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# DOLPHIN PRIDE

## SOUTH LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



### *Principally Speaking*

Dear South Lake Families,

It's hard to believe that December is already here! Soon, we will be looking out of our windows and admiring the snowfall! We have exciting events planned for this month. Come join us at the PTA meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 to learn about our ESOL program. The presentation will include information on models of instruction for ESOL students and the ESOL proficiency assessment. Math/Science Night will be held on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00. The committee has planned exciting sessions to engage both parents and students in solving math problems, playing math games and completing science experiments. In science, participants will have the opportunity to make and study the properties of polymer, perform activities to find out about surface tension, use toothpicks and marshmallows to build figures and lots more! There are exciting things to do in math as well! Parents and students will be able to play a variety of games designed to be both fun and challenging. That's not all! Currently, we are offering afterschool math tutoring on Wednesday and Thursday from 3:15 – 4:20 p.m. The math tutorials are designed to support our students in expanding their critical thinking while enriching their mathematical abilities. In addition to reviewing math concepts taught in class and supporting students with homework, we will provide opportunities for students to strengthen their use of problem solving strategies. Also planned for this month are several PTA eat-out nights. Don't forget to join us on December 6<sup>th</sup> at Ledo's in Montgomery Village or on December 21<sup>st</sup> at Chuck E. Cheese. You can also support the PTA by ordering take-out from Vocelli's on December 1<sup>st</sup> or Dominoes on December 5<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you at all of our events!

Congratulations! Ms. Levin and Mrs. Williams would like to thank all of the responsible and respectful student council candidates who worked hard to run for office. All of our students did a super job. Congratulations to our elected Student Government Association officers for the 2011-2012 school year: President – Winnie Essel; Vice President – Brady Allen; Secretary – Eric Chavez; Treasurer – Jazmine Quintero. We are proud of all of our students!

Sincerely,  
Celeste King



### DECEMBER 1, 2011

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#### **Important Dates:**

12/1 Vocelli Pizza Fundraiser  
12/5 Dominos Pizza Fundraiser  
12/6 5:30 pm PTA in Media Center  
Ledos Pizza Fundraiser

12/9 6:30 pm Movie Night  
12/15 & 12/16 Class Photos  
12/21 Chuck E. Cheese  
12/24 - 1/2/2012 Winter Break

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Community of  
Thinkers*

# PTA

PTA membership is \$10 per person. Join us for PTA meetings the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center. The next meeting is December 6th.

When attending our restaurant fundraisers or calling in an order to go, please remember to tell the salesperson that you are supporting South Lake Elementary and a portion of your purchase price will be sent to the PTA.

### Dismissal in the Parking Lot

We need your help keeping our Kindergarten students safe. Cars should not be parked along the curb in the back parking lot. Please park within the spaces and wait until students have left the lot before driving out.



### Leaving Early

The school day ends at 3:05 p.m. If you need to pick up your child before the end of the school day, be sure to arrive before 2:45 p.m. After this time all students are receiving their homework and packing up. It is difficult for the teachers to get students ready any faster. If you arrive after 2:45 p.m. please wait for your child outside.

### Lunch Money

When sending money to school for your child's lunch account it is important to place the money in an envelope or clipped to a piece of paper with the following information:

- Your child's first and last name
- 4-digit PIN (if you know it)
- Homeroom teacher's name.

All lunch money is sent directly to the cafeteria. The teachers do not monitor students' lunch accounts.

### Lost and Found

Our lost and found is overflowing. Please check for your child's belongings and claim the items that may have been left behind. It helps if the child's name is written on each item he or she brings to school.

Critical Thinking is  
*Analysis – Evaluation – Synthesis*



### Watching out for our school

Winter Break is approaching. We need all of our neighbors keeping an eye on the school. If you see suspicious activity near the building or on the grounds please call 911 or the Safe School Hotline at 301-517-5995.

### Tardiness

When students arrive late they must come in to the main office and receive a late slip. Then students enter the classroom after breakfast has finished and instruction has begun. Many students have difficulty starting their day off feeling rushed. Please help your child be successful by setting a schedule at home that will enable your child to arrive to school on time (before 8:55 a.m.).

### Emergency Closings

During the cold weather season there is the possibility that school may close due to inclement weather, loss of power or loss of heat to the building. It is important to have a plan in place so your children will know what to expect. The school district recommends the following:

- Keep the school informed if your phone number changes. We can update your child's emergency card at any time.
- Listen to the radio or television news in the morning to hear about school closings.
- You may call 301-279-3673 for a recorded message. Or look online at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org).

When possible a Connect Ed message will be sent.