

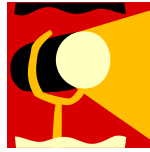
North Chevy Chase Elementary School  
3700 Jones Bridge Road  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Principal's Post

January 6, 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2012! Since our return to school on January 3rd, we have found ourselves well on our way to continuing our commitment to excellence and student achievement. As we journey into 2012, it is important for students to be on time for school every day and stay focused on learning. Through your continued support, NCC students will achieve great success.



**Spotlight on Success**

**Student of the Week** - Each week teachers at all grade levels, as well as the specialists, select a student as Student of the Week. Students are recognized on the morning announcements for their leadership, determination, responsibility, hard work, or overall good citizenship. At the end of the month all students who were awarded Student of the Week are invited to have lunch with the principal. Please look at the showcase in the front hallway of the school for a picture and write up of these students. Students selected for the month of December were:

**December 5th**

Grade 3 - Alex Crubaugh

Grade 4 – Jed Lewis

Grade 5 – Violet Collins

Grade 6 - Grace Gama

Specialist - Meg Gray

Teacher - Ms. Bowers

**December 12th**

Effie Amankway-Ayeh

Kassandra Rios

Miriam Lorber

Ennis Hodgson

Eden Pleasure-Kranowitz

Ms. Vicino

**December 19th**

Evan Warner

Rachel Auerbach

Angelina Camillo

Nandita Kohli

Emma McMillian

Ms. Mosley-Ramsey

## Lice Parent Information Meeting

Where does lice come from? How do you treat lice? If you have every had any of these questions or others, please come to our parent information meeting on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. The School Community Health Nurse, Janet Bill RN will hold a parent information session about Lice Prevention and Treatment. The session will be held from 9:30-10:30 am at NCC.

## **Inclement Weather Procedures**



Winter weather emergencies, such as snow and ice, may cause disruptions in school operations, including the closure of school, a delayed opening, or an early dismissal. Please be sure your child knows where to go should schools close early in an emergency. Talk about the plans you make before your child goes to school so he/she does not have to call you (or feel scared if you can't be reached). Remind your child periodically of these arrangements. There is obviously no way that all students and parents can telephone each other in such circumstances and we want all children safely delivered to the proper people and locations.

When weather is severe, schools may be delayed, close early or close for the day. An announcement will be issued as soon as the decision is made. To stay informed, please listen to area radio and television stations. You may also check the Internet at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org), and a recorded telephone message at 301-279-3673. Emergency e-mail announcements are available by signing up for MCPS QuickNotes on the school system's home page.

**Delayed Opening:** When MCPS announces a delayed opening, the school day begins two hours later than the regular school start time. The school day will begin at **11:15 a.m.** Bus schedules operate on a 2 hour delay as well and, therefore, the pick-up times are two hours later than normal.

**Early Release:** When MCPS announces an early release due to inclement weather, schools close 2 ½ hours earlier than the regular school closing time. School will end at **1:00 p.m.** Buses will operate on that same early schedule and, therefore, drop-off times are 2 ½ hours earlier than normal.

**School Closure:** When schools are closed all school and community activities in public facilities are canceled. In extreme conditions, administrative offices also may be closed.

*\*Please note that we send children outside for recess every day unless we have inclement weather or it is below 32 degrees. Please make sure that your child is dressed for going outside. Please label your child's clothing with his/her name as we accumulate numerous items in the Lost and Found that are unmarked.*


## Grading and Reporting

The second marking period ends on **Friday, January 21st.** **Monday, January 24th** is a professional day for teachers to complete report cards and write teacher comments for their students. There is no school for students on January 24. **Report card distribution** is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 2nd.**

## **Service Learning Hours Information for sixth grade parents and students**

### **Student Service Learning (SSL) Notes**

February 2012

(A graduation cap icon  signifies SSL Approval at [www.mcpsssl.org](http://www.mcpsssl.org) “SSL Community Opportunities”.)

- Consider getting involved in service on President’s Day February 20 and the “Early Release” day on March 2.
- Local, State, and National elections provide opportunities for students to be involved in the political process. Political organizations and opportunities identified with a graduation cap icon on the website [www.mcpsssl.org](http://www.mcpsssl.org) are approved for SSL. Any service provided to an individual running for public office requires MCPS Form 560-50, *Request for SSL Preapproval* granted in advance.
- Remember: SSL is a graduation requirement. SSL along with all other requirements must be met for a high school diploma to be awarded.

### **Valentine’s Day Parties**

Individual class Valentine’s Day parties will take place on February 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:40 p.m. All food items brought into the classrooms must be store bought. Please be aware and careful of ingredients containing nuts or nut products. When making Valentine cards, please make sure that your child includes one for every student in the class, we don’t want anyone to feel left out.



### **Dismissal Procedures:**

The end of the day is a very busy time in the classroom, with teachers giving final homework and instructions and students packing up for departure. If a student needs to leave school early for a doctor’s appointment, travel, etc., we are asking that parents pick up the student prior to 3:15 p.m. Once we begin dismissing students it is very difficult to have interruptions to the classroom.

## **Playground Equipment**

The new playground equipment was installed on December 19th. The students were able to play on the beautifully colored structure for a few days before leaving for Winter Break. They are really enjoying the rock climbing wall and the slide. If you get a chance to come by the school, make sure you walk out back and take a look at it.



## **George B. Thomas Saturday School**

The George B. Thomas Saturday School program is gearing up for the second half their program year. 2,220 students were enrolled during the first half of the program year. Parents and students can enroll at any of the 12 sites every Saturday that they are in session until the closing ceremony on April 21.

The registration fee is only \$50 (\$40 for FARMS). A payment plan and financial assistance is available for families in need.

Please visit their website at [www.saturdayschool.org](http://www.saturdayschool.org) for additional information.

### **Important dates for the Bulldogs in January/February**

#### **January**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – School reopens after Winter Break
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King Holiday School Closed
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Grade 6 Middle School Spanish Exam
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Second Grading Period ends
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Professional Day, School Closed
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Start of third Grading Period
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Parent Information meeting with the Montgomery County School Community Health Nurse –  
Topic: Lice
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Grade Field Trip to Baltimore, Westland Counselors come to NCC

#### **February**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Report Cards Distributed
- 14<sup>th</sup> –Valentine’s Day Parties
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Presidents Day, No school

Dear NCC Parents,

January 4, 2012

I am writing to let you know that plans are underway for **NCC's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Career Day!** The Career Awareness Day will be held **Wednesday, March 28, 2012 from 8:15-12:15pm**. If you are interested in speaking, please fill out the slip below and ***return it to me by February 3<sup>rd</sup>***...

We are looking for parents to share their career with students in grades 3 through 6 (ages 8-12years) in an exciting, concrete way. Presentations will last 45 minutes with approximately 25 students in each session. The sessions that really engage the children are those that are visual and hands-on, such as: slides, microscopes, models, power point, etc.

We are looking for a variety of careers, and hope that we can include everyone who wishes to present. I will be in touch with you *after* February 3rd to let you know the particulars of the day.

Sincerely,

Vicki Leahy-Jones

Counselor

**\*\*\*PARENTS: PLEASE NOTE THE DATE TO RETURN THE FORM**

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### **NCCES 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Career Day-Wednesday, March 28, 2012**

Please fill out the form and **return it to Ms. Leahy-Jones** (through your child's teacher) by **February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**

I realize that the commitment to speak at NCC's Career Day means I will present to four groups of (approximately) 25 students (in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>). Each session is 45 minutes. The students will rotate to the speaker.

**Presenter's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Name/Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Career title/description:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail & phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Equipment I need for the presentation (if any):** \_\_\_\_\_

Staying Healthy: Janet Bill RN, NCC School Nurse

First the bad news; Lice happen. Join the North Chevy Chase Elementary School Lice Buster mission. We're here to work with the PTA to nip any lice cases in the bud so that spreading doesn't occur, and to bust any myths about lice.

Now the good news; As adults we are smarter and more resourceful than the lowly louse, so with a little effort it no contest who will win the challenge. The county has a lice policy in place which we diligently follow at NCC. At the beginning of the school year parents are sent the Lice Education Letter to instruct them how to inspect for and treat head lice. Teachers are trained to be alert for suspicious itchy heads and can request a Health Room head check on a student if warranted. If a child in school is found to have live lice or nits within ½ inch from the scalp, the child is sent home with information on how to treat the condition before he/she can return to school. If a lice case is discovered at home, the parents have been instructed to treat the child for head lice and are encouraged to report the information, which is kept confidential, to the Health Room. All students who have had a known lice encounter are screened in the Health Room before returning to class and a recheck/retreatment letter is sent home at this time to remind parents to follow up in two weeks.

A confidential tracking form is kept up to date by the School Health Room Aide, and she, the nurse and principal watch for clusters of cases in a grade or homeroom which would precipitate parent alert letters to the targeted group. More good news; any lice cases this year have not been considered clustered either by timing or grade level.

What added action can we take as NCC Lice Busters? I'll use the newsletter as a reminder to you as parents to inspect your children's heads monthly (it only takes a few minutes). Early detection at home makes treatment easier on you and is the key to keeping lice out of the school setting.

