

WASHINGTON GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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MCPS Winter Parent Academy

The Parent Academy workshops are designed to give parents tips and tools to help their children be successful in school. There are many topics that will help parents be partners in their children's education. Some of these include exploring online resources on the MCPS website, understanding Curriculum 2.0 for students in kindergarten through second grade and learning about summer opportunities. All workshops are FREE and are held at schools and locations throughout Montgomery County. Child care is provided. Brochures for the winter schedule of workshops were sent home this week. For more information, please check the following website: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/> or contact the Department of Family and Community Partnerships at 301-517-5940.

Come Read with Me

Thank you to the families and staff that joined us for Come Read with Me-Science. Over 93 students and their parents attended! The evening began with students listening to an interesting story followed by four stations of science activities for them to explore with their parents. The students engaged in building small cars, making their own snow

and glitter glue as well as writing in their science journals. Thank you also to the Mrs. Moran for organizing and planning such an exciting evening and to the staff and parent volunteers for their support in making the evening so much for our families.

The Skill of the Month

Each month, WGES focuses on a skill that helps our students learn how to be caring and thoughtful people. This month we are working on showing “**random acts of kindness**” in small ways. The skill was introduced at our School Family Assembly and will be reinforced in a variety of ways, such as during classroom guidance lessons and class meetings. Another way we are reinforcing the skill is by participating in the *Pennies for Patients* campaign. The campaign started on Feb. 1st and ends on Feb. 15th. We are encouraging the children, with parents' permission, to donate change to this fund. The money collected will benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. We hope you will reinforce our skill of the month and if possible support the campaign by donating a small amount of change.

Student Transfer Application Season

Montgomery County parents who wish to request a Change of School Assignment (COSA) for their children from their home

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school may begin this process during the upcoming transfer season, February 1, 2012 through April 1, 2012. The transfer process begins in the home school where parents may request a COSA form and the Change of School Assignment Information Booklet that describes the process and provides useful information. These information booklets are available in the school's main office and online at

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/transfers/>.

Fri., Feb. 10 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Field Trip to Mount Vernon-Grade 5
Mon. Feb. 13	Jump Rope for Heart begins
Mon., Feb. 13 3:30-4:30 p.m.	ESOL Homework Club
Tues., Feb. 13 9:30-11:30 a.m.	Tuesday Morning Work Group- APR
Tues., Feb. 14 2:15-3:15 p.m.	Valentine's Day Parties
Mon., Feb. 20	President's Day Schools and Offices are Closed

IMPORTANT DATES:

Date and Time	Event
Mon., Feb. 6	National School Counselor's Week
Mon., Feb. 6	Read for Health Grade 1
Mon., Feb. 6	Text 2B Healthy Survey and Consent Forms due
Mon., Feb. 6 3:30-4:30 p.m.	ESOL Homework Club
Tues., Feb.7 9:30-11:30 a.m.	Tuesday Morning Work Group-APR
Tues., Feb. 7 9:45-10:30 a.m. 10:45-11:30 a.m.	Cultural Arts Assembly-Fascinatin' Rhythms-APR Pre-K- Grade 2 Grades 3-5
Tues., Feb. 7 7:00-8:30 p.m.	PTA-General Meeting Media Center
Wed., Feb. 8	College Spirit Day!
Wed., Feb. 8 3:30-6:00 p.m.	Winning Wednesdays
Thurs., Feb. 9 3:30-4:30 p.m.	After School Clubs
Thurs., Feb. 9	Text 2B Healthy messages begin

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