

WELLER ROAD ELEMENTARY

PARENT NEWSLETTER

November 14, 2011



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION – Box Tops for Education is a program that allows schools to receive money for the box tops of various food products. Thank you to all of our parents and community friends, like the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth El, who donated box tops. Ms. Martinez, our Box Top Coordinator, has already sent in over 4,000 box tops this year. Thank you Ms. Martinez, for all your hard work! Our goal this year is to collect 10,000 box tops. By simply cutting off the “Box Tops for Education” labels of various General Mills products and sending them to school, you can help us earn money to support many of our school programs. As always, if we work together as a community we can make this program successful. Don’t forget to ask family, friends or even co-workers to help support Weller Road by collecting Box Tops!

PARKING AND STUDENT DROP-OFF – There has been an increase in the number of students arriving before 9:10 a.m. and running across the parking lots to the building. This means there are a lot of students in front of the building unsupervised and running around. Please remember that there is no supervision before 9:10 a.m. and that children should not arrive at school before 9:10 a.m. Because of this, in an effort to increase student safety, there have been some changes in procedures for student drop-off in the morning. No cars, other than staff, will be able to enter the parking lot or bus loop until after 9:20 a.m. If you are dropping off your child, please do so in the parent drop-off circle, which is the safest method, or along Weller Road. If you drop your child off on the far side of Weller, please make sure they go to the crossing guard to cross the street. Also, please tell your children to walk only on sidewalks when walking up to the building. Thank you for your understanding as we work together to ensure our students’ safety.

SUCCESS ASSEMBLIES – Our first Success Assemblies will be held in November. Students who will be receiving an award will be notified in writing, and parents are welcome to attend to see the presentation. Because of our new hours, we will have to have assemblies on two days. Kindergarten and First Grade will receive their awards on Monday, November 21, 2011 at 9:40 AM. Then on Tuesday, November 22, 2011, Second and Third Grades will receive theirs at 9:40 AM and Fourth and Fifth Grades will receive theirs at 2:30 PM.

WINTER IS COMING – With winter coming, the possibility of bad weather increases. Please make arrangements in case there is a need for an early dismissal, and go over those plans with your child. Also, this is a great time to make sure that you have given the school office updated phone numbers in case of emergency.

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITY/ BULLYING PRESENTATION – Students will attend an assembly on Tuesday, November 29, 2011 regarding their rights and responsibilities as students in Montgomery County Public Schools. They will also bring home a copy of the handbook that day.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – All schools develop or revise a School Improvement Plan (SIP) each school year. During the summer and early fall, schools draft the SIP by examining data collected from student assessments and parent and staff surveys. This data is used to determine where to focus efforts to enhance and improve instruction based on the needs of our students, staff, and parents; to allocate resources; and to plan parent and staff training. Parents are an important and vital part of the SIP process, and are invited to participate so that their ideas and suggestions can be incorporated into the school’s plan. For further information about the SIP please contact your school’s principal.

COATS – It is imperative that all children come dressed appropriately to school. Even though it is getting colder, students will be going outside for recess as long as it is above freezing. Please send your child with a coat, hat and glove/mittens every day. If you do not have a coat for your child, please contact Ms. Catucci, our school counselor, at 301-929-2010.

FROM THE PARENT RESOURCE CENTER – Please see attachment
Anna Saladino (Parent Coordinator)

HOMEWORK HOTLINE - “*Homework Hotline Live* is up and running. Call with your homework questions from 4 to 6 pm, and text from the *Hotline* website or your phone until 9 at night! Call 301-279-3234 or go to Ask H-H-L dot org. That’s 301-279-3234 and Ask H-H-L dot org.”

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Nov. 16th – 2nd Grade Field Trip to Strathmore Hall

Nov. 17th: Individual Picture day

Nov. 21st & 22nd – Success Assemblies

Nov. 23rd – Early Release Day [1:15pm]

Nov. 24th & 25th – No School: Thanksgiving Holiday

Nov. 30th - Practice Bus Run