



# Olney Flyer

## Principal's Newsletter

THE PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER FOR OLNEY PARENTS

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### Mission Statement

The parents, staff and students of Olney Elementary School will work as a team to become life-long learners and productive citizens. By putting forth our best effort we will strive to create an environment of mutual respect and academic challenge.

### February 2018

Carla Glawe—Principal  
 Cindy Chichester—Assistant  
 Principal

## A Message from Mrs. Glawe

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are in our winter months and the weather is much colder. Please review our process so that we can ensure our arrival is safe and orderly.

### ARRIVAL

*Parents will enter the lower parking lot and follow the one-way sign.*

- Continue to drive through the parking lot until you reach the island at the corner of Queen Mary and the school parking lot.
- Students will exit your car on the right side only near the crosswalk and designated islands (**Please be patient and do not pass cars on the left**)
- Students will follow the directions of the adult and patrols stationed in designated areas.
- Students will proceed to the all-purpose room/gym doors where they will be directed by an adult and the patrols to go to their grade level hallways.
- Students will enter the building at 8:40am and classrooms at 9:00 a.m.
- Parents may not drop off students before 8:40 am; there is no supervision of students until 8:40 am.
- All parents that need to enter the building **MUST** enter through the main doors and check in at the main office.
- Late arrivals must enter the building through the main doors.
- Please follow our procedures and be a good role model for your children.
- Please treat our staff and other parents with respect.
- The Montgomery County Police Department will be out enforcing traffic laws.

As we head into the third quarter...remember for special events consider parking across the street at Giant, and crossover at the stoplight.

### Special Dates:

- January 31-Feb 1: Class Pictures
- February 2: PTA Bingo Night 7-8 pm
- Feb 5—9: National School Counselor's Week
- February 5: Club Pictures
- February 5: Gr. 5 Trip to Edison HS 10:30—1:30
- February 6: PTA Meeting 7pm
- February 8: Report Cards Distributed
- February 13-14: Hearing/Vision Screening
- February 14: Valentine Class Parties, 2:30-3:00pm
- February 19: President's Day Holiday— No School
- February 28: PTA Science Fair, APR 6:30—8:30 pm
- March 2: Early Release 12:55 pm

## Continued Success

We continue to celebrate students daily, weekly and monthly! Mrs. Chichester, myself and many other staff members had student helpers as a reward for earning Dragon Tickets! We have celebrated students who earned golden Dragon Tickets with a Snow Ball Fight (indoor of course) and a movie and popcorn with the administrators! During the second semester students will have the opportunity to earn breakfast with the administrators.

We look forward to celebrating your child's success here at OES!



## Kindergarten Orientation

Yearly, the schools of Montgomery County hold a kindergarten orientation for parents who will have children entering kindergarten the following September. These children must be five years old on or before September 01, 2018. During this orientation, parents and children have an opportunity to see the classrooms, talk with the kindergarten teachers, nurse, principal and other staff members. The orientation is primarily an opportunity for children to look forward to coming to school in the fall and to begin to build an important partnership between the home and school.



Information will be sent home with our students soon and we ask that you use the form that will be sent home to let us know about children who will attend Olney Elementary next year. When the form is returned, a packet will be prepared which will include an appointment time, registration and health forms and other information.

This year Olney Elementary School has scheduled kindergarten orientation on Thursday, April 12 and Friday, April 13, 2018.

## Change of School Assignment

### Student Transfer Application Season Begins February 1st

Montgomery County parents/guardians who wish to request a Change of School Assignment (COSA) for their children may begin the process during the upcoming transfer season, which starts on February 1, 2018. All COSA requests must be submitted no later than April 1 2018. The transfer process begins in the home school, where parents/guardians may request the *Change of School Assignment Information Booklet* that contains the COSA form, describes the process and provides useful information. Beginning the first week of February, the COSA booklet will be available in schools and online at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/transfers>.

The booklet will be available in English and Spanish.