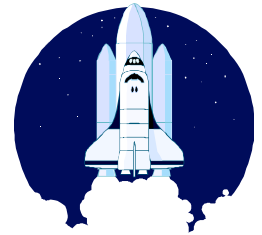




McNair Monthly Welcome to Our World!!!



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Important Upcoming Events

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| Cultural Arts & PTA Meeting—3/2 | Spring Portraits—3/4 |
| Chick-Fil-A Night—3/5 | Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough Sale—3/6 |
| PTA Auction (6:30pm-9:30pm)—3/6 | McNair Art Show—3/13 |
| Grade 1 Math Night (6:30pm-7:30pm)—3/26 | PTA Cookie Orders Due—3/27 |
| Professional Day—No School- 3/30 | |

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Town Hall Meeting

Principal Eileen Macfarlane and the Ronald McNair staff happily reported that the first town hall meeting was a huge success. In case you didn't get to make the meeting, it's purpose was to review the seven keys to college readiness and plan for ALL McNair students to achieve at those high levels.

The two questions that were asked were:

1. What is the school doing to help your child become successful?
2. What else can the school do to help your child become successful?

If you want your thoughts to be considered in the next meeting (April 15th), then please contact Principal Macfarlane.



2009 Art Show



The 2009 McNair Art Show is approaching fast! This very special exhibit is scheduled for March 11th and features art from every child in our school. Butcher block paper for each grade level needs to be pulled to make banners. Prints need to be matted and labeled after all banners are created. Many volunteers are needed to make this annual event a success. We appreciate your continuous support.

Yearbook Sale



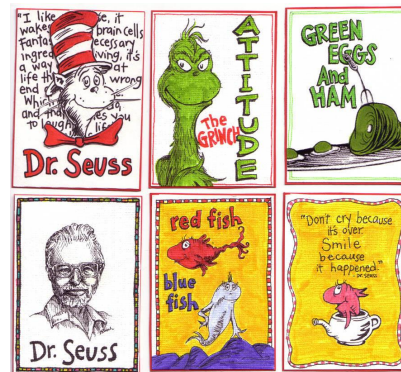
Don't forget to reserve your copy of the 2008-2009 McNair Yearbook while supplies last. If you don't place an order, copies that are left will be sold on a first come, first served basis only. We only order a small number over what has been ordered by students. The yearbook is \$25.00.

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Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!!

Mark your calendars because on March 2nd Ronald McNair is celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday! Parents are invited to visit their child's classroom and take part in reading to the class. More information will be coming home soon from your child's teacher.



McNair Auction

**Auction is March 6! * Auction is March 6! * Auction is March 6! **

The annual auction is a fun-filled event for the whole family. It is a significant fundraiser for the PTA and the proceeds support many of the programs your child/children enjoy at Ronald McNair Elementary School. You will hear much more about this great event but we wanted to let you know that we are now accepting your donations.

It is time to ask your neighbors, family members, hair salons, friends, and retailers for their donations. Your donations make this event so worthwhile!

The Auction needs your donations!

Could you donate any of the following items??

Tickets – local sporting events, theater, ballet, concerts

Gift Certificates – area restaurants, hair/nail salons, spas, local retailers

Items/Services from the companies with whom you are employed

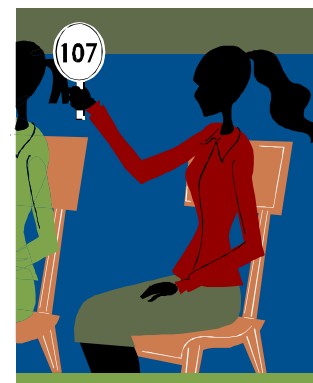
Clothes – new/never worn, tags still attached

A finished product from a hobby you enjoy – quilting, painting, sewing, photography

Valuable/interesting items from cleaning out your closet or basement

Services you can provide – tutoring, home improvement services, instruction

Please contact Kelly Collins if you have any questions about donating or helping with this event. We need someone to help with the food that evening and someone to help coordinate the classroom baskets. Please contact us on 301-642-1268 or henryand-kelly@comcast.net.



Calling All Poets

April is National Poetry Month and the PTA is sponsoring a poetry contest. Students are encouraged to write a poem and submit it to their teacher. Winners will receive special recognition at the April Cultural Arts Assembly and all participating students will have their work displayed on the writing wall. Complete information has been sent home from school and is attached here.

Second grader Edward Bian was the first to submit a poem. We hope everyone else is busy rhyming and writing. The deadline is March 13th, so get your creative juices flowing. Completed poems along with a cover sheet should be turned in to the Cultural Arts box in the office.



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MCPS Valuable Services

Does your gifted child face learning challenges? Does your child have strong thinking skills, large vocabulary, and extensive background knowledge, but struggles with basic writing skills? Is your child creative and sensitive, but struggles with following basic directions? For more information please go to:

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/enriched/gtld/.

There is also a Speaker Series that is available that is for *twice exceptional students*—those who are gifted and talented and also learning disabled. MCPS has set goals to ensure that differentiated educational programs and/or services are systematically provided for these students which focus on their strengths while accommodating their weaknesses.



Based in Montgomery County, MD, the GT/LD Network is a non-profit organization run by volunteers to support gifted students who learn differently. The Network has been a local and national resource for more than two decades. Active members include parents, students, educators, school administrators and clinicians.

For more information on this program please go to www.gtldnetwork.org. If you have further questions, please contact MCPS GT/LD Specialist, Marisa Stemple (301) 309-6272 or MarisaRStemple@mcpsmd.org for more information.

McNair Yard Sale!!

Ronald McNair is having a yard sale to benefit the McNair kindergarten "Jumpstart" program and PTA. It will be on May 9th from 8am-1pm in the school parking lot. Spaces are \$10 each—word has it that two spaces are recommended but that is up to you. Bring your own table, set-up and keep the money you make. After April 24th if spaces are still available they will then be \$15 each. For more information please click on the link below:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/ronaldmcnairs/pta/Yardsale%20Flyer.pdf>



Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser

The Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser begins March 6th. Don't forget to check for this yummy information in your child's backpack. Otis Spunkmeyer has been making kids smile for over 30 years...and Foodservice Directors too!! That's because of their delicious wholesome products and the power of their strong brand and quality products. And you don't have to feel guilty because they are reduced fat and made with whole grain.



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Help Heal Homelessness

The Stepping Stones Homeless Shelter is sponsoring its annual Hat Party March 27th at St. Raphael's. Enjoy great food, live music, a live and silent auction.

Don your Favorite Hat and Help Heal Homelessness in Your Community! Enjoy an open bar, great food, and live music. Bid on live and silent auction items and much more. Prizes will be given for the most creative hats.

\$60 per person

Casual Attire

All Proceeds Benefit Stepping Stones Shelter. Contact Michael P. Rose at 301-340-8700 ext 103 for more information.

