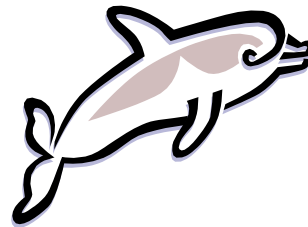


The Dolphin's Tale



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

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December

14		Grade 2 Mad Science – <i>Matter of Fact</i>
17	2:15 and 7:30pm	Band and Chorus concerts
18		Grade 3 Mad Science – <i>Dry Ice Capades</i>
21		Last day prior to Winter Break
24 and 25		Holiday – Christmas Schools and Offices closed
26 – 31		Winter Break

January

1		Holiday – New Year's Day Schools and Offices closed
2		School Resumes
3		Grade 3 Highly Gifted Center Assessments
3 and 7		Grade 5 to Kingsley Center – <i>Astronomy</i>
7-9		Grade 2 InView Testing
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 th)
18		Second Marking Period ends
21		Holiday – No School Martin Luther King's birthday
22		Professional Day – No School for students
24		Wootton HS second semester Back to School Night
25	7:00 – 8:30pm	Bingo Night
30		Club Photos
31		Report Cards distributed

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS! – The last day prior to winter break is Friday, December 21st, and school reopens on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. How quickly this school year is flying by! I hope you all enjoy the holidays with family and friends and take some time to slow down and have fun. ☺ Thank you for your continued support of our school. Have a happy and healthy New Year!

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

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!

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 participate in ESOL classes will be assessed. The test results will be shared with the parents when they are available, usually by June.

BOX TOPS FOR KIDS – Congratulations to our students, staff, and parents! We earned \$315 from the Box Tops submitted by November 1st. Thank you to all the students and their families for clipping and sending in the Box Tops. Please keep collecting them because we will have our second contest in February. Also, the class that submits the most Box Tops during this school year will win an ice cream party in the spring.

Top 3 students submitting the most Box Tops are all from Ms. Holland’s First Grade class! They are:

1. Ian Fox submitted 258
2. Carolyn Conner submitted 152
3. Madison Kenealey submitted 142

Random Drawing Winner: Victoria Tong

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 November 19 – December 7, 2012

Grade 5: Francis Meyer, Ryan Van Meter, Mickey Santomartino, Konstantin Tomashevsky

Grade 4: Elle Helgeson, Harrang Khalsa

Grade 3: Salar Riar, Justin DeLeon, Arya Mohebi, Mikki Faroughi, Dylan Safai, Liam Miller, Daniel Kwak, Joanne Song, Maya Chelar, Max Messina

Grade 2: Kai Parker, Michelle Hsiung, Karen Potts, Nathanael Ma, Chris Castelli, Ryan Lim, Mills Littlefield

Grade 1: Michelle Yu, Carlena Kravitz, Jessice Fu, Maya Halpern, Anna Frankford, Taylor Auth

Kindergarten: Tejusvi Vijay, A.J. Shiflett, Mahsa Riar, Jaden Hou, Jai Mohale, Carson Peddie, Shreya Mahawar, Derrick Doye

P.E. CLASS OF THE WEEK – Week of December 3, 2012 Congratulations to **Mrs. Knoblach’s class!**

P.E. STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week of December 3, 2012 Congratulations to **Jacob Wolf** in Mrs. Knoblach’s class.

P.E. CLASS OF THE WEEK – Week of December 10, 2012 Congratulations to **Mrs. Kolze’s class!**

P.E. STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week of December 10, 2012 Congratulations to **Karen Potts** in Mrs. Facine’s class.

SPECIAL DOLPHIN TALES THANK YOU TO:

- **All visitors, parents, and volunteers** who supported us by having their driver’s license to use with our new Visitors Management System!

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

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