



Neelsville News



The Neelsville MS PTSA Newsletter

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 - > Magnet Application Workshop (NMS – after school)
 - > Clarksburg HS APPS Info Meet (CHS Auditorium, 7:00 pm)
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 - > Watkins Mill HS IB Info Meet (WMHS Media Center, 7:00 pm)
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 - > 1st Marking period ends
- **November 1st (Monday)**
 - > Professional Day for Teachers
- **November 2nd (Tuesday)**
 - > Holiday - Elections.
- **November 3rd (Wednesday)**
 - > Submission deadline - "Reflections"
- **November 4th (Thursday)**
 - > PTSA Meeting (NMS Media Center, 7 -9 pm)
 - > Magnet Application Workshop (Wheaton HS, 7:00 pm)
- **November 8th (Monday)**
 - > Deadline Magnet Application (3 pm)
- **November 9th (Tuesday)**
 - > PTSA Mtg. (Media Center, 7:00 pm)
- **November 11th – 12th (Thurs - Fri)**
 - > Early release day
- **November 13th (Saturday)**
 - > Turkey Trot (NMS grounds, 9:30 – 11 am)
- **November 17th (Wednesday)**
 - > "Straight A" Dinner (NMS Cafeteria, 7 – 8 pm)

From the Principal's Desk

Our school year is off to a FANTASTIC start. I know you share my excitement about all the learning opportunities available for your children at Neelsville Middle School. We worked extremely hard over the summer to ensure that everything was ready for the 2010-2011 school year. We have hired some of the best middle school teachers in Montgomery County--they are knowledgeable, enthusiastic, and "highly qualified" according to state and federal guidelines.

Our 2010-2011 Baldrige School Improvement Goals are:

- Neelsville Middle School will meet or exceed the Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO) on the Maryland School Assessments in Reading (85.6) and Math (78.6) in all subgroups
- Neelsville Middle School will enhance the school culture through focusing on increasing stakeholder involvement and positive behaviors by re-examining PBIS program and referral data.
- Increasing enrollment and performance in Algebra, GT, and Foreign Language courses
- Increasing eligibility and performance on the Maryland School Assessments (MSA)
- Building school climate and positive student connections to school
- Developing personalized relationships among students, staff, and parents
- Facilitating teamwork and collaboration

Encourage your children to get off on the right foot this school year by practicing good work and study habits from day one. Homework is important, as are deadlines, asking questions, being self-advocates and putting forth one's best effort. Success breeds success and students who keep up, but ask for help when they need it, ultimately feel more invested in school. We will do our best to provide regular communication to both students and parents.

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.

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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. Many of our activities have not begun yet but some students may need to stay after school to receive extra help. In next week your child will be receiving an activities handbook that will describe our extracurricular activities. 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 very carefully each month for information about parent meetings as well as the many activities that go 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. We welcome your involvement and hope to see you at the many activities that we offer.

Just a reminder-- **that every Wednesday** during "Knight Time" students are given pertinent information related to upcoming events at Neelsville Middle School and the Watkins Mill and Clarksburg clusters. Please ask your child for this information if he/she has forgotten to give it to you. Communication helps us work together most effectively in support of every student's success.

The **International Baccalaureate (IB)** program at WMHS is making big plans for 2011-2012! If you are interested in learning more about what the IB program has to offer—please attend an **informational meeting on October 26, 2010**: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/watkinsmillhs/ib/files10-11/parent-info-mtg.pdf>.

The meeting is geared toward middle school students considering high school options, but the meeting is open to all. There are many options for 8th grade students—including magnet schools in other parts of the county—but they will be explaining why the IB program at Watkins Mill is the best option available for a first class education, college preparation, and a rich high school experience! They will provide understanding as to the differences between the IB Program available to all students at WMHS and the IB Magnet Program at Richard Montgomery. Please refer questions to IB Coordinator, Lisa Ingram, at the WMHS IB office.

Interims and End of Marking Period

Interim reports were mailed home last week and should have arrived in homes as of the publishing of this newsletter. All students should have received a report, regardless of course level or current grade. For up-to-date grades, please use Edline regularly to monitor your child's progress. If you ever need assistance with Edline, please feel free to contact us at any time at 301-353-8071. As you know, we are rapidly approaching the end of the first marking period (October 29). Multiple opportunities for extra help are being offered by teachers before school, and after school. Please encourage your child to seek that extra help, as the staff and I are here to nurture our students' success any way we can. Report cards will be issued (sent home via your student) on Wednesday, November 11.

Thank you to those parents who came to visit us on Columbus Day, October 11. We had over 70 parents who visited. Thank you for sending us such great students! If we can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to email or call.

Dollye V. McClain

A Note From The PTSA President

Hello Everyone,

School is off to a great start! Students keep up the good work and strive to achieve your goals. Please remember to respect the teachers, staff and your parents. The PTSA would like to hear from all students, please come to our next meeting on November 9th and let your voice be heard. We want to know what's on your mind and how we can make your learning experience better.

Parents are we holding our students accountable for their behaviors? Parents, are your children being bullied? What do you know about the different types of bullying? Please keep a look out for some important information coming soon...

Parents, what do you want to see the PTSA do at Neelsville Middle School? We want to hear from you! Even if you don't join Neelsville PTSA, please consider joining our Yahoo group, it's a great way to keep in touch with what's going on at Neelsville Middle School or you may email me at neelsvilleptsaprez@yahoo.com.

Cordially,

Art Butler
NMS PTSA President

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 -

November 9 th	December 14 th	January 11 th	February 8 th
March 8 th	April 12 th	May 10 th	

DID YOU KNOW? ...

...Students can join the Neelsville Spelling Bee Club

This is open to all students who would like to enter Neelsville's annual spelling bee. It is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Neelsville's first place winner will receive a \$25 cash prize. The second place winner will receive \$15 and the third place winner will receive \$10. Our Neelsville winner will move on to the local bee on March 5th in Bethesda. And the winner of that bee will represent Maryland, DC, and Virginia in the Scripps National Spelling bee. Contact Ms. Lewis (room 207) or Ms. Shpilyuk (room 114) for more info. Next meeting is on Thursday Oct 21st, everyone is welcome.

...Stedwick Elementary School is looking for student readers

Do you enjoy reading? Are you looking for SSL hours...then we have the deal for you! Stedwick Elementary is looking for some responsible young men and women to read with our children from 3:15-4:20 on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning October 19! Please stop by the main office at Stedwick if you are interested.

...8th graders' can earn SSL hours by becoming Math Tutors

Are you an 8th grader taking Algebra and Geometry and are really good in Math? Do you want SSL Hours? If you answered yes to any of these questions, Neelsville Middle School has a great opportunity for you. They are looking for students who can help tutor during 6th and 7th grade homework club. If you are interested please stop by the counseling office and pick up an application.

...Homework Hotline Live is back

It's here! *Homework Hotline Live* is back on TV and on the web too. Go to AskHHL.org or MCPS cable TV from 4 to 6 pm and talk with real MCPS teachers. You can call on the phone, send text messages, use the website or send emails to get help. Older students even can use Facebook to contact the Hotline. So write it down: AskHHL.org, or call 301-279-3234. Students can also make use of the **homework clubs at school** to get help and reach their academic goals. Another resource for tutoring and mentoring is the **George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy** at 301-320-6545.

...It's not too late to join the Math Club

It's a great opportunity to sharpen your Math skills. Club meets on Wednesdays.

...You can win a turkey

The Turkey Trot, a fun 1-mile run, will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2010 from 9:30 am - 11:00 am. Winners are based on closest estimated time, and win turkeys (not live ones!) provided by PTSA. Open to NMS staff, students and families.

...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 huge success.

Thank you to all the students, staff and families that participated in the Lavender's Fundraiser!!

We had great results and the rewards will be distributed once Lavender's compiles the tally. Delivery is tentatively scheduled for the first or second Thursday in November. More details will follow. Questions, call Vicky Nathan on 301.428.3604.

...Student Directories will be made available soon

Student Directories will be made available soon. It is free to all the PTSA members. Others can buy it for \$5 per copy. Email mbenipuri@yahoo.com if you wish to purchase a copy.

...WMHS IB (International Baccalaureate) Information Meeting on October 26th

There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, October 26th at 7:00 PM in the Watkins Mill High School (WHMS) media center. The meeting will provide an opportunity to parents and students of 8th graders who will be attending WMHS in 2011-2012 to learn about the exciting opportunities available to WMHS students through participation in the IB Program. WHMS will provide understanding as to the differences between the IB Program available to all students at WMHS and the IB Magnet Program at Richard Montgomery. Please refer questions to IB Coordinator, Lisa Ingram, at the WMHS IB office. (301) 840-3975 Lisa_A_Ingram@mcpsmd.org.

...CHS APPS (Advanced Placement Power Scholars) Information Meeting on October 20th

There will be an information meeting in the Clarksburg High School (CHS) auditorium Wednesday, October 20 @ 7 PM for students and parents of incoming 9th graders (2011- 2012) interested in the APPS (Advanced Placement Power Scholars) program at Clarksburg HS. APPS is a smaller learning community of able learners who take a rigorous sequence of classes during their four years at Clarksburg HS. There is an application process for admission which begins Nov. 1 and closes Feb 1. More information can be found on the Clarksburg High School website at: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/clarksburghs/academics/specialservices/index.aspx>

...Submission deadline for "Reflections" is November 3rd.

Neelsville Middle School students are invited to create and submit original works of art in the areas of - Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Musical Composition, Photography, Visual Arts.

The 2010 Reflections Program theme - "Together We Can"

Submission Deadline - Monday, November 8th 2010

Website - http://www.ptareflections.org/cs/general_student_rules

SPORTS - Girls Softball News

The girls' softball team fought back from a six run deficit to defeat Martin Luther King MS on Tuesday, October 13th, 11-7 to move their record to 4 and 0. Doris played the whole game behind the plate and also scored 2 runs. Angelique played her usual good defense and scored a run in the team's big rally. Laderia got a key hit in the rally to drive in a run and also scored a run. Chrissie started the big come-from-behind rally by hitting a double. Faye made 3 big catches at 3rd base to kill MLK rallies and Gabrielle pitched another outstanding game. Congratulations again, girls!

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!!

SEVENTH GRADE

World Studies

The students have been learning about the idea of government in Middle Ages Europe. We've completed Manor Sketches, created kingdoms, and looked at land ownership. In the second marking period, which begins next month, we'll be examining culture and Middle Ages Africa.

Your child should bring his journal and binder to class every day. They have textbooks, but only need to bring those when assigned. Please check that they have enough supplies – pencils, paper, and pens need to be replaced.

Teachers are available to assist students. If your student needs help with a specific subject, they should make arrangements with their teacher for help.

7th Grade Homework Club is held on Wednesday afternoons, afterschool.

Science

The seventh grade science students are busily working on their hydroponics unit. The basil seeds are sprouting! Students are almost finished with their study of cell structure, and will have some lessons on introductory chemistry before the end of this quarter. The hydroponics system equipment should be arriving any day, and students will be constructing their growing systems. Find a good pesto recipe because we'll soon have a bumper basil crop!

SPANISH

Spanish for Spanish Speakers - Are reviewing basics of Spanish from the alphabet to the countries where Spanish is spoken; grammar (nouns, and articles) and reading the biography of Simon Bolivar. Afterwards they will be writing their own biographies, focusing on the use of adjective to describe themselves and their personalities.

Spanish 1B – have completed a brief overview of the last year's vocabulary and structures. Even though we have moved on to the FAMILY and relationships, we will continue reviewing topics and themes from 1A on an ongoing basis. We have learned how to discuss ownership – my dad, your cousins, his dog; as well as 'June's mother, Pat's sisters. We will be closing out the theme with a review of adjectives and verbs – What do family members look like and are like, and what they like to do. The culminating activity (summative assessment) will be to create a family album where they discuss each of 5 family members using all the structures discussed above. The project will be assigned on Thursday, October 14, and will be due on Friday, October 22nd. The deadline is always the following day – at which time the maximum grade possible is a B. Please encourage your kids to turn in these projects on time. These are valuable point opportunities

Spanish 2 – Has just about completed the 'bridge unit' on "ALL ABOUT ME". Here they review most of the basics of Spanish 1, while adding some new vocabulary that goes into more detailed descriptions – curly hair, freckles, braids, highlights, scars, etc. They have just completed a Summative Assessment describing themselves. They have just completed a similar project for a famous Hispanic and are presenting these to the class orally. There have been some amazing presentations so far! The Powerpoints were well done

SPECIAL NOTE!!!

Please remind students to use their knowledge gained in class to do these types of assignments. Electronic translators are not allowed, and using them whole sale is considered dishonest. It is very easy to pick up when a student has used a translator. The quality of work is greatly affected, and often the student has not learned anything from the experience. It is always more beneficial to use simple language being taught, so they can master those skills and make them a part of their repertoire. Often kids cannot even tell what they wrote or what it meant. That is always an indicator that there is a problem with the "HELP".

THE NEELSVILLE GOOD KNIGHTS

The Good Knights is a group that was designed to recognize and reward students who demonstrate great initiative, effort, sportsmanship, achievement, improvement, attendance, citizenship, and respect in school and community activities. Students are recommended by teachers and elected by their peers to serve as role models and positive representatives of Neelsville.

The Good Knight members participate in a number of activities designed to recognize achievement and help the community. In previous years we have raised money to provide relief to hurricane victims and to fight Juvenile Diabetes, we have helped raise awareness of the genocide taking place in Darfur, Sudan, and we have made holiday door decorations for patients at Children's Hospital. Already this year we have been busy helping out with Hispanic Heritage Month and selling pizza for Reading Night. This is only the beginning, and we plan to have a year filled with opportunities to serve and support our community.

If you would like to volunteer or know of additional community service opportunities, please contact Ms. Nachlas at 301-353-8064 or by e-mail at Sarah_B_Nachlas@mcpsmd.org. We welcome all parents who would like to volunteer with the Good Knights throughout the school year. We are always looking for new opportunities to help the community and recognize the achievement of our students.

Student Service Learning (SSL) Notes

Give a Little Time...Make a Big Difference

SSL: Enhances Academic Learning.

- All SSL activities must be documented on MCPS Form 560-51, *Student Service Learning Activity Verification* and turned in to the school SSL coordinator according to timelines.
- Students should keep copies of all SSL documents that they turn into the school or community representatives.
- Organizations and opportunities not listed at www.mcpsssl.org must be pre approved using MCPS Form 560-50, *Request for SSL Preapproval*.
- Students may address hunger and homelessness in Montgomery County by preparing bag lunches and dinners in their homes for delivery to homeless facilities. This is an exception to the guideline that all service must occur in a public place. Check out the details at the Questions and Answers section at www.mcpsssl.org.

MAGNET PROGRAM INFORMATION

Attention 8th Grade Students: There is a variety of application programs available to 8th graders enrolled in algebra or geometry. Some programs have other requirements in addition to above grade level math. The application deadline for the programs below is Monday, November 8, 2010!

Global Ecology House (Poolesville High School)

Program Description	Students will have the opportunity to
<p>The Global Ecology House provides students with the knowledge and understanding of the science and cultural, social, political, economic, and technological conditions that affect the quality of life on our planet. Students will get a broad background of ecological information from which they may pursue a variety of environmental perspectives. The program also offers a unique computer-assisted approach to the study of environmental science and social studies, including networking with students and schools, locally and around the globe. Students will be challenged to develop a global ecological perspective as they investigate historical and current issues related to the earth’s natural resources. The Global Ecology House is one of three magnet programs at Poolesville HS.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue rigorous interdisciplinary science and social studies curricula focused on human impact on the natural environment • Develop field, laboratory, and research skills in the sciences • Work with peers and environmental experts to develop and apply the responsibilities of environmental citizenship

Humanities House (Poolesville HS)

Program Description	Students will have the opportunity to
<p>Humanities House students will pursue a rigorous humanities curricula with an interdisciplinary connection among English, social studies, communications, and fine arts. Humanities students will be able to integrate oral and written communication skills with state-of-the-art visual media. The Humanities House is one of three magnet programs at Poolesville High School.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue a rigorous interdisciplinary curriculum • Develop and deepen skills in oral and written communication • Work with peers to develop top quality print, photo, and video products

Science, Mathematics, & Computer Science Magnet Program

Program Description	Students will have the opportunity to
<p>The Science, Mathematics, Computer Science Magnet program is designed to offer accelerated instruction in the areas of math, science, and computer science for highly motivated and able students. It is a rigorous program that emphasizes the development of problem-solving skills, critical thinking, and the pursuit of both independent and collaborative research projects. Students will have unique opportunities to partner with mentors from many local and national businesses and research organizations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete independent research projects that have received nationwide notoriety • Build robotic devices and conduct challenging experiments Participate in field experiences

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IB)

(Richard Montgomery HS)

Program Description	Students will have the opportunity to:
<p>The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program is a demanding two-year international program that meets the needs of highly motivated Grade 11 and 12 students and leads to a qualification that is recognized by leading universities around the world. To earn an IB diploma, students must take a challenging liberal arts course of studies and pass examinations in six academic subjects. In addition, students are required to take the Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course that investigates the nature of knowledge in various disciplines; participate in Creativity, Action, Service (CAS) to achieve eight learning outcomes, undertake original research, and write an Extended Essay of 4,000 words. Students successfully completing the program earn a MCPS diploma and a Montgomery County Certificate of Merit, in addition to the internationally recognized IB diploma.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive advanced standing at prestigious colleges and universities • Earn awards and academic scholarships • Earn an IB diploma that is recognized globally

Important Dates -

- Neelsville MS - (Application Workshop) – Wednesday October 20th (After School)
- Richard Montgomery HS (Information Meeting) - Wednesday October 27th, 7:00 pm.
- Gaithersburg HS (Application Workshop) - Thursday October 28th, 7:00 pm
- Wheaton HS (Application Workshop) – Thursday November 4th, 7:00 pm
- **Deadline for all Applications** – Monday, November 8th, 2010 (Delivered to high school program by 3:00 p.m. or postmarked by November 8, 2010)
- **Magnet Testing** – Saturday, December 4th, 2010 (8:00 am – 11:00 am)

More information and application materials are available at:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/admissions/applications.aspx>

Materials are also available at the Neelsville counseling office.

Other Opportunities for 8th Graders

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Hispanic Scholars Society



Congratulations to our outstanding Hispanic students who were inducted this week into the Hispanic Scholars Society (HSS). Neelsville is the only Middle School in the County with a program of this type. So a special kudos to Principal McClain for her vision in providing this opportunity to these very deserving students.

The HSS provides an opportunity for outstanding students of Hispanic descent to become positive role models to fellow Hispanics and the Neelsville community in general. The members proudly adhere to their 3 tenets - *Heritage, Scholarship, & Service* - tutoring at Homework Club, ushering at various school events, baking cookies and sending letters to service members overseas, supporting walkers on the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, and enthusiastically serving up desserts to our teachers in appreciation of their hard work and dedication, among other things. If there is an area of need where they can help please contact Sra. Walker at 301-353-8064, and they will be happy to serve if they are able.

The group also celebrates its heritage with *fiestas, and bailes*, where foods and music of the different Hispanic countries are shared and enjoyed. The HSS members are expected to maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 to qualify and maintain membership.

Some of the inductees were -

Walter Alba-Aviles
Adriana Campos
Sabriana Carpenter
Christian Escobar

Deisy Fuentes
Sabrina Leveroni
Stefany Mata
Zach Nathan

Alondra Perez
Madelyn Trana
Janely Ventura
Enrique Oliva

Renata Calle
Nickole Amaya-Palma
Melissa Torres
Tiffany Ventura

-- Marjorie D. Walker

(Photo courtesy - NMS website)

NMS DRAMA PRODUCTION



Once upon a time there was a "Big Bad Wolf"...

... Watch what happens when the most notorious criminal in the fairy-tale world, Big Bad Wolf, gets slapped with a class-action lawsuit by the countless quirky fairytale characters he has wronged.

WHEN – 28th October & 29th October (7:00 pm – 8:30 pm)

WHERE – At the Neelsville Auditorium

TICKETS - \$ 3 if you buy ahead of time, \$ 5 if you buy them at the door.

Come One, Come All – Don't miss the chance to see your friends perform on stage!!

(Image courtesy - www.pioneerdrama.com)

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*



PTAreflections.org

Unleash your artistic talents



Dance Choreography

Visual Arts



Photography

Film Production



Musical Composition

Literature



PTA® Reflections

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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+ School Rewards. 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+ School Rewards.

Lo único que tienen que hacer es:

Entrar a www.giantfood.com/aplus para hacer la registraci3n de su tarjeta **en l3nea**

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 resultar3 en DINERO EN EFECTIVO para nuestra escuela! El monto del DINERO EN EFECTIVO ser3 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 recibir3 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 cr3dito, deben registrar su tarjeta nuevamente este a3o, a3n si lo hicieron el a3o pasado. Completar este simple proceso resultar3 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 ni3os se merecen lo mejor del mundo.

PTA Fundraiser!!!



with

Papa John's Pizza



Purchase a \$15 Papa John's Fundraising Card to help support the Neelsville PTA. Buy one get one free (no limit as to how many pizzas you can buy). **This offer is for carry out on Friday's only.** The Fundraising Card is valid for one year and is accepted at participating Papa John locations in DC, MD, & VA.

Student's Name _____ Teacher _____

Number of Fundraising Cards _____ Total Amount \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Neelsville PTA.
Please contact Marisol Jimenez at 240-848-4480
if you have any questions.





Neelsville Middle School - ID # 6541677

Shop at Safeway to earn money for our group

Renew or sign up with your Safeway Club Card today!

Renew by Nov. 1

If you participated last year, renew so our group continues to earn contributions.

- Go to eScrip.com
- Click on "YES RENEW!"
- Enter either your phone number, email, or Club Card number

OR

Sign up

Your participation can mean hundreds of dollars for our group.

- Go to eScrip.com
- Click on "1-Sign Up"
- Enter your Club Card number

What's new!

Safeway wants to do what we can to help every child stay fit and have access to nutrition programs. So we are asking schools and groups that receive Safeway donations to allocate 20% toward fitness and nutrition activities.



Neelsville Middle School - ID # 6541677

Has compras en Safeway para obtener dinero para tu grupo

Renueva o inscribete con tu tarjeta de Safeway, hoy!

Renueva antes de Nov.1

Si tu participaste el año pasado, Renueva para que nuestro grupo Siga obteniendo contribuciones.

- Visite eScrip.com
- Haga click en "YES RENEW"
- Introduzca su numero de telefono, Correo electrónico ó numero de tarjeta

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Inscribirse!

Su participacion puede significar cientos de dolares para nuestro grupo.

- Visite eScrip.com
- Haga click en "1-Sign Up"
- Introduzca su numero de tarjeta

Que hay de nuevo!

Safeway quiere hacer lo que podamos para ayudar a cada niño a mantenerse en forma y tener acceso a programas de nutrición. Por lo que estamos pidiendo a las escuelas y grupos que reciben donaciones de Safeway a destinar 20% a programas de nutrición y ejercicios.

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/neelsvillems/>
- **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@yahoogroups.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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PTA Meeting	Print Deadline	Email Deadline	Online
Nov 9	Nov 10	Nov 12	Nov 16
Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 17	Dec 21
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

- November 9
- December 14
- January 11
- February 8
- March 8
- April 12
- May 10