

**North Chevy Chase Elementary School  
3700 Jones Bridge Road  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815**

**Principal's Post**

**December 2, 2011**

The sights, sounds and smells of the season are all around us and the spirit of giving is alive and well at North Chevy Chase. I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving! I am extremely thankful to be a part of such a dedicated and hardworking staff. I am also truly thankful to be part of a community that cares about children and works hard to support the efforts of the school. I thank you for your support and encouragement. During this season, it is not only important to express our gratitude with words but express it through our actions as well. Enjoy your time with family and friends during the holiday season.

**PTA Fundraiser**

The Endowment for Excellence was a success. We, the staff at NCC, extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you. Through your incredible generosity the PTA raised over \$31,000. for the school. Your support directly benefits our students, allowing the PTA to fund new technology for the school, Cultural Arts programs, Fast Math, After School Achievers, the Mentoring program, and teacher and principal discretionary funds.

Your continued support of the students is what makes NCC such a special community. We wish you a wonderful upcoming holiday season. Special Thanks to Theresa Helfman Taylor and Holly Gross , Fundraising Chairs.

Congratulations to the fifth grade classes for having the most families participate in the campaign. As a result the fifth grade students won a pizza party that was held before the Thanksgiving break!

**School Attendance**

Attendance is critical to instruction in school. We have noticed that a number of children are late each day. I urge you to make it a priority to have a morning routine where children have ample time to get up, get dressed, eat breakfast and get to school on time. Using the neighborhood school bus helps with the routine. Students are late if they arrive after 9:15 a.m. They must stop in the office to sign in and get a late pass. Students who are habitually late miss important directions and class work. Parents will be notified when tardiness is excessive and will be asked to attend a conference to discuss ways to resolve the problem. Please make every effort to limit the amount of school missed due to appointments. Teachers plan instruction through 3:25 p.m. and students are responsible for making up work missed if they are not in class.



## **Spotlight on Success**

### **Student of the Week**

<b>November 1st</b>	<b>November 7th</b>	<b>November 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>November 21st</b>
Grade 3 - Damien Pontachack	Thomas Watkins	Sandra Gama	Emily Niman
Grade 4 – Harry Hugonnet	Hayden Renaghan	Eve London	Jenna Kirsch
Grade 5 – Daniel Villalobos	Kate Farmer	Amen Siyoum	Yeni Machado
Grade 6 - Edwardo Noriega	Rachel Rabinowitz	Nick Callos	Lena Auerbach
Specialist - Antonio Barakat	Ethan Tiao	Josh Kline	Caroline Hersman
Teacher - Mr. Ott	Mrs. C. Simpson	Ms. Ogburn	Mrs. T. Albreth

### **November 28<sup>th</sup>**

Grade 3 – Tilly Sandmeyer

Grade 4 – Gus Marcus

Grade 5 – Eric Ramos

Grade 6 – Prem Khandge

Specialist – Ethan Jenkins

Staff - Mrs. Beth Mills

### **Community Outreach**

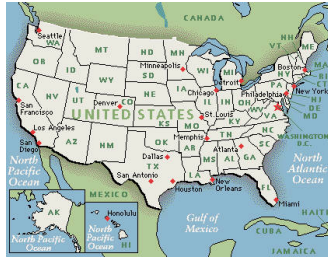
Our first SGA community outreach project of the school year benefited many families during the Thanksgiving holidays. Many thanks to all of you who participated in donating food last month. Our community consistently meets the challenge when it comes to helping others, and this year's food drive was no exception. Included in the final tally were supplying boxes of food and grocery store gift cards to 12 NCC families; supplying food for 10 families at Wheaton Woods; collecting coats and winter clothing to families at Wheaton Woods, plus delivering 5 boxes of food to MANNA.

### **NCC Yearbook Cover Contest**

All North Chevy Chase students are invited to participate in the Yearbook Cover Contest. The contest ends on December 6<sup>th</sup> so please make sure that all entries are submitted before then. Students should see Mrs. Tinney for complete details.

## NCC WorldWide

The Yearbook Club has decided to create a page in the yearbook called NCC WorldWide. You can go anywhere in the world and take a picture of yourself wearing NCC articles of clothing such as: shirts, sweatshirts, headbands, socks, pants, or anything else. Your photo can be delivered to Ms. Tinney by e-mail ([tracey\\_1\\_tinney@mcpsmd.org](mailto:tracey_1_tinney@mcpsmd.org)) or handed in as a 4x6 photo. Remember, be creative and your picture may get chosen for the yearbook! ☺



## Child's Belongings

Each year we have an amazing selection of coats, sweat shirts, gloves, hats and lunch boxes that make their way to the lost and found. Please consider labeling your child's clothing so that it can be returned to you if found. Check the lost and found occasionally to see if something of yours might have made its way to the bin. Lost and found items are located in the All Purpose Room on the stage.

### **Important dates For the Bulldogs in December**

#### **December**

1<sup>st</sup> – Sixth Grade Parent Articulation Meeting with principal from Westland 7:00 pm @ Chevy Chase Elem.

6<sup>th</sup> – Yearbook contest cover entries due

8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> - Drama Club Production 7:00 p.m.

21<sup>st</sup> Chrous/Band-Orchestra Winter Concert – BCC High School 7:30 p.m.

24<sup>th</sup> – Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – Winter Break

#### **January**

16<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King Holiday School Closed

18<sup>th</sup> – Grade 6 Middle School Spanish Exam

27<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Grade Field Trip to Baltimore

Enjoy the holiday season!

Reneé D. Stevens





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November 2011

Dear Parent or Guardian:

A network-based electronic visitor management system soon will be installed in your child's school to assist principals and school staff in identifying and verifying business of visitors to the school. This new visitor management system is part of a systemwide Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) initiative that eventually will be implemented in all schools.

The new visitor management system is an automated system that replaces the current paper/pencil sign-in/out logs for visitors. The new system will provide a computer, scanner, and printer to the school. Visitors' driver's licenses will be scanned, and those without identification will manually enter their information. All visitors will receive a badge to wear while in the school building and are expected to return the badge before leaving the building.

This visitor management system provides administrators convenient access to several reports; e.g., in the event of an emergency/crisis, visitor accountability is easily accessible. Administrators also can track the number and purpose of visits to their school, including the number of volunteers and volunteer hours. While schools were able to do this in the past, it was a time-consuming task.

The safety and security of our students and staff are an MCPS priority, and this new system is intended to enhance MCPS security measures to ensure a safe and secure learning and working environment. If you have questions regarding this system, please contact the staff of the Department of School Safety and Security at 301-279-3066.

Sincerely,

Larry A. Bowers  
Chief Operating Officer

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