



Neelsville News



The Neelsville MS PTSA Newsletter

November 2010

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UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **November 17th (Wednesday)**
> "Straight A" Dinner
(NMS Cafeteria, 7:00 – 8:00 pm)
- **November 18th (Tuesday)**
> Parent Appreciation Breakfast
(NMS Cafeteria, 7:00 – 8:00 am)
> Chick-fil-A fundraiser
(Century Blvd, Germantown, 4-8 pm)
- **November 23rd (Wednesday)**
> No Activity Bus
- **November 24th (Thursday)**
> Early Release Day
- **November 25th (Thursday)**
> Holiday
- **November 26th (Friday)**
> Holiday
- **December 2nd (Thursday)**
> Roy Rogers Fundraiser
(Fredrick Rd, Germantown, 3-7:30 pm)
- **December 4th (Saturday)**
> Magnet testing
(Poolesville HS, 8:00 – 11:00 pm)
- **December 10th (Friday)**
>NMS – 7:00 – 8:30 pm
- **December 14^h (Tuesday)**
> PTSA Mtg. (Media Center, 7:00 pm)
- **December 15th - (Wednesday)**
>Winter Concert
(NMS 7:00 – 8:30 pm)
- **December 16th - (Thursday)**
>Winter Concert
(NMS 7:00 – 8:30 pm)
- **December 22nd - (Wednesday)**
>Staff Appreciation Luncheon
(Staff Lounge - all 3 lunch shifts)
- **December 23rd - (Thursday)**
>Jamboree
(Gym – all day)
- **December 24th- 31st**
>Holiday & Winter Break
- **January 3rd (Monday)**
> School reopens

From the Principal's Desk

New Quarter/Fresh Start

The first marking period ended on October 30th and report cards were given out on November 11th. For students who did not do as well as they should have, the second marking period is a great opportunity to bring up their grades. It is extremely important that students strive for the highest average grade possible. For some students, particularly sixth graders, the first marking period is the toughest as they are just figuring out middle school. The second marking period is an excellent opportunity to raise grades or continue on the right academic path. We regularly emphasize the importance of grades with students and make a point of celebrating the honor roll students in an effort to impact all students with the positive aspects of doing well. I hope parents will reinforce this effort. Our goal is, to see every student at Neelsville Middle School on the honor roll.

Neelsville Middle School is dedicated to maintaining an open communication policy to enhance the parent-school partnership in education. Listed below are some of the new communication processes that we will implement this year.

- **Edline-** This on-line grading reporting system will enable parents and students to regularly check their child's progress in each of their classes.
- **Connect Ed-** This new automated phone system can send out mass informational messages to all of our parents regarding school related events.

Our activity buses will run three days a week. Activity buses will depart from Neelsville at 4:15 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. This year we have three routes, which means that it may take students longer to get home than on the regular bus. Please encourage your child to participate in at least one after school activity. It does make a school year more enjoyable and research shows that when students participate in activities they do better in school.

Please read our monthly newsletter—which is now on-line on our website- very carefully each month for information about parent meetings as well as the many activities that goes on at Neelsville. For parents new to Neelsville, we welcome you and hope you will volunteer in whatever capacity works best for you. Our PTSA provides a multitude of ways to get involved, plus it's a great way to meet other parents. Your child may not admit it, but they like seeing that their parents are involved and invested in what happens in their school life.

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We welcome your involvement and hope to see you at the many activities that we offer.

Honor Roll

I would like to congratulate the 292 students who made the Honor Roll for the first marking period. We are truly proud of their hard work and accomplishments. They will be acknowledged at an honor roll party given by their teams. I would especially like to congratulate the 39 students who made "Straight A's" they are:

Grade 6

Bethel Afful,	Mackenzie Allen,	Jeffrey Arnold,	Jamila Banes,
Jessica Bleich,	Jessica Burgos,	Ashley Butler,	Chayla Duppins,
Tuan Gbehan,	Paige Glenzer,	Sindhu Iyer,	James Malone III,
Casandra Merla,	Rhoda Miller,	Lanh Nguyen,	Luxmi Padigalingam

Grade 7

Jeanie Amara,	Ayana Arrington,	Adriana Campos,	Maleeha Coleburn,
Thaovy Ho,	Md Al Amin Iqbal,	Victor Kao,	Zemare Kofie,
Lila Magdamo,	Jennifer Milhiser,	Charly Bernard Ndjakou,	Dekonti Sayeh

Grade 8

Yasmine Bencheqroun,	Xavier Benjamin,	Tara Bhardvaj,	Akash Bhargava,
Quoc-Tri Bui,	Asia Daye,	Gabrielle Mathis,	Seran Navaratnam,
Janeily Perez,	Angelique Ryan,	Frederick Schellhase	

The Thanksgiving Break is almost here and in the spirit of Thanksgiving, I wanted to take a moment to share how grateful I am for all that our parents do to support the overall functioning of our school. Your involvement has a profound impact on the lives of our student's. I hope all is well with you and your family.

Dollye V. McClain

A Note From The PTSA President

Hello Everyone,

The first grading period has come to an end. Hopefully all our students are working hard and will have good grades. Students, you must start now on making good grades for whatever your future plans may be. Lets keep the positive momentum going.

Parents, we along with the teacher, must keep the students on track and hold them accountable for their grades and behavior. LETS HAVE A GREAT SECOND QUARTER!!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the International Knight Festival on December 10th.

I hope everyone has a GREAT THANKSGIVING!!

Cordially,

Art Butler
NMS PTSA President
neelsvilleptsaprez@yahoo.com.

Contact the PTSA

- Drop in a note for the PTSA in the school office.
- Visit us at the PTSA table at most school events.
- Come for the monthly PTSA meetings.
- Join the PTSA email group- at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NeelsvillePTSA/>

Get PTSA related information by email. You don't have to be a PTSA member to join. Membership is open to all parents/guardians of current NMS students and NMS staff.

Email NeelsvillePTSA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com to submit a membership request.

Please send the following information with your membership request –

- Parents– Name, Your Child's name, Your Child's Grade
- Staff– Name, Department.

Come for PTSA meetings and be heard

Every second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the media center.

PTSA Meeting Schedule -

December 14 th	January 11 th	February 8 th
March 8 th	April 12 th	May 10 th

DID YOU KNOW? ...

...Edline can help you monitor your child's academic progress

EDLINE is a free on-line reporting system for parents and students to monitor grades and assignments. Parents can see when their child needs help in any subject or topic during the marking period, which tests and quizzes need to be retaken to improve their grades as well as monitor if their child is submitting his/her homework assignments and projects on time. Edline is a busy parent's best friend and can be accessed from any computer that is connected to the internet. Need help registering for Edline? Contact the school office for help.

https://www.edline.net/pages/Neelsville_Middle_School

...Lavender's Fundraiser was a great success!

Thank you to all that participated in the Lavender's Fundraiser. We raised almost \$5,000 for the School programs. Seven students will be picked up in a Hummer Limo and driven to a special lunch at Ledo Pizza on November 18th.

A special thanks to Mr. Gentzel, Mrs. Holt, and all that contributed to the success!

(- Vicky Nathan)

...Student Directories are available for purchase

Buy your copy of the Neelsville Student Directory today. The Neelsville Student Directory (2010-11) is a list of currently enrolled students who have approved public release of their directory information. This directory is a handy tool for parents and students.

Cost - Free with paid PTSA membership.

\$5 per copy for non-members. (Checks payable to "Neelsville PTSA")

Email - mabenipuri@yahoo.com to place your order. Student Directory will be emailed to you. Please let us know if you need a hard copy of the student directory.

... Cyber Bullying & Other Cyber-Safety Information is available for parents

According to Sameer Hinduja, Ph.D. and Justin W. Patchin, Ph.D., —Kids have been bullying each other for generations. The latest generation, however, has been able to utilize technology to expand their reach and the extent of their harm. This phenomenon is being called cyber bullying, and is defined as: 'willful and repeated harm inflicted through the use of computers, cell phones, and other electronic devices.' Basically, cyber bullying is any incident in which adolescents use technology (usually computers or cell phones) to repeatedly harass, threaten, humiliate, or otherwise hassle their peers. Individuals now have the ability to create web pages, videos, and profiles on social networking sites to specifically make fun of others. With cell phones, individuals can now take pictures in otherwise private locations (such as bedrooms and bathrooms) and post or distribute them online. More recently, research is showing that others have recorded unauthorized videos of other kids and uploaded them for the world to see, rate, tag, and discuss (Hinduja & Patchin, 2010).

According to the Cyber bullying Research Center, —the estimates of the number of youth who experience cyber bullying vary widely (ranging from 10 - 40% or more), depending on the age of the group studied. Using the definition above, research estimates about 20% of the over 4,400 randomly selected 11- 18 year old students in 2010 indicated they had been a victim of cyber bullying at some point in their life. This same number admitted to cyber bullying others during their lifetime. Finally, about 10% of kids in this recent study said they had both been a victim and an offender. For more information on cyber bullying, and other cyber-safety information, please visit <http://www.cyberbullying.us/>.

... The Ophelia Project is hosting a Free Webinar on Cyber Bullying

What - Live Webinar - Ten Ways for Parents to Prevent Cyber bullying

When - November 22, 2010 at 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm ET

Go to <http://www.opheliaproject.org/main/calendar.htm> for more information and to register.

(-Jeannie Dillingham)



... 31 runners participated in the 2010 Neelsville Turkey Trot !!

Congratulations to the participants of the 2010 Neelsville Turkey Trot! Thirty one runners enjoyed the fantastic weather and raced for the chance to win the coveted turkeys!

The winners were:

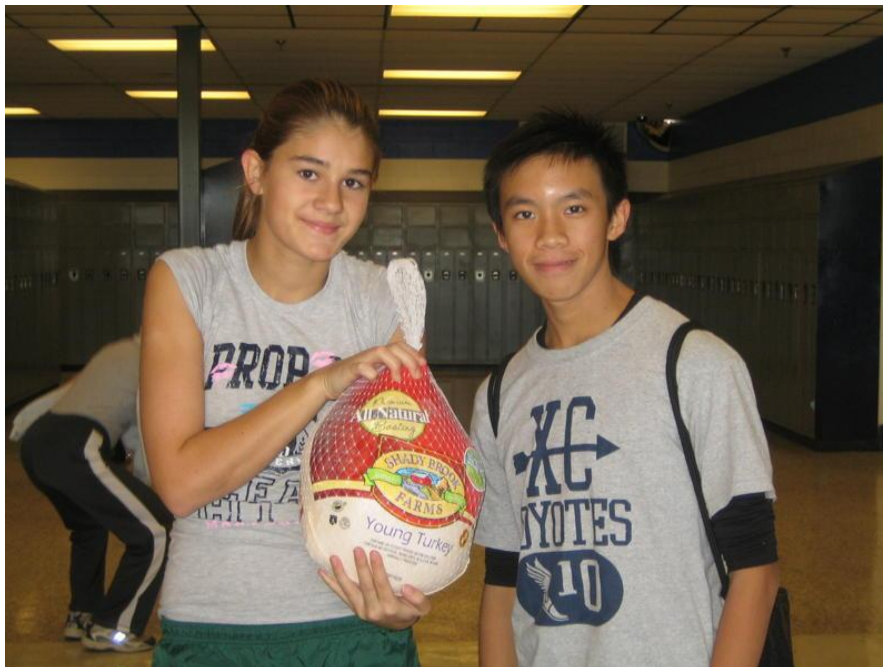
Kenny Tran finishing at 5:36 minutes and **Timothy Santosa** finishing at 6:39! Way to go!!

Winner (Female Neelsville Student) -- **Hayley Myren**

Winner (Male Neelsville Student) -- **Timothy Santosa.**

Hayley and Timothy will be treated to lunch by Mr. Gentzel.

(- Vicky Nathan)



Hayley Myren

Kenny Tran



Timothy Santosa

CLASS ROOM NOTES

SIXTH GRADE

Social Studies

Welcome to sixth grade social studies! Students are well into the first unit called Patterns of Settlement. Students are busy using their atlases and other resources to explore where people choose to settle and why. Please continue to check your child's agenda book for both homework and long range assignments. Students will be having a unit test on all of the material they have learned since the first day of school in the beginning of November. Students will also be starting a research project on Ancient Egypt in the upcoming weeks. Students will have ample time to complete their research in school but will be putting the final product together at home. Be on the lookout for directions for the project soon. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's social studies teacher with any questions or concerns.

Reading

The sixth grade is off to a great start in Reading! Students are currently practicing reading strategies through the use of textbook articles. These reading strategies will help them develop and maintain strong reading skills which can be useful in any subject area. They are also using a variety of graphic organizers to help make meaning from text.

Students are expected to read their accelerated reading book (AR book) every night for 30 minutes. In addition, students may have to complete a Reading Log, which includes a variety of the reading strategies. Reading teachers assign a due date and deadline for these assignments. Keep checking your child's agenda book nightly to help insure your child's success in school!

English

Greetings from 6th Grade English! We are currently in our second month of the Foundations unit. The students are enjoying our class novel – Maniac Magee. As we are reading this novel, we are learning many new things about the characters and about ourselves. What makes up our foundation? What factors help us grow as individuals? How do our foundations compare to those of the characters in the novel?

Currently, the students are also learning important skills such as research, note-taking, textual analysis, synthesis, characterization, and presentation. We are researching contemporary leaders by using online databases. The students are analyzing the leadership traits of these leaders and creating presentations to share with the class. Please remember that EVERYONE should be reading independently at home. We hope to have a successful end to the first quarter!

Science

Sudden Impact! In sixth grade science, we started off the year with a unit on physics. We are busy learning about motion, speed, acceleration and Newton's Laws of Motion. We are excited about designing, building and testing car bumpers. Buckle Up!!

Did you know that the more mass an object has, it requires more force to reach a desired acceleration? Well it's true. The students in 6th grade have worked hard this marking period designing, building, and testing their bumper models as we studied concepts relating to motion and forces and Newton's Laws. The students worked in lab groups and conducted a number of tests and trials. We look forward to studying the habitat of the Checkerspot Butterfly in unit 2. Please remind your student to turn in his/her textbooks.

SEVENTH GRADE

Science

Seventh grade science students are wrapping up the hydroponics unit by Thanksgiving. We will also be having a test on the chemistry that we've covered so far. Our next unit will be the "Chemistry of Life" unit. The culminating project for this unit will be for the students to design a menu that is nutritionally balanced. So, we will be digging more deeply into the study of chemistry and the properties of elements. We will also be studying human body systems.

World Studies

7th Grade World Studies – The students in 7th grade world studies have begun their second unit – The Influence of Culture in Africa, The Middle Ages and Today. Ask your student to explain the difference between cultural change and cultural diffusion! We will be doing a variety of activities throughout this unit.

We've just completed a book check. If your student has misplaced their book, they will be receiving an obligation – please have them check at home.

Locker clean-out will occur before Thanksgiving Vacation.

Please check to see that your student has enough supplies – pens, pencils, pens, so they can successfully complete their assignments.

Counselors Corner - Ten Tidbits of Wisdom for Parents

1. **Always remember that being a parent is the single most important job you will ever have in your life.** Your influence is great throughout the lives of your children from infancy through adulthood.
2. **Children need love like roses need sunshine.** They need to be nurtured and clearly shown that they are loved and cared for.
3. **Children learn much more from what you do than what you say.** Be everything you want your children to be. That is a gift you give to your children.
4. **Think before you speak.** Children's brains have a "tape player" within their minds that is set on "record," recording every word you say. In times of stress as adults, they will play it back. Make sure they hear words like, "You can do it." "I believe in you." and "I'm so glad you are my child."
5. **Children need structure, routine, and consistency.** This provides safety and security. It is vital that you and your spouse or anyone else living in your home are all on the same page. If there is an ex-spouse, this person needs to be on the same page too. It also means that when you say something, you need to follow through. This teaches children to respect what you say.
6. **Live your life with the values you want your children to have.** Integrity, honesty, courage, morality, do not come naturally. They are learned behaviors.
7. **Be careful of media.** The influence is powerful. When the television is on all the time, it becomes an important "member" of the family unit, a role model to copy. Protect your children. They deserve it.
8. **Teach children to make appropriate choices.** Begin small. Too many choices at one time are overwhelming. Start with two choices. "You can have ____ or _____. Which do you prefer?"
9. **Follow through.** When you say something, follow through. This teaches children to respect you and that your words carry "real" meaning.
10. **Take care of yourself.** The more you take care of yourself, the better you will be able to take care of your children.

(-Courtesy of Applebaum Training Institute)

Student Service Learning (SSL) Notes

Give a Little Time...Make a Big Difference

November 2010

SSL: Develops Personal Sense of Self Worth.

- Check the SSL information on the report card. Contact your school SSL coordinator with any discrepancies. Keep copies of all SSL documentation.
- SSL activities help middle school students achieve curricular objectives in Grade 6 science, Grade 7 English, and Grade 8 social studies.
- High school students enrolled in the National, State, and Local Government course have the opportunity to learn about advocacy in semester 1 and 2. SSL hours are earned for full participation in the SSL activities and successful completion of the course.
- Students may earn SSL hours with school clubs that focus on service. Often times the service activities involve **indirect action**. In indirect action a need is addressed but students do not meet the recipients of their service face-to-face. Examples of indirect service activities include collections of food, clothing, and/or hygiene items, fundraising, and blood drives.
- Plan now to be involved in SSL activities over Winter break. Look for opportunities on the SSL Web site www.mcpsssl.org, or listen for opportunities promoted at school.
- The Neelsville Middle School SSL coordinator is Mrs. Marilou Novak.
Marilou_Nowak@mcpsmd.org
- Question - Are there MCPS awards given to students with exceptional SSL records?
Answer - Yes. There are two awards given to students with exceptional SSL Records
 - a. The Superintendent's Student Service Learning Award is given to students who have documented in their service-learning record 75 hours of service by the first Friday in April of a middle school year.
 - b. The Certificate of Meritorious Service is awarded to students who have service-learning records documenting 260 or more hours of service by the first Friday in April of their senior year.

MARYLAND STATE ASSESSMENT (MSA) Tips for the month of November:**Week of November 15-**

The best way to prepare for the test is to pay attention in class and complete all of your work during the entire school year. What the MSA tests you on are the items that you are being taught in class. Keeping up to date on all of your class work and homework will help you to prepare for the MSA without having to spend a lot of time and energy trying to review or learn items right before the test. *So, today's MSA tip of the week is to stay on track and up to date on all of your class work!*

Week of November 22-

The MSA is a very important test for all of us. The MSA measures how well you have learned the material taught in your classes. The MSA also provides information on how well Neelsville is preparing our students for academic success. Your results from the MSA are very important and are used to help your teachers determine what courses you take and what extra help you may need. *So, today's MSA tip of the week is to do your best on the MSA and show how much you know!*

Week of November 29-

Research shows that when students get less than six hours of sleep, it can negatively affect their academic performance. It is important for students to make sure that they are getting enough sleep so that they can perform at the highest levels at all times. *So, today's MSA tip of the week is to make sure that you get your rest so you can do your best!*

Week of December 6-

You may not know this but the MSA tests items that you covered last year! Because the MSA is given in March or April the material that is taught after the MSA and before the end of the school year is actually tested the following year! *So, today's MSA tip of the week is that you can choose to set yourself up for success!*

More information about the MSA and sample tests available at -
http://www.mdk12.org/assessments/k_8/index_c.html

International Knight Festivities

Friday, December 10th, 2010. 7 - 8:30 pm



Are you eager to learn about the diversity of cultures represented at Neelsville Middle School and abroad? Are you interested in examining the multiple talents exhibited by our students? Are you intrigued by the fashions represented from the United States and countries around the world? Do you want to help display your culture and country to the rest of the school?

Well, look no further. Neelsville Middle School will be holding its 6th annual International Knight extravaganza on **Friday, December 10th**. The event will celebrate the cultural diversity represented at Neelsville Middle School and abroad. The event will include displays representing several countries, a talent show, fashion show and much more.



Students can help in many ways:

- **Bring objects or things from your country**
- **Be part of a fashion show or a talent show**
- **Help make display boards of different countries**
- **Earn SSL hours for helping with this event**



Contact the following teachers --

Mrs. Fiorini room 243

Ms. Walker room 229

Ms. Nachlas room 211



PARENTS - The International Knight Committee would like you to be involved. We need the following to help make our night a success:

- **artifacts: objects, paraphernalia, posters from different cultures**
- **fashions that our students can display at the fashion show that will be returned**
- **volunteers to assist as needed**

Contact Mrs. Fiorini if you can contribute in any manner possible, or to see how you can support this wonderful and jubilant event of celebration of diversity. **We would appreciate your assistance in making this event a success.**
-- *The International Knight Committee*

Staff Appreciation Luncheon “Williamsburg Holiday” Plans



Dear Parents,

On **December 22, 2010**, the PTA is planning to host an appreciation lunch for the 102 teachers and staff at Neelsville MS. The lunch will be divided according to the three lunch periods to avoid disruption of students' schedule.

Our theme for the appreciation lunch is “Williamsburg Holiday.” With the three lunch period, we would need three sets for the menu so we can provide fresh servings for the different groups. We are asking parents who are able to volunteer to help in the preparation/set-up, serving, and clean up. We also need parents to volunteer to bring food. You may choose to double up with another parent for any dish or if you don't have time to prepare or purchase, you can donate money for the event.

The proposed meal in line with our theme:

- Virginia Ham (3 pcs of approx. 6 lbs each)
- Fried or Roasted Chicken (12 whole fryer)
- Vegetarian dish
- Potato Salad (3 containers of a half size of a disposable chafing dish)
- Salad of Mixed Greens with dressing (3 containers/bowls)
- Sweet Potatoes (3 containers of a half size of a disposable chafing dish)
- Corn Pudding (3 containers of a half size of a disposable chafing dish)
- Corn Muffin (5 dozens)
- Biscuit (5 dozens)
- Apple Pie (6 pie)
- Pecan Pie (6 pie)
- Devil's Food Cake (3 pcs)
- Vanilla Ice Cream (6 containers)

Please send an email by Nov. 23 to: tda8664@yahoo.com with your contact information if you would like to help and/or donate food.

Thank you very much.

Transcie Almonte (tda8664@yahoo.com)

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY

Did you know what the school attendance and tardy policies are? If a student's absence or tardy is excused, they should bring a note from a parent or guardian excusing them. Failure to bring a note within five days will automatically be considered unexcused. The following administrative interventions and consequences will be enforced to deal with tardiness.

ADMINISTRATIVE INTERVENTIONS AND CONSEQUENCES

INFRACTIONS

- 3rd unexcused tardies, Meeting with Administrator and Warning letter to parents and student
- 4th unexcused tardies, Meeting with Administrator and administrative lunch detention - parent notification
- 5th unexcused tardies, Meeting with Administrator, after school detention (1 day) and Truancy Contract Implementation
- 6th unexcused tardies, Administrative after school detention - 2 days
- 7th unexcused tardies, Administrative after school detention - 3 days and parent meeting - review of Truancy Contract
- 8th unexcused tardies, Referral to truancy judge - ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities
- Skipping school - Truancy and/or not reporting to administrative after school detention, In-school Suspension - one day

Recording Attendance Procedures:

- Students will now be recorded as AM Absent if they arrive at school later than 9:55 am and if they leave for more than 2 hours between 7:55 and 9:55 am.
- Students will now be recorded as PM Absent if they leave school after 9:55 am and if they leave for more than 2 hours during the day between 9:55 and 12:30 pm.

The following letter(s) will be sent home by the Assistant Principal to the parents/guardians, if their child has unexcused tardies or absences.

**Neelsville Middle School
11700 Neelsville Church Road
Germantown, Maryland 20876
November 10, 2010**

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):
Re: (student name)

According to the school records, your child has been unlawfully tardy many times. It is very important for children to attend school every day on time. A consistent program of instruction enables them to be successful.

As of October 29, 2010 your child has been tardy to school X of days out of 41 instructional days. Daily attendance is necessary for a student to be successful at school. In addition, patterns of regular attendance and on-time arrival established now will help students throughout their education and their employment years. If a student's absence or tardy is excused, they should bring a note from a parent or guardian excusing them. Failure to bring a note within five days will automatically be considered unexcused. Student's attendance will be monitored by the Assistant Principals, Mrs. Dolan, Mr. Ambush, and the Counselor.

Mrs. Dolan, Mr. Ambush and/or the Counselor will meet with students who have established irregular attendance and tardy patterns. At that time, a contract will be put into place with reinforcements and consequences. Students who continue to have unexcused tardies and/or absences will automatically receive administrative intervention.

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As you begin the second semester, we urge you to work with your school to improve your child's attendance. Your child must attend school on a regular basis, or, under the law, *you and your child* may be referred to Maryland Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) for possible legal action against you. Please contact your child's school now to discuss any concerns you may have regarding attendance and your responsibilities as a parent in Montgomery County and the State of Maryland.

Sincerely,

Allen J. Ambush

Allen J. Ambush

Assistant Principal, Neelsville Middle School

Copy to: Community Superintendent, Principal, Pupil Personnel Worker and Student's File

**Neelsville Middle School
11700 Neelsville Church Road
Germantown, Maryland 20876
301-353-8064
9 de November 10, 2010**

Estimado padres de familia o Guardián:

Según los expedientes de la escuela, su niño ha sido ilegalmente tarde muchas veces. Es muy importante que los niños atiendan a la escuela diaria a tiempo. Un programa consecuente de educación les permite tener éxito. Desde el día 29 de octubre de 2010 su niño ha estado tarde a la escuela 10 de días fuera de 41 días educacionales.

La asistencia diaria es necesaria para un estudiante tener éxito en la escuela. Además, la asistencia regular y a tiempo establecida ahora ayudará a los estudiantes en todas partes de su educación y sus años de empleo. Si la ausencia de un estudiante que llega tarde es perdonada, ellos deberían traer una nota de un padre o guardián que los perdona. El fracaso de traer una nota dentro de cinco días será automáticamente considerado no perdonado.

La asistencia del estudiante será supervisada por los Principales Asistente, Sra. Dolan, Sr. Ambush, y el Consejero. Sra. Dolan, Sr. Ambush y/o el Consejero se encontrarán con estudiantes que han establecido asistencia irregular y han sido tarde. Entonces, un contrato será puesto en el lugar con refuerzos y consecuencias. Los estudiantes que siguen atendiendo tarde y/o ausencias sin excusa recibirán automáticamente la intervención administrativa.

INTERVENCIONES ADMINISTRATIVAS Y CONSECUENCIAS CONSECUENCIAS

3 tardes sin excusa se encuentra con Administrador y carta de advertencia a padres y estudiante

4 tardes sin excusa se encuentra con Administrador y tendrán detención de almuerzo administrativa – notificación paternal

5 tardes sin excusa se encuentra con el Administrador, y tendrán detención después de las clases (por 1 día) y Realización de Contrato de Ausencia sin permiso

6 tardes sin excusa se encuentra con el Administrativo, y tendrán detención después de las clases por 2 días

7 tardes sin excusa se encuentra con el Administrativo y tendrán detención después de las clases por 3 días

Faltar a la escuela - Ausencia sin permiso y/o no reportar a administrativo para detención después de escuela resultara en Suspensión en Escuela – por un día

Grabación de Procedimientos de Asistencia:

- Estudiantes será registrado Ausente en la mañana si ellos llegan a la escuela más tarde de las 9:55 y si ellos se van más de 2 horas entre 7:55 y a las 9:55.
- Estudiantes será registrado Ausente en la tarde si ellos se van después de las 9:55 y si ellos se van más de 2 horas durante el día entre 9:55 y a las 12:30.

Al comenzar el segundo semestre, le urgimos a trabajar con su escuela para mejorar la asistencia de su niño.

Su niño debe asistir a la escuela en una base regular, o, conforme a la ley, usted y su niño pueden ser mandados al Departamento de Maryland de Servicios Juveniles (DJS) para la demanda judicial posible contra usted. Por favor póngase en contacto con la escuela de su niño ahora para hablar de cualquier preocupación que usted puede tener en cuanto a la asistencia y sus responsabilidades como un padre en Montgomery County y el Estado de Maryland

Sinceramente,

Allen J. Ambush

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Principal Asistente, Neelsville Middle School

Copy to: Community Superintendent, Principal, Pupil Personnel Worker , Student's File

Neelsville Family Night at Chick-fil-A



Please join us for the Neelsville Family Night at Chick-fil-A.

Where - Chick-fil-A

19945 Century Blvd
Germantown, MD 20874
(240) 686-1110

When - Thursday, November 18th

From - 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Please mention that you are a Neelsville family when placing your order so the school can get credit. *A percentage of the sales (eat in/ carryout) from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm will be donated to the Neelsville PTSA.*

No DRIVE THRU will be accepted for the fundraiser.

Neelsville Family Night at Roy Rogers



Please join us for the Neelsville Family Night at Roy Rogers

Where - Roy Rogers

19775 Frederick Road
Germantown, MD 20876
301-540-8634

When - Thursday, December 2nd

From - 3:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Come out and have dinner, meet other Neelsville students and families and support your school. Please mention that you are a Neelsville family when placing your order so the school can get credit. 20% of the profits from the sales go the PTSA to help fund school activities.

Earn Free Money for Our School - Register for Giant A+ School Rewards

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the start of a new school year and another year of A+ School Rewards. Starting **October 8, 2010 through March 25, 2011** Neelsville Middle School will have the opportunity to earn cash through Giant A+ School Rewards Program.

All you have to do is:

Log on - to **www.giantfood.com/aplus** to register your card online

OR

Dial - 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone

Nominate **Neelsville Middle School** using **ID # 03312**

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Giant using your GIANT Card earns CASH for our school! Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Giant website. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt and online when you create an account at giantfood.com. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.

Remember, even if you registered your card last year, you must re-register this year for our school to receive credit. Attending to this simple process makes a HUGE difference to our school. We need your support. Please be sure to register your card to benefit **Neelsville Middle School** using **ID # 03312**

Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. It could mean the world to our children.



Estimados padres:

Bienvenidos al inicio de un nuevo ciclo escolar y un nuevo año de A+ Bonus Bucks . A partir del **8 de octubre de 2010 hasta el 25 de Marzo de 2011**, Neelsville Middle School tendrá la oportunidad de ganar dinero en efectivo a través del Programa A+ Bonus Bucks.

Lo único que tienen que hacer es:

Entrar a www.giantfood.com/aplus para hacer la registraci3n de su tarjeta **en lnea**

O

Llamar al 1-877-275-2758 para hacer la registraci3n de su tarjeta **por tel3fono**

Aseg3rese de registrar su tarjeta GIANT que beneficie a **Neelsville Middle School** usando el **Nº de ID 03312**.

Despu3s de registrar su tarjeta, icualquier compra que hagan en una tienda Giant usando su Tarjeta GIANT resultará en DINERO EN EFECTIVO para nuestra escuela! El monto del DINERO EN EFECTIVO será actualizado todos los meses en el sitio Web de Giant. Usted puede chequear los puntos que ha acumulado en su recibo o cuando establezca una cuenta en giantfood.com. Nuestra escuela recibirá un cheque cuando termine el programa. El dinero puede ser utilizado para cualquiera de las necesidades educativas de nuestra escuela.

Recuerden que para que nuestra escuela reciba el crédito, deben registrar su tarjeta nuevamente este año, aún si lo hicieron el año pasado. Completar este simple proceso resultará en una ENORME diferencia para nuestra escuela. Necesitamos su apoyo. Aseg3rese de registrar su tarjeta GIANT que beneficie a **Neelsville Middle School** usando el **Nº de ID 03312**.

No se olvide de alentar a sus amigos y parientes a hacer lo mismo. Nuestros ni1os se merecen lo mejor del mundo.

PARENTS – GET CONNECTED, STAY INFORMED!!

- **Edline** – Student’s grades and assignments. www.edline.net
- **NMS Website** – Morning announcements at NMS. <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/neelsvilles/>
- **Quicknotes** – MCPS email news - <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/quicknotes/>
- **NMS PTSA Yahoo Group** - PTSA information - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NeelsvillePTSA/>

Don’t forget to join the new NMS PTSA Yahoo Group (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NeelsvillePTSA/>)

You don’t have to be a PTSA member to join. Membership is open to all parents/guardians of current NMS students and NMS staff. Email NeelsvillePTSA-subscribe@yahogroups.com to submit a membership request. You can choose to receive the emails in the form of a daily or weekly digest. Please send the following information with your membership request –

- Parents – your name, your child’s name, your child’s grade
- Staff – your name, department.

ABOUT THE NEELSVILLE NEWS

Neelsville News is the monthly newsletter published by the Neelsville PTSA. We hope that you will find this a valuable resource for keeping up to date with PTSA news, notes and events, as well as an excellent tool for communicating important PTSA and school information to our school families. If you have any questions or comments on the newsletter or would like to submit an article, please email the editor.

General PTSA information like names of PTSA board members, meeting dates, **forms for joining and volunteering**, and back issues of the newsletter are **available online at the Neelsville Middle School website** under the “Parents” tab.

Please note that there are limitations as to what can/will be printed in the Neelsville News. All content is subject to space limitations, PTSA by-laws, and the discretion and approval of the PTSA President, Principal, and/or Newsletter Editor. Not all content that is submitted will be printed. The Newsletter Editor, PTSA President and Principal individually and collectively reserve full editorial license to determine what content is most appropriate for and/or considered of interest to the general readership of the Neelsville News.

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Jan 11	Jan 12	Jan 14	Jan 18
Feb 8	Feb 9	Feb 11	Feb 15
Mar 8	Mar 9	Mar 11	Mar 15
Apr 12	Apr 13	Apr 15	Apr 19
May 10	May 11	May 13	May 17



Mark Your Calendar – PTSA Meeting Schedule

- December 14
- January 11
- February 8
- March 8
- April 12
- May 10