspaper. If you didn't get it, go back into your recycling bag and Check it Out!

Look for the collection sheet, and turn in completed sheets by 3/9/12. If you can't finish a collection sheet, send it in anyway. You never know what your fellow students will be sending in.

Did you make green bean casserole for the holidays? Did you check your cans of cream of mushroom soup and gravy? Some of these items in your pantry already have labels on them. It's not just Campbell's anymore. Some of our favorites are Pepperidge Farm Goldfish, breads and cookies, Prego sauces, Spaghettios, Post Cereals, Danimals Crush Cups and Pop Secret popcorn. Did you know some of the magazines you pick up at the checkout counter have labels too?

Campbell's has a fabulous website where they offer coupons for their family of products. You can also find them on Facebook. And some time in January, Labels for Education will be on Facebook too.

Don't forget, our contest is still going strong. The class that sends in the most label points will win a Pepperidge Farm Goldfish party with all your favorite flavors.



YEARBOOK ORDER FORMS ARE HERE!

This year's yearbook is expected to be the best ever! The yearbook will be packed full of the best collection of photographs representing the school year. It will include candid, group photos, individual portraits of students and staff. Don't miss out on the fun.

Now is the time to order! We will order a few extra yearbooks over the number of pre-orders. These extra books will be sold on a first come basis.

Yearbooks will be distributed at the end of the school year.

ALL PRE-ORDERED YEARBOOKS WILL BE PERSONALIZED!!!

A personalized yearbook will have 4 additional pages with the student's name and photo on each page. Any yearbooks that are not pre-ordered and that are sold in June will be standard and will not include these pages.

Cost: \$21.00 for pre-ordered personalized
(All yearbooks sold at the end of the year will cost \$23.00)

Make checks payable to: LIFETOUCH

5th Grade Parents There will be a meeting held at Kingsview Middle School for parents of incoming 6th graders on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, please call Kingsview at 301-601-4611.

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Workforce Development & Continuing Education

YOUTH PROGRAMS

register NOW for

MC Adventures

A one-day enrichment program offered for students in grades 4 - 6
Saturday, January 21, 2012
from 9:00 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. on the Germantown campus of Montgomery College.

Students will have an opportunity to select three workshops to participate in during the day. Workshops cover a variety of topics, including art, LEGO construction, improvisation, technology, and physics.

Also, a special optional two-hour parent workshop is available on bullying, called, "Beating the Bullies." Don't miss this special opportunity to discuss such a "burning" topic.

Workshops fill quickly, so register right away!

For additional brochures or registration information, contact Workforce Development & Continuing Education at 240-567-7264 or

240-567-7917 or access our website at <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youthmcadventures.html>



CANDIDS NEEDED—

We are looking for pictures from Halloween and the Veterans Day Program for the yearbook. If you have photos to share, please send them in on a flash drive so that we can download them and we will return your flash drive a.s.a.p. Or you may email them to:

Jeanne_M_Webster@mcpsmd.org



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Kindergarten Volunteers

Our kindergarten students began taking the MCPSAP Primary Reading Assessment Test this week. This test is done at various times throughout the school day and testing will continue through Friday, February 3.

Therefore, our wonderful kindergarten volunteers will enjoy a well deserved break from their volunteer duties and we will welcome them back on Monday, February 6.

Thank you for all your help!

The Kindergarten Team and Administration

We are so excited that acclaimed storyteller, Ms. Diane Macklin will join us again this year to perform at two assemblies on Tuesday, January 24th.

Ms. Macklin is a certified educator, actress, lecturer and historian. She has worked with the Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art as their resident storyteller as well as Colonial Williamsburg Storytelling Festival and Wolf Trap's Theater in the Wood's.

She delights her audiences as she integrates her theatrical presence, dancing hands, and lyrical voice to create unique stories

Because of her training as a formal classroom teacher and a cultural mediator, she brings a uniqueness to her program, integrating the arts into education. In years past, she has delighted us with stories such as Succotash Tales—which celebrates the richness of American stories, tradition and folklore.

We are looking forward to hearing more of her wonderful stories!

Cultural Arts Assembly



Open House Tours for Incoming Kindergarten Parents

We will be providing Open House tours to parents in our community with children who will be eligible to enroll in kindergarten in the 2012-2013 school year. This will give them the opportunity to see the school, receive important information concerning registration and learn more about Matsunaga Elementary. These meetings are primarily for parents who do not already have children in Matsunaga and are not familiar with the registration process, however, all incoming kindergarten parents are welcome to attend.

If you know of anyone in your neighborhood that has a child that will be attending kindergarten next year, please pass this information onto their parents.

Open House Dates:

- Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.**
- Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.**
- Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.**
- Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.**

Our only request is that you please call our office at 301-601-4350 to schedule for an Open House date, so that we may better plan our event.

Attached to our newsletter is our Kindergarten Survey Form. If you have a child who will be five years old by September 1, 2012, please fill out the form and return it to the school office so that we can get Kindergarten Orientation information sent home to you.

SGA NEWS—Congratulations to our SGA officers for the 2011-2012 school year.

- President—Katelyn Brougher**
- VP's—Matthew Johnson & Joey Putonen**
- Treasurers—Mia O'Neill & Daniel Zhu**
- Secretaries—Lexi Levine & Michelle Zheng**
- Historians—Serena Handa & Frankie Schofer**



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2012-2013 Kindergarten Survey
Spark M. Matsunaga Elementary School



Please help us more accurately predict the number of students who will attend kindergarten at Matsunaga Elementary during the 2012-2013 school year, as we prepare for Kindergarten Orientation.

According to Maryland State Law, a child must be five years old by September 1, 2012 in order to enter kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year.

If you have a child who will be entering kindergarten in the fall, please complete the form below and return it to the school office as soon as possible. If you have neighbors or friends with children that are kindergarten age, please pass on this information sheet to them or ask them to call the school office at 301-601-4350.

Kindergarten Orientation is scheduled for May 2, 3, and 4, 2012.

Kindergarten packets containing all the information needed for registration will be sent home in mid April.

If your child is not a US citizen, please contact the Residency and International Admissions Office at 301-230-0686 to begin the enrollment process.

Child's Last Name: _____

Child's First Name: _____ MI: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: ____ Race: _____

Home Address: _____

Home phone #: _____

Parents/Guardian:

(Mom): _____ Cell #: _____

(Dad): _____ Cell #: _____

(Guardian): _____ Cell #: _____

May we send your Kindergarten packet home with a sibling or with one of your neighbors?

Child's Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Lunar New Year Celebration – The Year of the Dragon!!

Program Cover Design Contest – 2012



It is time to submit your design for the program cover for the 2012 Lunar New Year Celebration at Matsunaga!!! All you have to do is follow the guidelines below and have your artwork turned in to the office attention Colleen DeSoto.

Guidelines:

- All artwork must be submitted by **January 20, 2012**.
- Artwork may be submitted on paper or on a computer disc/flash drive.
- Designs must be original drawings/paintings or artwork. Clipart may not be used.
- You must include the year (2012) and the Dragon.
- Please put your FULL name and your teacher's name on the back of the paper or written on the disc/flash drive.
- Original artwork will not be returned.

The winner will be decided prior to the Lunar New Year Celebration on January 26, 2012 and will win a popsicle party for his/her class. The winning artwork will appear on the cover of the program for the Lunar New Year Celebration on January 26, 2012.

Should you have any questions, please contact Colleen DeSoto at colleendesoto@yahoo.com.

Good luck and have fun!!!