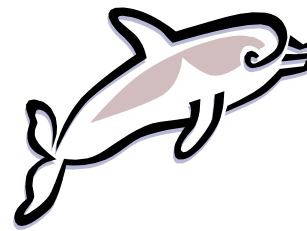


# The Dolphin's Tale



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

October 26, 2012

Issue #5

## October – Breast Cancer Awareness Month

26	Individual Student Pictures
30	Grade 4 to Agricultural Center – <i>Close Encounters</i>
	Grade 3 to be visited by Rotary Club to present dictionaries
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## November

2	First Marking Period ends
5	<b>No School for students – Professional Day for staff</b>
6	<b>Holiday – No School Election Day</b>
7	7:00 – 8:00pm PTA General Meeting
9	Grade 2 Mad Science – <i>Earthworks</i>
9 – 16	Book Fair
12	7:30am Dr. Starr, Superintendent <i>State of the Schools</i> at Strathmore Music Center – “Building the Future Together”
	9:30am Veteran’s Day Celebration
	1:30 – 3:30pm FluMist Clinic at Travilah
12 & 13	12:55pm Early Release Days – Parent Conferences
14	Report Cards Distributed
	Flyer Distribution Day
	6:30 – 8:30pm Evening Book Fair Event
19	Gr 3 to Baltimore Museum of Technology
21	12:55pm Early Release – Thanksgiving
22 and 23	<b>Holiday – No School Thanksgiving</b>
29	Kdg. to Puppet Company at Glen Echo – <i>The Nutcracker</i>
30	Grade 2 to Strathmore Music Center

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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 October 8 – 19, 2012 are:

**Grade 4:** Mrs. Ghetti’s class – Arman Charkhabi, Alina Stepanova, Andrei Davydov, Michael Gordon, Tyler Denner, Joshua Hou, Sammantha Lim, Sydney Shrager, Christopher Sonntag, Bailey Miller, Morgan Tinsley, Emma Helgeson, Rodney Davenport, George Sellers, Yichi Zhang, Nathan Bowman, Ella Peddie, Liam Splittgerber, Adela Sheng, Christy Yu

Mrs. Knoblach’s class – Riya Kohli, Raymon Amir, David Gordon, Elizabeth Lim, Kyle Lee, Sydney Reiser, Angela Yu, Ella Teichberg

Ms. Emr’s class – Brenda Bernedo, Catherine Lim, Thomas Jezek, Andrew Firestone, Hannah Shapiro, David Weiss, Andrei Kotliarov, Vincent Yu, Katherine Arata, Isabella Helgeson, Amanda Schless, Areti Hydras, Jack Briskman, Andy Lu, Sam Foster, Harrang Khalsa

**Grade 2:** Mrs. Donaldson’s class – Alicia Wang, Lyndsie Lewis, Natalia Millard, Liam Graham, Hope Safai, Alec Fleischer

Mrs. Hart’s class – Calvin Hanway, Jessica Lian, Charles Makobongo, Henry Zhang, Lillian Zhao, Brandon Hsu

Mrs. Facine’s class – Evan Lewis, Daniel Sofer, Hailey Ahn, Laney Meyer, Will Greene, Ashley Denner

**CAR POOL PICK UP SAFETY** - We have lots of traffic in our parking lot, and we want to make sure our pedestrians and vehicles are safe. **PLEASE do not park on Duffief Mill Road at dismissal.** If you want to walk up to meet your child, please park in the parking lot. Walking through the car pool lane is very dangerous!

**VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION** – On Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual Veteran's Day Celebration. The entire school will gather around the flag pole (weather permitting) at 9:30. We will have our boy and girl scouts and patrols participate. We will also sing patriotic songs and have patriotic readings. It is a time for us to honor the many service men and women who have served our country. If you are either active in the military or a veteran, please try to join us and wear your uniform. Everyone is welcome!

**PARENT CONFERENCES** – Can you believe that we have almost finished the first quarter of the school year? I am so proud of our students and our staff. Our rigorous academic curriculum, high expectations, and sincere effort and commitment are contributing to our students' success. You will be able to hear about your child's specific progress during the parent-teacher conferences on November 12 and 13. These two days are early release days for students with the parent-teacher conferences scheduled in the afternoon. Students in grades Kdg. – 3 will receive the new Standards-based report cards. If you have not seen this new report card or want more information on how your child's progress will be reported, be sure to visit the MCPS website on Grading and Reporting. During the conferences, you will hear about your child's achievements, areas of strength or concern, and ways to support continued success. We are all committed to the success of each and every child, and appreciate the opportunity to know and teach your children.

**BOOK FAIR** - We will be having a READ-A-THON for fun leading up to the All Star Book Fair. Remember to read, read, read and log your minutes from 10/29-11/9. Reading logs will be due on Monday, 11/12. The student and the class with the most minutes will each win a gift card to purchase books at the Book Fair.

The Scholastic All Star BOOK FAIR is right around the corner. Students will visit the Book Fair on Friday, 11/9 with their class to make a wish list. The Book Fair will be open 11/9-11/16 from 9am-3:30pm. From 11/12-11/30 you may also visit our ONLINE FAIR at [www.scholastic.com/fair](http://www.scholastic.com/fair). You can create wish lists and send to family and friends. Books ordered online will ship free and be delivered to your student in their classroom the first week of December. Our Family Fun Night will be Wed., 11/14. You can buy food/drinks in the cafeteria from 6-7pm and then visit the Book Fair from 6:30-8:30pm. See you at the Fair!

**HEALTH ROOM REQUEST** - We are running low on our clothes in the Health Room. If you have any extra clothing you are willing to donate, we would be grateful. We are in need of pants (preferably sweat pant/elastic waist), shorts, and t-shirts (long or short sleeved). We need size 6 to size 14 for both boys and girls. Thank you!

**HALLOWEEN COSTUMES NEEDED FOR SUMMIT HALL ES** – Our sister school, Summit Hall Elementary is in need of Halloween costumes for their students. If you have gently used costumes or would like to donate a new costume to the students of Summit Hall, please send your donation to the school by **Monday, October 29, 2012**. Donated costumes may be dropped off in the specially marked box located outside the front office. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Heyn at the school. Thank you!

**HALLOWEEN** - We will host our traditional Halloween parade and classroom parties on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The annual parade will begin at 2:00 p.m. outside (weather permitting) and the classroom parties will be held after the parade. We want to thank the parents who are organizing the classroom parties for our children. As your child thinks about his/her school costume for our annual Halloween parade and party, please help him/her select an appropriate outfit that does not reflect violence or include any toy weapons. Our youngest Travilah Elementary School students are five years old, and we want to insure that the parade is enjoyable and not frightening for any of the children. Some of the older children look forward to wearing scary costumes for Halloween. Please save these costumes for trick-or treating in the neighborhood and wear a less frightening costume for the school parade (should they choose to wear a costume). Students should bring their costumes in a bag to school with their name on it. Children are NOT allowed to wear make-up or costumes to school. They will be given time to change before the parade. If you choose for your child not to participate in the Halloween activities due to personal or family beliefs, please send a note or call Mrs. Hairston or Mrs. Heyn by Monday, Oct. 29th, so we can make alternate arrangements for your child. We will have a Fall Celebration with Mrs. Heyn. We are looking forward to a festive afternoon!

Here are a few quick reminders about Halloween at Travilah:

- Children who choose to wear costumes for the parties and parade should bring their costumes, not wear them to school. They will have time to change prior to the parade.
- No weapons pretend weapons, or super scary costumes are permitted.
- Children who do not celebrate Halloween due to personal or family beliefs are welcome to join the non-Halloween celebration with Mrs. Heyn. Please send a note or call the office or Mrs. Heyn so we can plan for these children.

**SCHOOL BASED SEASONAL FLU VACCINE CLINICS COMING SOON** - The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will conduct free, nasal spray flu vaccine (FluMist) clinics in November for children 18 and under. On Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, flu clinics will be held at John F. Kennedy, Richard Montgomery, and Seneca Valley high schools from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. These clinics will be open to any school-aged child. All MCPS elementary schools will host a flu clinic on either Monday, November 12, or Tuesday, November 13, following early dismissal of students on those days. **The clinic at Travilah Elementary will take place on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm – 3:30pm.** Please contact Mrs. Richardson in the Health Room to set up an appointment. All clinics are free, but registration is required due to limited vaccine supplies. For more information about the upcoming clinics and the FluMist, visit the following websites:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/flu/> <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/flu>

The injectable seasonal flu vaccine will be available, at no charge, at other DHHS flu clinics at various locations in the county, October through December. Visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/flu> or call 311 for county locations. The Flu vaccine may also be available from your health care provider.

**STATE OF THE SCHOOLS** - Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) will hold its inaugural State of the Schools presentation on the morning of Monday, November 12, 2012, at the Music Center at Strathmore. The event—“2012 State of the Schools: Building the Future Together”—will provide Dr. Starr an opportunity to share his vision for MCPS’ future with the county’s educational leaders and business, nonprofit, and community partners. Additional information about the event and an online registration form can be found on the new State of the Schools website [www.mcpsstateoftheschools.org](http://www.mcpsstateoftheschools.org).

**COMMUNITY DAYS** - Dr. Starr will hold six Community Days during which he will visit each one of the district's community school clusters. The Community Days are an opportunity for Dr. Starr to spend a day meeting with staff, visiting schools, and hearing from parents. Each Community Day will culminate with a Town Hall event at 7:30p.m., where the public can ask questions and share thoughts and ideas. Free childcare and interpretation services will be available at the Town Hall meetings. More information will be sent to parents as the date for each Community Day approaches. The dates and Town Hall locations for the six Community Days are:

- Monday, October 29: Damascus, Gaithersburg, Magruder and Watkins Mill clusters. Town Hall at Shady Grove Middle School
- Thursday, December 13: Down county Consortium (Blair, Einstein, Kennedy, Northwood, Wheaton clusters); Town Hall at Albert Einstein High School
- Monday, January 14: Clarksburg, Northwest, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley clusters; Town Hall at Seneca Valley High School
- **Monday, January 28: Churchill, Richard Montgomery, Poolesville, Rockville, Wootton clusters; Town Hall at Richard Montgomery High School**
- Monday, March 11: Northeast Consortium (Blake, Paint Branch and Springbrook clusters) and Sherwood cluster; Town Hall at James Hubert Blake High School

**WRAP IT UP FUNDRAISER WINNERS** – Congratulations to the following students:

- Aishlinn Kivlighn – (Grade 5 – Mrs. Fones) Top selling student – Will receive a \$20 iTunes card
- Grade 5 – Mrs. Fones’ class – Top selling class – Will receive a pizza party!
- Grade 1 – Ms. Holland’s class – Top participating class – Will receive a pizza party!
- Nathan Bowman (Grade 4 – Mrs. Ghetti) Raffle winner – Will receive the tablet!

**PLAYGROUND SUPERSTARS – Weeks of October 8 - 19, 2012**

**Grade 5:** Ritik Singh, Michael Agege, Tony Krieger, Konstantin Tomashevsky, Aleksander Wroblewski, Kent Ngo, Sean White

**Grade 4:** George Sellers, Harrang Khalsa, Syndey Reiser, Ellie Helgeson, Catherine Lim, Joshua Hou

**Grade 3:** Max Messina, Salar Riar, Dylan Safai, Ben Christovich, Humnah Ibrahim, Ellie Lee, Sammy Kimbis, Alain Bilounga, Ayla Khorsand, Logan Pratt

**Grade 2:** Katie Bowman, Ryan Lim, Lauren Meyer, Christopher Castelli, Liam Graham, Julianne Yao, Kevin Sonntag, Dinaz Campbell, Rory Kerns, Lyndsie Lewis, Allison Yu, Tommy Arata

**Grade 1:** Mandy Guo, Khaliah Brookes, Jessica Fu, Michael Bychkov, Michael Purring

**Kindergarten:** Nitya Mahawar, Carson Peddie, Jaden Hou, Jack Kerns, Keon Faroughi, Naomi Negussie, Ludvig Tyrberg, Ali Abdullah, Daniel Im

**P.E. CLASS OF THE WEEK** – Week of October 26, 2012 Congratulations to **Mrs. Knight’s class!**

**P.E. STUDENT OF THE WEEK** – Week of October 26, 2012 Congratulations to **Paige Euler** in Mrs. Knight’s class.

**SPECIAL DOLPHIN TALES THANK YOU TO:**

- **Shelia Hester** for attending the NAACP Parent Council meeting!
- **Amy Bryan** for attending the staff meeting to explain the Book Fair to us!
- **Lanna Labban, Sue Potts, Kris Sellman, and Adela Firoozfar** for attending the service for Mrs. Goldizen's family member.
- **Vidya Thirumalai** for chairing the Wrap It Up fundraiser!
- **Julie Krieger, Nicole Khorsand, Kimberly Euler, Karen Shariati, and Lifan Yao** for their help with school pictures!

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

# *Please Join Us*

## 2012 State of the Schools

### Building the Future Together

**Superintendent Joshua P. Starr will deliver his first State of the Schools address at The Music Center at Strathmore on November 12, 2012. Please join Dr. Starr as he shares his vision for the future and we gather to celebrate the outstanding students of Montgomery County Public Schools.**

#### **Monday, November 12, 2012**

The Music Center at Strathmore

5301 Tuckerman Lane

North Bethesda, MD 20852

**7:30 a.m.** Enjoy a light breakfast and student performances and artwork throughout the Music Center

**8:30 a.m.** Dr. Starr presents his State of the Schools address

*Foreign language and sign language interpretation will be available.*

Let us know you're planning to join us on November 12. **Please RSVP by November 1, 2012, at [www.mcpsstateoftheschools.org](http://www.mcpsstateoftheschools.org).** The event should conclude by 9:30 a.m.

**Help spread the word—please share this invitation with others in the Montgomery County community.**

On occasion, we send special invitations and notices to MCPS community members that have either received previous communications from us or left us a contact email while attending one of our recent community events (Parent Academy, Listen & Learn, Book Club, or Spring Forums). If you wish to be removed from this list, [please unsubscribe](#).