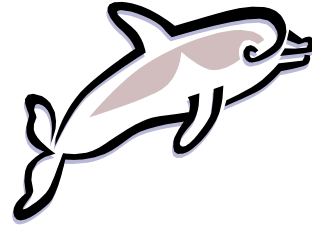


# The Dolphin's Tale



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

JANUARY 4, 2013

Issue #9

## January

|     |               |  |
|-----|---------------|--|
| 7   |               | Grade 5 to Kingsley Center – <i>Astronomy</i>        |
| 7-9 |               | Grade 2 Global Screening for GT                      |
| 8   | 7:00pm        | General PTA Meeting – Media Center                   |
| 9   |               | Grade 1 Mad Science – <i>Magnet Exploration</i>      |
| 10  |               | PTA Family Fun Night – Potomac Pizza                 |
| 14  |               | ESOL Testing begins (through Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup> ) |
| 18  |               | Second Marking Period ends                           |
| 21  |               | <b>Holiday – No school M.L. King's birthday</b>      |
| 22  |               | <b>Professional Day – No School for students</b>     |
| 24  |               | Wootton HS second semester Back to School Night      |
| 25  | 7:00 – 8:30pm | Bingo Night  |
| 30  |               | Club Photos  |
| 31  |               | Report Cards distributed                             |

## February

|    |               |   |
|----|---------------|---|
| 5  |               | Grade 5 to Frost for Band Concert       |
|    | 6:00 -7:30pm  | Parents as Literacy Partners            |
|    | 7:30 – 8:30pm | PTA Meeting                             |
| 6  |               | Lunar New Year                          |
| 8  |               | Grade 5 Poet in Residence               |
| 13 |               | Grade 1 Mad Science – <i>Earthworks</i> |
| 14 | 2:00pm        | Valentine's Day parties                 |

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

School Phone: 301-840-7153

School Attendance Line: 301-670-8223

School Fax: 301-670-8230

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

Follow us on Twitter! **PrincipalTES**

\*\*\*\*\*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** – Welcome back to Travilah and to 2013! I hope everyone had a restful and fulfilling holiday season. The staff and I would like to thank the PTA for the wonderful cookie exchange! We (and our families) all enjoyed the wonderful treats provided to us. As always, we thank you for your generosity and support.

**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 3, 2013:

Grade 2 – Mrs. Donaldson's class: Alec Fleischer, Michelle Hsiung, Kairav Parker, Selena He, Rebecca Katz, Lunah Schleret

Mrs. Facine's class: Lily Edell, Nicholas Briskman, David Chen, Dinaz Campbell, Saatchi Barochia, Grace Liu

Mrs. Hart's class: Adriana Cruz, Dhanya Philipose, Jessica Winson, Angelina Hermosilla-Roman, Lauren Meyer, Max Choi

Grade 4 – Mrs. Ghetti's class: Sammantha Lim, Joshua Hou, Andrew Davydov, Michael Gordon, Arman Charkhabi, Morgan Tinsley, Christy Yu, Ella Peddie, Tyler Denner, Yichi Zhang, Bailey Miller, Nathan Bowman, George Sellers, Christopher Sonntag, Sydney Shrager, Alina Stepanova

**WINTER WEATHER** – Please make sure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. We will go outside for recess if it is not raining/snowing and the temperature is above 32 degrees!

**PARENTS AS LITERACY PARTNERS** – Mark your calendar! Our annual parent training meeting, *Parents as Literacy Partners* is scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ESOL TESTING - ACCESS Test for English Language Learners (ELLs)** - ACCESS for ELLs is the state-mandated test of English language proficiency administered to ESOL students annually. The test results are used to demonstrate the progress MCPS and Maryland State ESOL students are making in speaking, listening, reading and writing. We will be administering the assessment beginning January 14th. All students currently enrolled in the ESOL program or who have recently exited during the 2012-13 school year will be taking the assessment. In addition, any student who had been identified for ESOL services but did not participate in ESOL classes will be assessed. The test results will be shared with the parents when they are available, usually by June.

**GRADE 3 READING** -The third graders have been reading and logging in their reading times to Scholastic's "Paws for Reading." Among the three third grade classes the students read enough to donate 10,900 books to children that do not have books. We are proud of this achievement and are happy that the children have learned from Curriculum 2.0 about the common good and helping others.

**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, 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

**PLAYGROUND SUPERSTARS – Week of January 3, 2013**

**Grade 5:** Pranav Vijay, Jonathan Lee, Mason Miller

**Grade 4:** Aidan Graham, George Sellers, Joshua Hou

**Grade 3:** Salar Riar, Mohammed Khan, Liam Miller, Sammy Kimbis, Brett Halpern, John Kibat, Max Messina, Daniel Kwak, Dylan Safai, Koran Lawson, Jon Meyer, Maya Chelar, Alain Bilounga, Ben Christovich, Ethan Kim

**Grade 2:** Laney Meyer, Lillian Zhao, Lauren Meyer, Charles Makobongo, Jessica Song, Grace Liu, Kevin Sonntag, Liam Graham, Evan Lewis, Adriana Cruz, Ashley Denner, Dinaz Campbell, Nathanael Ma

**Grade 1:** Atharva Kshirsagar, Coby Pinto, Michael Purring, Jessica Fu, Maya Halpern

**Kindergarten:** Jaden Hou, Ava Helgeson, Aiden Feng, Prabhsimran Kaur, Daniel Im, A.J. Shiflett, Ali Abdullah, Devani Shah, Jack Kerns, Matthew DeLeon, Kent Zhang, Garrett Valentine

**P.E. CLASS OF THE WEEK** – Week of January 3, 2013 Congratulations to **Mrs. Perel's class!**

**P.E. STUDENT OF THE WEEK** – Week of January 3, 2013 Congratulations to **Chris Castelli** in Mrs. Facine's class.

**SPECIAL DOLPHIN TALES THANK YOU TO:**

- **Renee Kravitz and Lauri Nobel** for organizing the delicious cookie exchange for the staff!

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_