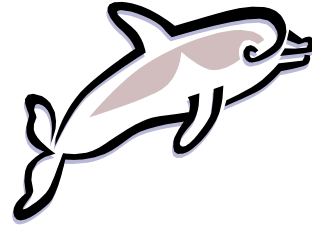


The Dolphin's Tale



The bi-weekly principal's newsletter of Travilah Elementary School
Susan J. Shenk, Principal

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1		Grade 5 to Frost MS for Band Concert
4		Cultural Arts Assembly – History Alive!
5		Grade 5 Poet in Residence
	6:00 -7:30pm	Parents as Literacy Partners
	7:30 – 8:30pm	PTA Meeting – Media Center
6		Lunar New Year Celebration at Recess
	2:00pm	Lunar New Year Parade
		PTA Family Fun Night – Chick Fil-A Kentlands
7	7:00-8:45pm	Grade 5 Parent Orientation at Frost Middle School
8		Grade 5 Poet in Residence
11		Grade 5 – Baltimore Symphony Orchestra
13		Grade 1 Mad Science – <i>Earthworks</i>
		Grade 5 – Poet in Residence
14	2:00pm	Valentine's Day parties
18		Holiday No School – President's Day
20		Grade 5 Poet in Residence
21		Jump Rope for Heart
	7:00pm	Board of Education to Visit Wootton Cluster at WHS
22	12:55pm	Early Release Day – Grading and Planning
25		Interims sent
26		Grade 3 Mad Science <i>Harnessing Heat</i>
27		Grade 5 Poet in Residence
28		Dr. Horng, dentist to visit Kindergarten classes

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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 January 28, 2013:

1st Grade: Mrs. Koval's class: Kayla Ray, Calla Lyons, Yousef Yaqub, Michelle Yu, Angela Shen, Jason Li, Matthew Kim,

2nd Grade: Mrs. Koval's class: Ramya Shankar, Nina Dorfman, Ryan Wagner, Tommy Arata, Leah Pratt, Katie Bowman, Andy Doan, Esha Patel, Jiya Mohale

4th Grade: Mrs. Knoblach's class: Kyle Lee, David Gordon, Sydney Reiser, Ellie Helgeson, Riya Kohli, Ella Teichberg, Jacob Wolf, Kyle Loev

Ms. Emr's class: Brenda Bernedo, Andy Lu, Andrew Firestone, Areti Hydras, Ismael Ibrahim, Thomas Jezek, Michael Chen, Amanda Schless, Catherine Lim, Affan Malik, Clark Zhang, David Weiss, Andrei Kotliarov, Jack Briskman, Vincent Yu, Hannah Shapiro, Sam Foster Katherine Arata, Isabella Helgeson, Thomas Vlahos, Zenia Kaovasia

PARENTS AS LITERACY PARTNERS – Mark your calendar! Our annual parent training meeting, *Parents as Literacy Partners* is scheduled for February 5th from 6:00 – 7:30, prior to the PTA meeting. All parents are welcome to attend. Please complete the attached RSVP so we can prepare for you! Babysitting will be provided.

INCLEMENT WEATHER / EMERGENCY CLOSINGS - When it is necessary to close schools because of inclement weather, such as snow or other emergency conditions, announcements will be broadcasted on local radio and TV stations, MCPS Cable TV (Comcast channel 34, Verizon FIOS Channel 36, RCN Channel 89), on the MCPS homepage (<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/>), and the internet at **Schools-Out.com**. It is recommended that parents subscribe to MCPS QuickNotes to not only receive emergency messages, but also receive other informational items. (<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/quicknotes>) Parents are urged **NOT** to call the school so that our phones are available for emergencies and for contacting parents. Parents can call 301-270-3673 for an MCPS recorded message.

- If schools are closed or delayed, the announcement is made no later than 6:00 a.m. (or the night before if possible).
- If schools are closing early, the announcement is made by 11:00 a.m. so check frequently when the weather turns inclement.

Delayed Opening: A county-wide decision about a two-hour delayed opening is made by 6:00 a.m. If there is a two hour delay, classes start at 11:15 a.m. **Please do not drop off students before 10:55 a.m. as the staff will not be in the building.** Before school activities, such as Chess Club and/or FLES will be cancelled. Students will have their lunch at their normal scheduled time. Buses run on a two-hour delayed schedule.

Early Dismissal: A county-wide decision about an early dismissal is made by 11:00 a.m. If it is necessary to close school 2 ½ hours early, students will be dismissed at 12:55 p.m. Students will have lunch earlier than usual so that all students will eat before they are dismissed. Morning buses are expected to arrive at their bus stops 2 ½ hours before their normal scheduled time.

Parents should have a back-up plan for someone to pick up their children in the event that they are unavailable when there is an early dismissal. Please go over this plan with your children so, when school is dismissed early because of an emergency, they will know what to do.**

**Students will only be released to individuals on the MCPS student emergency forms. You may update the forms any time if there are any additions and changes.

COINS FOR SANDY – Travilah Cares! Beginning on Monday, January 29 through Friday, February 8, Travilah will be collecting coin donations to contribute to Habitat for Humanity to assist those victims of Hurricane Sandy. Students will be encouraged to bring their coin (and dollar) donations to school to add to the grade level containers. The total of Travilah's *Coins for Sandy* contribution will be announced after we count all our coins! We are excited for our students to participate in this worthwhile and important charitable campaign. This is an SGA sponsored event.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART - Jump Rope for Heart time is here again. The event will be held this year on **Thursday February 21st**. Grades two, three, four and five are invited to participate. Jump Rope for Heart is a national fundraiser for the American Heart Association. Last year we were able to raise over 11,000 dollars. Permission slips will be due on Monday February 4th. We ask for flat donations, and encourage students not to go door-to-door soliciting. The donation packet also explains in detail about Jump Rope for Heart and where your donation goes.

Students will be placed on teams of about six jumpers. Each jump session will last one hour. Two team members jump at a time switching on the whistle every two minutes. This process continues throughout the jump. The third grade will be jumping from 9:35-10:35. The fourth grade will be jumping from 10:45-11:45. The fifth graders will be jumping from 12:40-1:40. The second grade will be jumping from 1:55-2:55.

Last year we had a lot of fun! Please encourage your child to participate.

Important reminders:

- Permission slips are due on Monday February 4th.
- Donation packets go out on Friday the 10th.
- You will receive online donation information with your permission slip
- Donations are due no later than Thursday February 21st. Please send them in with your son or daughter on that day.
- You can collect checks for donations or do it all on line. Just go to: www.americanheart.org/jump Make sure to print out your donation history report and bring that in with your donation packet.
- You do not need donations to participate. However, you must to turn in the permission slip.
- The class that raises the most money will win a pizza party!!
- Any student who raises over 50 dollars will have an extra PE class with popsicles!!

ACADEMIC AWARDS - At the end of each quarter, at report card time, students in grades 4 and 5 will be awarded awards for academic achievement. The list of names of students receiving these awards for the second quarter is attached to this newsletter.

Grades 4, and 5:

- Students will have the opportunity to receive the Principal’s Award for earning all A’s, O’s, and I’s on their report card.
- Students will have the opportunity to receive the Honor Roll Award for earning all A’s and B’s in the following academic areas: Reading Comprehension, Listening Comprehension, Writing Process, Usage/Grammar, Math, Social Studies, and Science. Students need to earn O’s and S’s in Art, Music, Physical Education, and Instrumental Music (if appropriate). They also need to earn at least 6 out of 7 I’s on the Learning Skills side of their report card. .
- Students will have the opportunity to receive the Academic Progress Award if they show improvement in two academic areas or consistently strive for success.

SPELLING BEE – Congratulations to **Aakash Dutt** in Mrs. Singal’s class. He is the winner of the 2013 Travilah Spelling Bee! The championship word was “competitor.” The runner up was **Ellie Helgeson** in Mrs. Knobloch’s class.

PLAYGROUND SUPERSTARS – Week of January 7 - 25, 2012

Grade 5: Pranav Vijay, Ben Uscamayta

Grade 4: Harrang Khalsa, George Sellers, Joshua Hou

Grade 3: Koran Lawson, Maya Chelar, Justin Deleon, Daniel Kwak, Salar Riar, Lacey Somwaru, Logan Pratt, Ben Christovich, Ayla Khorsand, John Kibat, Liam Miller

Grade 2: Kevin Sonntag, Chris Castelli, Leah Pratt, Pratyusha Mandal, Becca Katz, Tommy Arata, Lauren Meyer, Rory Kerns

Grade 1: Michelle Yu, Krish Abbato, Jessica Chen, Divya Subramania, Madeline Xu, Maya Helpfern, Rhea Chelar, Omid Motamedi

Kdg.: AJ Shiflett, Jack Kerns, Kent Zhang, Derrick Doye, Teju Vijay, Jaden Hou, Adam Blutstein, Matthew DeLeon, Dhruva Arun, Joseph Lee, Jericho Wondeye

P.E. CLASS OF THE WEEK – Week of January 21, 2013 Congratulations to **Mrs. Foley’s class!**

P.E. STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week of January 21, 2013 Congratulations to **Michelle Pan** in Mrs. Foley’s class.

P.E. CLASS OF THE WEEK – Week of January 28, 2013 Congratulations to **Mrs. Tozier’s class!**

P.E. STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week of January 28, 2013 Congratulations to **Ava Helgeson** in Mrs. Tozier’s class.

SPECIAL DOLPHIN TALES THANK YOU TO:

- **Jill Prater and Susan Mina** for their help with the Spelling Bee!

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

Name: _____ Student’s name: _____
Phone: _____