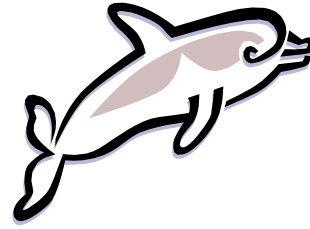


# The Dolphin's Tale



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

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**March**

1		Dr. Seuss – <i>Read Across America Day</i> Grade 2 Mad Science – <i>All About Animals</i>
4 & 5	7:00 – 8:30pm	Bingo Night
5	7:00 – 8:00pm	Grades 3 & 4 MSA Reading PTA meeting Mr. Larry Wong, Telecommunications Supervisor with MCPS, to present Parent Tech Controls & Safety
6 & 7		Grade 5 MSA Reading
8	7:00 – 9:00pm	PTA Movie Night – <i>Brave</i>
8 & 11		Grades 3 & 4 MSA Math
10		Daylight Savings – set clock ahead 1 hour
12 & 13		Grade 5 MSA Math
13	4:00pm	Grade 5 Family Life Committee Meeting PTA Family Fun Night – Calif. Pizza Kitchen – Rio
15		Grade 4 – <i>Under the Sea</i>
19		Cultural Arts – <i>Joe Romano</i>
20		Grade 5 to Baltimore
21	1:30 – 3:15	Grade 4 – Wax Museum
22		3rd Marking Period ends Last day prior to Spring Break

**April**

1		<b>Holiday – No School for staff and Students</b>
2		<b>Professional Day – No school for students</b>
	7:00pm	PTA meeting - Mrs. Elizabeth Harrell, Division of Food Services with MCPS, to discuss school lunches
3		<b>Students return from Spring Break</b>
5		Spring Bus Evacuation Drill
9	7:00 – 8:00pm	Grade 5 Family Life Parent Meeting – Media Center
11		Class photos and Spring Protraits Report Cards Distributed
15 & 16		Grade 5 MSA Science
16	6:00 – 8:00pm	New Kindergarten Parent Meeting
17		Cultural Arts – <i>Step Afrika</i> Kdg. and Grade 1 Hearing and Vision Screening

Visit our website! <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/travilahes/>

School Phone: 301-840-7153

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School Fax: 301-670-8230

Visit the PTA website! <http://www.travilahpta.org>

Follow us on Twitter! **PrincipalTES**

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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 February 25, 2013:

**Kindergarten:** Mrs. Foley's class – Michelle Pan, Parker Booth, Luke Pratt, Nitya Mahawar, Ludvig Tyrberg, Matthew DeLeon

Mrs. Knight's class – Mikaela Ngo, Alexander Foster, Jecon Kebreab, Carson Peddie, Jasmine Geeng, Lucas Kim

Mrs. Tozier's class – Ray Yuan, Jack Kerns, Kent Zhang, Alex Doan, Nathaniel Dates, Isabella Davis-Astrada

**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.

**TRANSFER APPLICATION SEASON** – Montgomery County parents who wish to request a change in school assignment for their children from their home school may begin the process during the upcoming transfer season, which will be held from February 1 through April 1, 2013. Assignment changes of students from one school to another are permitted under the following limited circumstances:

- ◆ Older sibling in the requested school
- ◆ Continuation in a feeder pattern from middle school to high school, except when affected by boundary changes
- ◆ A documented hardship situation

The transfer process begins at the home school, where parents may request an assignment change form and an information booklet that describes the process and useful information. You can also find out additional information at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org) beginning in February.

**SAVE THE DATES! SPRING STATE TESTING** – As you plan ahead for family visits, doctor and dental appointments, etc., please avoid scheduling anticipated events during the scheduled Maryland School Assessment Tests (Grades 3, 4 and 5).

Dates	Grades	Content
March 4 and 5	3 & 4	Reading
March 6 and 7	5	Reading
March 8 and 11	3 & 4	Math
March 12 and 13	5	Math
April 15 & 16	5	Science

**HURRICANE SANDY COIN DRIVE** - Jingle, Jingle Jingle!!! Those were the sounds of coins being added to the large class donation containers for our recent Hurricane Sandy coin drive. For ten school days students collected pennies, nickels, quarters and dimes, ...and even some paper money, to contribute to this campaign. Our totals were amazing. Travilah was able to offer Habitat for Humanity a check for \$766.02 earmarked for rebuilding homes that were destroyed by Hurricane Sandy. This campaign was planned by the Travilah Student Government Association. Our SGA representatives made posters, advertised on the morning announcements each day, and promoted this project within their classrooms. We are all very proud of our generous students and dedicated SGA representatives. A very, very special thank you to

**Mrs. Susan Potts.** She took on the task of counting the pounds and pounds of coins at the end of this project. Travilah has proven, once again, that we DO care ☺.

**SUMMER 2013 YOUTH PROGRAMS** – Courses for students in grades K - 12 are held on all three campuses of Montgomery College, Germantown, Rockville and Takoma Park/Silver Spring. There are over 200 exciting full- and half-day courses that cover a wide range of topics, like art, music, science, math, writing, sports, robotics, study skills, engineering, woodworking, cooking, debate, technology, and so much more. The summer program runs for a nine-week period from June 17 – August 16, 2013. If you are interested in doing something very different and fun this summer, REGISTER NOW online, by fax, by mail, or come to the Rockville Campus, Campus Center, Room 220. Classes fill quickly, so register right away!!

For registration information, access our website at:

<http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youthsummerbrochure.html>

or contact - YOUTH PROGRAMS office at 240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917.

**SCHOOL CAFETERIA NEWS** – Did you know that Mrs. Ye, our Cafeteria Manager, sells other healthy, snack items to students on alternating weeks? Every Tuesday and Thursday, Mrs. Ye sells different types of chips and ice cream. The cost is 75¢. In addition, every day Mrs. Ye sells cheese sticks for 25¢, Capri Sun juice for 75¢, bottled water for 50¢ and yogurt for 75¢! (See below for healthy guidelines.)

#### **Foods/Beverages Available In Addition to the School Meals Program**

All meals served in MCPS meet/exceed United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines. In addition to the school meals program, a variety of a la carte items are available for sale in the school cafeteria. Food and beverages available in the cafeteria, as well as items in vending machines and school stores during the school day must be in compliance with the MCPS Wellness Regulations, *JPA-RA*.

Examples of guidelines that are followed include:

- **Calories from total fat must be at or below 35% per serving. No trans fats are used.**
- **Calories from saturated fat must be below 10% per serving.**
- **Total sugar must be under or equal to 35% by weight (includes naturally occurring and added sugars) Excludes fruits, vegetables, and milk.**
- **Fruit juice is 100%**
- **All items must be sold in single serve containers**
- **No carbonated beverages**

For more information, contact the Division of Food and Nutrition Services at 301-840-8170.

The MCPS wellness regulation can be found on the MCPS Website at:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/foodserv/wellness/wellness.shtm>

**TECHNOLOGY SAFETY FOR PARENTS** – Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, Mr. Larry Wong, Telecommunications Services Supervisor with MCPS will speak to Travilah Elementary School's PTA regarding:

#### **Parental Controls of Electronic Equipment**

- What is available
- How to use controls
- What are the limitations of the controls
- What the different entertainment ratings mean

Please join us in the Media Center at **7:00P.M. Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **PLAYGROUND SUPERSTARS – Week of February 11 - 22, 2013**

**Grade 5:** Pranav Vijay, Ryan Van Meter, Kent Ngo

**Grade 4:** Ellie Helgeson

**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

**Grade 2:** Hope Safai, Nathanael Ma, Rory Kerns, Grace Liu

**Grade 1:** Michelle Yu, Krish Abbato, Jessica Fu, Rhea Chelar, Michelle Yu

**Kindergarten:** AJ Shiflett, Ava Helgeson, Teju Vijay, Parker Booth, Saniya Shah, Kent Zhang

**P.E. CLASS OF THE WEEK** – Week of February 25, 2013 Congratulations to **Mrs. Knoblach’s class!**

**P.E. STUDENT OF THE WEEK** – Week of February 25, 2013 Congratulations to **David Weiss** in Ms. Emr’s class.

**SPECIAL DOLPHIN TALES THANK YOU TO:**

- **Adela Firoozfar and Kerry Bowman** for keeping our writing wall up to date!

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

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student’s name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_