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# DOLPHIN PRIDE

SOUTH LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## *Principally Speaking*

Dear South Lake Families,

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, there is so much to be thankful for here at South Lake Elementary School. I would like to share some of the things that I am thankful for. I am thankful for all of the students who come to school each day eager and ready to learn. I am thankful for all of the parents who support us both at home and in school. I am thankful to the South Lake staff for giving of themselves each day to ensure that all of our students are successful. My thanks is also extended to Breton Helsel and her book fair volunteers. The book fair was a huge success because of the hard work and dedication of our parents and community. A special thank you to the following people for volunteering at the book fair: Breton Helsel, Tess Goggins, Sindi Siskind, Tasha Upchurch, Marianne Downes, Lisa Rishell, Denise Felix, Calvin Truesdale, Charmaine, Carla Cutini, Debra Kennedy, Nicole Cathey, and Judy Potasznik. Thank you also to Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Schwartz for the use of the media center.

Here is some exciting news--Every year all second and fifth graders visit The Music Center at Strathmore to enjoy a performance by the National Philharmonic. Our fifth graders have already visited Strathmore to learn about the music of a variety of composers. The musical examples performed illustrate the dynamics of music-- helping to lead the students to conclude that music stirs up indescribable feelings when you are listening. Fifth graders came back from their trip excited to share what they had learned. Our second graders can hardly wait for their turn on November 18th!

Congratulations are in order! Our students have done an awesome job during the first quarter. The following students have earned the principal's award for having all O's or all A's for the first marking period: Emily Camelo, Griselda Guillen, Alexa Ruiz, Fatima Viera Gonzalez, Luis Merchan, Trisha Adriano, Caryl Agapome, Bianca Lezcano, Halima Thomas, Rhamzy Achmad, Stephanie Nelson, Mirna Argueta, Natalie Helsel, Theresa Appleyard, Jesse Ibezim, Nathalie Adriano, Brady Allen, Josephine Crucillo, and Jazmine Quintero. We are proud of your accomplishments. Keep up the good work!

Enjoy your Thanksgiving holiday with your family and friends. It is a reminder of so many wonderful things and people who are in our lives.

Sincerely,  
Celeste King



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### **Important Dates:**

11/23 12:35 Dismissal for  
Thanksgiving

11/24 - 11/25 School Closed  
Happy Thanksgiving

In December look for:

- PTA Meeting
- Movie Night
- First Day of Winter
- Winter Break

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Community of  
Thinkers*

**PTA**

The PTA is still accepting membership forms. 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.

Thank you to those who purchased items from Joe Corbi. I hope all the items arrived safely. If not, please contact Ms. Sharon Henry at 301-515-0612.

**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. If there aren't any available spaces then you must park out on the street. It is dangerous for cars to be moving while students are walking through the parking lot to go home. Please park within the spaces and wait until students have left the lot before driving out.



**Raising Money for St. Jude's**

Please encourage your child to continue solving the math problems in the booklet. Place donations in the collection envelope. The Math-a-thon will end on November 23, 2011.

**Lunch Accounts**

By the end of the first quarter, South Lake students owed \$500 to the cafeteria. We are still waiting for a few parents to pay their negative account balances. For this reason, students will no longer have the option of incurring a negative balance. If students do not have sufficient money in their accounts they will receive an alternate lunch.

**Principal's Survey**

We would like to thank you for completing the Principal's survey when you came to your child's parent-teacher conference. If you chose to take it home, it's not too late to return it to South Lake. We want to hear from you. Your feedback is important to us.

Critical Thinking is  
*Analysis – Evaluation – Synthesis*



**Sweater Weather**

Students go outside for recess everyday unless it rains. Make sure your children are dressed for the weather: socks and a sweater or jacket. Appropriate shoes will keep them warm and help them play safely.

**MC Adventures**

This is a special one-day enrichment program at Montgomery College for Gifted and Talented students in Grades 4 - 6. The cost for the day is \$85. Students choose 3 of the 7 sessions, such as, Robotic Adventures and Chess Strategies. Saturday, November 19 from 9 a.m. - 2:50 p.m. at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus (Takoma Ave. and Fenton St.) For more information call 240-567-7917 or log on to: [www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth).

**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.