



# News from the Administration

May 2013

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## Saying Goodbye to Another Year . . .

The month of May has arrived and with it brings closure on our current academic year and planning for next year. This is the time that school seems to fly by as we wish for extra hours in the day to make sure our students continue to learn while we focus on our goals and plans for next year. In Kindergarten through Grade 3, our teachers continue to do an extraordinary job ensuring our students are getting in-depth learning from Curriculum 2.0. Our Grades 4 and 5 teachers are learning Curriculum 2.0 as we prepare to implement our new curriculum into these grade levels next year. Like our students, our teachers never stop learning. They continue to develop professionally to deliver a rigorous and comprehensive instructional program to every student at Beverly Farms.

Our Kindergarten Teachers welcomed our upcoming students during Kindergarten Orientation on April 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. Our many thanks and deep appreciation goes out to our teachers and PTA for their collaborative efforts in creating a smooth and positive experience for our future Kindergarteners and their parents. There were many smiles and few tears from both children and parents. This certainly is one way to gauge a successful orientation. Bravo to all who contributed.

Our new building had an important visitor recently. County Executive, Isiah Leggett, visited our building and pointed out how well cared for and maintained it looked. This is a direct result of the hard work and dedication that our Building Service Staff puts forth to make our building shine. The continuous work they deliver each day has created a building we can show pride in to all who pass through our doors. We appreciate them for all they do for our building and students.

We also want to thank parents and students who are doing a great job following our arrival and dismissal procedures. These procedures are designed to keep all our students safe each morning and afternoon. Please remember to not enter or drop off children in our bus loop or in front of the school. Our car loop is set up to drop students off at the sidewalk where they cannot encounter other vehicles. Please note that there are Crossing Guards at Victory Lane and at the crosswalk a few yards from our bus loop entrance to help students cross Postoak Road safely. Let's continue to be vigilant in keeping our kids safe, especially in the warmer weather.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### May 8

Cultural Arts Assembly

### May 9

Grade 5 Family Life Parent Meeting Room 217 3:30

### May 13

Patrol Picnic 9:30 – 2:00

### May 22

Grade 5 Panoramic Picture 10:30 a.m.

### May 27 Memorial Day

Schools Closed

### May 30

**FIELD DAY 9:30 – 11:30**

**Kindergarten – Grade 2**

**Rain Date: June 7**

### May 31

**FIELD DAY 9:30 – 11:30**

**Grades 3 – 5**

**Rain Date: June 7**

### June 3

Instrumental Band Concert 7:30 Pyle Middle School

### June 4

Volunteer Tea 10:45 a.m. Media Center

### June 5

Chorus Concert 6:30 All Purpose Room/BFES

### June 12

Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony 1:30 Churchill HS

### June 14

**Last Day for Students  
Early Dismissal 12:35**

## Special Education Parent Survey Coming Soon!

Family involvement is a critical component for student success in school. The Office of Special Education and Student Services, Office of Shared Accountability, and the Department of Family and Community Partnerships will be conducting a survey from late-May through June 2013. The purpose of the survey is to gather information on the experiences of parents/guardians as a member of their child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) team and to learn about their satisfaction with the services their child receives. The survey results will help improve how Montgomery County Public Schools conducts IEP meetings and serves children with special education needs. The results will be made available to the public via a research brief. No confidential information will be released.

If your child attends kindergarten to Grade 5 and you participated in an IEP meeting between February and mid-May, please look for your mailed survey in late May 2013.

If you would like to learn more about the survey, contact the Office of Special Education and Student Services at 301-279-3604.








### *A Super Special Shout Out Goes to our Volunteers for Kindergarten Orientation Headed up by Judy Lapidus:*

-  Natalie Billington
-  Monica Boudjouk
-  Kristin Cook
-  Tammi Cortez
-  Tris Anne DeSalvio
-  Tammy Gruber
-  Mindy Kim
-  Nicole Kustner
-  Nicole Lehtman
-  Amy Pelletier
-  Gretchen Segal
-  Heather Strauch
-  Sandra Yesnowitz
-  Sormeh Youssefieh



### *Golden Shout Outs*

-  *To our Kindergarten Teachers, Ms. Wong, Ms. Perkins and Ms. Lee, our school nurse, for registering our next class of Kindergartners during Kindergarten Orientation.*
-  *To our Building Service Staff for their hard work and dedication to make our building shine: Mr. Henderson, Manager, Mr. Valenzuela, Assistant Manager, Ms. Flores, Mr. Coeburn, Mr. Sellers, and Mr. Alvarado*
-  *To Ms. Etheridge and Ms. Wong for being all about kids.*
-  *To our lunch and recess aides whose strong efforts give our students a positive experience every day during lunch as well as outdoor and indoor recess.*
-  *To our Health Tech, Evelyn Harkins, for the comfort and cleanup she provides our students. Ms. Harkins is a true team player, pitching in wherever a need arises.*

### *A Thought on Resilience:*

*"Anyone can give up; it's the easiest thing in the world to do. But to hold it together when everyone else would understand if you fell apart, that's true strength."*

*-Christopher Reeves*