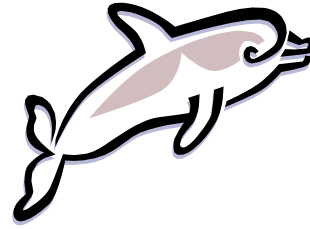


# The Dolphin's Tale



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

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**May**

31	5:00 – 8:00pm	Spirit Week – <i>School Spirit Day</i> – Wear Travilahwear or the color blue! Grade 1 to Rose Hill Manor Grade 2 to Hanson Farm Travilahfest!
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**June**

3	4:00 – 8:00pm	Carvel Night
4	2:00pm	Wootton HS Graduation
	7:00pm	PTA Board Meeting
5		Mrs. Foley's Splash Day Grade 2 Career Day
6		4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Play – <i>Ladies First</i> 2:15pm Students 7:30pm Parents
7	8:30am	Grade 2 Career Day Volunteer Breakfast – Staff Lounge Grade 2 Career Day Mrs. Knight's Splash Day Gr 4 Mrs. Ghetti's class to Chesapeake Bay
10		Grade 2 Career Day
11		Grade 3 – Mad Science – <i>Decomposers</i> Grade 4 Poetry Tea Grade 5 Bowling Party
12	9:45am	Awards Assembly
13	9:45 – 11:15am	Grade 5 Promotion
14	12:55pm	Last day for students – dismiss after lunch End of 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter
17		Professional Day for Teachers

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**TRAVILAHFEST IS TONIGHT!** – Please join us this evening, from 5:00 – 8:00pm for our annual Travilahfest! There will be games, raffles, food, a moon bounce, music, etc., etc., etc. Hope to see you there!

**CARVEL NIGHT** – Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> is Travilah Night at Carvel at the Muddy Branch Shopping Center. We will have many staff members there scooping ice cream. The PTA receives a percentage of the money for the evening. It is a wonderful way to see our staff scooping ice cream, serving the children, and making money for the school! Hope you will join us!

**YEARBOOKS** - The yearbooks are in and will be distributed to the students next Friday, June 7th. We have a few extras that are available for sale to those who missed the original order window. They will be sold on a first come first served basis while supplies last. Make your check out to Travilah ES for \$18 or send in exact cash, please.

**STUDENT INFORMATION PROFILE** – Teachers will soon begin to create tentative class groupings for next year. We spend a considerable amount of time putting together groups of students that are balanced in terms of gender, race, leaders, etc. We consider academic skill levels, work/study skills, social mixture, special needs, and parents' information on the "Student Profile." Attached to this issue of the *Dolphin's Tale* is a Student Information Profile. Soon, this form will also be posted on our website. **Please complete the profile and return it to the school.** The result will be classes with varied groups of students who are well matched with each other and the teacher. **It is crucial that you inform us if your child will not be returning to Travilah so that we can make the best possible organization for grade levels. If this is the case, please contact the school office.** \*\*Please remember that the "Student Profile" is not a teacher request form. I am interested in knowing your child's learning characteristics so that I can best match him/her to a teacher. **I will not be taking specific teacher requests.** Thank you for your support.

**PRESCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAM PILOT (PEP PILOT) COMING TO TRAVILAH** – Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and the PEP program are looking for three year old and four year old children who live in the Travilah Elementary School's geographical area who can benefit from an early learning preschool experience. Classes will be held at Travilah beginning in September 2013. Children will be provided with a structured learning experience in a classroom program with age-appropriate preschool activities. Students will work on developing the skills needed to address the MCPS Prekindergarten Curriculum and begin to prepare for Kindergarten. The PEP program at Travilah will have classes that meet **two half days** a week, Tuesday/Thursday and Wednesday/Friday. The class will include students with Developmental Delays who require instruction from a PEP Special Education teacher. We would like to include general education preschoolers from the community to also attend. Classes will be taught by a certified teacher and paraeducator.

- Children who will be 3 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> could attend the morning classes and children that will be 4 years by September 1<sup>st</sup> old could attend the afternoon classes.
- There is a low fee for materials and supplies. (\$150 per semester; \$300 per year)
- Parent provides transportation
- Two mornings per week, 2 ½ hours each morning (Tues. /Thurs. or Wed. /Fri.)

Applications are available in the school office.

**TRAVILAH WEBSITE** - New Search Feature on School Websites A new search feature will be launched on all MCPS school websites in the upcoming weeks. A search box will be located on the upper-right corner of our school's homepage and will help you quickly find important information on our website. If you have any questions or would like to provide feedback on this new search function, please email: [webmaster@mcpsmd.org](mailto:webmaster@mcpsmd.org).

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATIONS** - DAR Constitution Hall Graduation Ceremonies to Stream Live! The 2013 graduation ceremonies that will be held at DAR Constitution Hall will stream live online for families and friends that live outside of the area but would still like to be a part of the celebration. To view the ceremonies live, visit [www.dar.org/conthall/watchgraduation.cfm](http://www.dar.org/conthall/watchgraduation.cfm). For a list of graduation dates and commencement speakers, visit [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/graduation/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/graduation/)

**CONGRATULATIONS** - On May 19th, several Travilah girls ran the **Girls On the Run 5K** at Westfield Mall. The 5K run was the culmination of a ten-week program. Representing Travilah were fourth graders: **Corinne Hanway, Ellie Helgeson, Emma Helgeson, Isabella Helgeson, Areti Hydras, Ella Peddie, and Sydney Shrager**, and third graders: **Charlotte Christovich, Tessa Helgeson, Allie Mockensturm, Jaimie Morris, Ariana Shariati, Amanda Slud, and Lacey Somwaru**. Congratulations!

At the recent Owings Mills Scholastic tournament, the last scholastic tournament of this school year, Travilah **Chess Club** students took not one, but two first place trophies! The team consisting of **Pranav Vijay, Michael Hu and Muhammad Hashmi** took the first place trophy in the Elementary Intermediate group (rating under 800) and the two-person team of **Richard Tan and Daniel Sofer** took the first place trophy in the Junior Varsity (rating under 1200) category. Also, **Pranav Vijay** won a second-place individual trophy in the Elementary Intermediate category and **Daniel Sofer** won the top prize for the best under-1000 rated player in the Junior Varsity category. This is a very big success for the Travilah players and the school can be very proud of their achievement and the success of the Travilah Chess Club! Stop by the office to see our new trophies! What a great way to end the year!

Congratulations to **Victoria Tong**, third grader in Mrs. Shrager's class. Recently she participated in the 2013 Maryland State Indoor Tennis Championships. She was ranked 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Girls 10 and under group. Great job!

**SPECIAL DOLPHIN TALES THANK YOU TO:**

- The many parents who are helping on all our field trips!

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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: \_\_\_\_\_