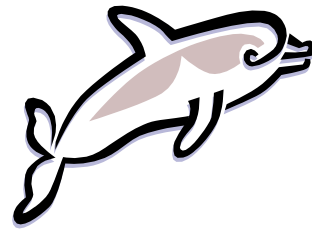


The Dolphin's Tale



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Susan J. Shenk, Principal

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April - Month of the Young Child

5		Spring Bus Evacuation Drill
8		Grade 4 to Johns Hopkins – <i>Chemistry and Bread Making</i>
9	7:00 – 8:00pm	Grade 5 Family Life Parent Meeting – Media Center PTA Family Fun Night – <i>IL Porto Restaurant</i>
11		Class photos and Spring Portraits Report Cards Distributed Flyer Distribution Day
12	2:00pm	Grade 3 pizza making with Potomac Pizza
15 & 16		Grade 5 MSA Science
16	6:00 – 8:00pm	New Kindergarten Parent Meeting
17		Cultural Arts – <i>Step Afrika</i>
17 & 18		Kdg. and Grade 1 Hearing and Vision Screening
19		Grades 1 & 2 – Imagination Stage <i>The Magic Finger</i> Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and Grade 5 performs for Grades 3 and 4
	7:00 – 9:00pm	International Night
22		Earth Day
23 & 24		Kdg. Orientation – no classes for current Kdg. students
25		Take your Child to Work Day
26		Grade 3 to Woodlawn Manor
30		Grade 5 to Philadelphia TV Turn Off Week Begins

May

1		Mrs. Perel's class to Food Services Central Production
5	2:00 – 4:00pm	Travilah Moves!
6		Staff Appreciation Week begins Mrs. Knoblach's and Ms. Emr's classes to the Bay
7		Mrs. Ghetti's class to the Bay
	7:00pm	PTA Meeting – Media Center
8		Mrs. Kolze's & Mrs. Shrager's to Food Services Central Production Grade 2 to Brookside Gardens
9		Grade 5 to Smith Center – <i>Racing West</i>
10		Interims sent Grade 4 to Kingsley Center – <i>Ecosystems</i> (Knoblach and ½ Emr)
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WELCOME BACK - It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces returning to Travilah on Wednesday after spring break. Everyone looked rested and rejuvenated (including the staff) for this final quarter of the year. We heard many interesting stories of vacations, family events, and relaxation! I hope everyone is ready for this final quarter because it is filled with many fun, exciting activities and events – International Night, Travilah Moves, Travilahfest, Family Fun Nights, Awards Assembly, Field Day, field trips, 5th Grade Promotion, etc., etc., etc. What a wonderful way to end such a successful school year!

PRINCIPAL’S WRITING WALL – Each week students’ writing is displayed on the Principal’s Writing Wall. All students will be featured at least once during the year. The following students’ work was highlighted during the week of April 2, 2013,

Grade 2 – Mrs. Facine’s class: Julianne Yao, Karen Potts, Tiffany Ke, Dennis Chunikhin, Chris Castelli, Allison Yu

Mrs. Donaldson’s class: Kevin Sonntag, Naba Syed, Zara Okudo, Pratyusha Mandal, Alicia Wang

Mrs. Hart’s class: Humza Sehbai, Arjun Sofat, Mills Littlefield, Aidan Wang, Nicole Yu, Ishani Tyagi

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION – Our Kindergarten Orientation is scheduled for April 23 and 24, 2013. Children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2013 will be eligible to enter Kindergarten in August 2013. If you have a child who will be entering Kindergarten next fall, please complete the attached form and return it to the school office. Please pass this information on to your neighbors or friends as well. We will also be having a Parent Orientation meeting on April 16, 2013 from 6:00 – 8:00pm. This meeting is for parents only and will include time for registration, a tour of the school, and an information session. Just a reminder, there will be no Kindergarten classes for currently enrolled Kindergarten students for these two days as the teachers and classrooms will be involved in the orientation.

TRAVILAH YEARBOOK – Order now! We are now taking orders for the 2012-2013 Travilah Yearbook. Order forms went home with all students right before Spring Break. If you did not get a form, there are extra copies available in the office. You do not want to miss out on all the great memories (class parties, field trips, holiday celebrations, performances and more). Plus, the front and back covers are original artwork by two of our own Travilah students. We have extended the deadline by one week. **Orders are being taken thru Wednesday, April 17th.** Simply turn in the order form with your student’s and teacher’s names along with the \$18 payment (check or exact cash please) to get your copy!

TRAVILAH’S ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE –Beginning Wednesday, April 10th we will start collecting canned foods for our Annual Food Drive. We accept cans of soup, tuna, spaghetti sauce, vegetables, fruits, etc., boxed cereal, baby food (no jars please), rice, pasta, dry milk, juice in plastic containers and other non-perishable items. Look for the flyer going home next week with more details. In each of the last two years we collected a half ton of food! We hope to meet and beat those records this year!

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY - Thursday, April 25th is the annual “Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day.” Please see the attached letter describing Travilah’s goals for this program, procedure needed in order for your child to have an excused absence, and process for receiving the required activity packet. We are excited to support this annual event and hope that our students have a meaningful visit to your work site!

P.E. CLASS OF THE WEEK – Week of March 18, 2013 Congratulations to **Mrs. Knoblach’s class!**
P.E. STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week of March 18, 2013 Congratulations to **Julianne Yao** in Mrs. Facine’s class.

PLAYGROUND SUPERSTARS – Week of February 25 – March 15, 2013

Grade 5: Pranav Vijay, Ryan Van Meter, Kent Ngo, Francis Meyer, Ritik Singh, Matt Price, Shawn Bryan

Grade 4: Joshua Hou

Grade 3: Koran Lawson, Maya Chelar, Brett Halpern, Daniel Kwak, Salar Riar, Aria Mohebi, Dylan Safai, Liam Miller, Max Messina, Mohammed Khan, Anthony Terselic, Logan Pratt, Josh Euler, Nikki Faroughi, Ayla Khorsand, Surya Udayshanka, John Kibat, Max Wool, Samir Mitri, Justin DeLeon

Grade 2: Liam Graham, Nathanael Ma, Tommy Arata, Grace Liu, Tiffany Ke, Nick Briskman, Ryan Lim, Kevin Sonntag, Leah Pratt, Karen Potts, Pratyusha Mandal, Henry Zhang

Grade 1: Michelle Yu, Krish Abbato, Gareth Bennett, Omid Motamedi, Nikolay Bychkov, Coby Pinto, Rhea Chelar

Kindergarten: AJ Shiflett, Carson Peddie, Jaden Hou, Jack Kerns, Garrett Valentine, Saniya Shah, Kent Zhang

SPECIAL DOLPHIN TALES THANK YOU TO:

- **Julie Krieger** for organizing all the amazing cultural arts presentations for the students and to the **PTA** for funding the shows!
- **Terri Stillwagoner and Peter Yuen** for stepping up to lead our PTA next year!

I have read the newsletter and would like to make the following comments or ask the question stated below:

Name: _____ Student’s name: _____

Phone: _____