

## **Principal's Message on 11/26**

Good Evening Stallion Families,

It has been a busy week at school with the Book Fair, Grandparent and/or Special Friend Breakfast, 2nd Grade Field trip to Strathmore, and the Fall Festival Parties.

- Thank you to our amazing PTA for running the Book Fair and Grandparent and/or Special Friend breakfast this week!
- Thank you to all the families that were able to join us on Friday to support our Fall Festival.

### **New: Photo Orders Are On The Way!**

We have heard from Classic Photography that they will be sending pre orders and proofs to school the week after Thanksgiving.

- If you placed an order, they should be in at that time.
- If you did not pre-order a package, you can order from the proof you will receive and it will be sent directly to your home, usually in 10 business days.
- Retakes are scheduled for Friday, December 8.

### **New: Clarksburg Community Forum**

We are starting the process to create the Clarksburg Community Forum to focus on responding to the current bullying, harassment, and juvenile misconduct within our community. The objective of the forum is to build trust within our community and make it safer for all of us. The first meeting is to be held Spring 2024 at Hallie Wells Middle School. This meeting will be led by a panel of representatives from different avenues of the community.

We have identified several volunteer opportunities to support this and future initiatives to make it a success. Please note, this is all the information I have at this time. If you are interested in updates and/or volunteering, please fill out the attached form. We will be sending updates regularly."

- <https://forms.gle/f9i6oRv3hGHxdnw77>

### Strategy of the Month

Twenty minutes a day is all it takes to develop key reading skills. Here is our reading and math strategy of the month!

Reading Strategy of the Month	Math Strategy of the Month
<p>Read to Someone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● It is important for students to read aloud to others. This gives children an opportunity to hear their own voice, work on fluency, practice reading with expression, and check for understanding.</li></ul>	<p>Recipes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Use math skills like measurement, counting, and sequencing while you cook in the kitchen. Encourage your child to use measuring tools to cook along with you!</li></ul>

### Federal Aid Forms

A blue Federal Impact Aid Survey will be distributed later this week. This form should be filled out by Military families with students attending MCPS and Federally-connected parents/guardians of MCPS students working or living on federal property in Maryland. Please return these blue survey forms to your student's teacher or to the main office.

- If you are not a Military family, you can disregard the form.

### Clothes Needed in the Health Room

The health room often provides clothes to students as needed throughout the day. Unfortunately, their supply is very low and we need some clothing donations to continue to support students. We are in need of:

- Boys Pants: size 7- 12 (preferably sweatpants)
- Girls Pants: Size 6-12 (preferably leggings, sweatpants)
- Socks All size

### Upcoming Important Dates

- Friday, December 1st- 5th Grade Trip to Mt. Vernon
- Wednesday, December 6th: Author Visit Assemblies (Miranda Mittleman and her dog, Weaver)
  - K-2: 9:20-9:50
  - 3-5: 10-10:30

- Friday, December 8th: Picture Day Retakes, Hearing and Vision Screening, and DJ Dance Party/ Silent Auction/ Make and Take with the PTA

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school, 240-740-5800.

With Gratitude,  
Michelle Fortune