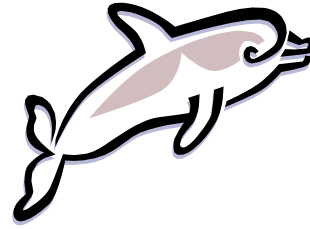


The Dolphin's Tale



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

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March

15		Grade 4 – <i>Under the Sea</i>
19		Cultural Arts – <i>Joe Romano</i>
20		Grade 5 to Baltimore
21	2:00 – 3:15pm	Grade 4 – Wax Museum
22		3rd Marking Period ends Last day prior to Spring Break

April

1		Holiday – No School for staff and Students
2		Professional Day – No school for students
	7:00pm	PTA meeting - Mrs. Elizabeth Harrell, Division of Food Services with MCPS, to discuss school lunches
3		Students return from Spring Break
5		Spring Bus Evacuation Drill
8		Grade 4 to Johns Hopkins – <i>Chemistry and Bread Making</i>
9	7:00 – 8:00pm	Grade 5 Family Life Parent Meeting – Media Center
11		Class photos and Spring Portraits Report Cards Distributed Flyer Distribution Day
15 & 16		Grade 5 MSA Science
16	6:00 – 8:00pm	New Kindergarten Parent Meeting
17		Cultural Arts – <i>Step Afrika</i>
17 & 18		Kdg. and Grade 1 Hearing and Vision Screening
19		Grades 1 & 2 – Imagination Stage <i>The Magic Finger</i> Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and Grade 5 performs for Grades 3 and 4
	7:00 – 9:00pm	International Night
22		Earth Day
23 & 24		Kdg. Orientation – no classes for current Kdg. students
25		Take your Child to Work Day
26		Grade 3 to Woodlawn Manor
30		Grade 5 to Philadelphia TV Turn Off Week Begins

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HAPPY SPRING BREAK! – Next Friday, March 22nd, is the last day of school prior to Spring Break. The year is certainly flying by! Many thanks to the PTA and all the parents for your ongoing support of the school. Your efforts enable us to offer so many extra opportunities for the children. I hope you enjoy this spring break and take some time to be with your family and friends. When we return on Wednesday, April 3rd we will be ready to work hard for this final quarter of school!

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 March 12, 2013:

Grade 1: Mrs. Koval's class – Ian Fox, Carlena Kravitz, Reza Firoozfar, Yousef Yaqub, Katelyn Ahn, Taylor Auth, Alex Dates, Madison King, Michael Bychkov

Grade 2: Mrs. Koval's class – Ruth Dai, Dylan Zhang, Jessica Song, Tanushree Pal, Alexander Negussie, Ben Kleinman, Ryan Wagner, Ryan Lim

Grade 4: Mrs. Ghetti's class – Bailey Miller, Emma Helgeson, Sydney Shrager, James Mina, Nathan Bowman, Alina Stepanova, Sammantha Lim, Yichi Zhang, Andrei Davydov, George Sellers, Morgan Tinsley, Christopher Sonntag, Michael Gordon

PTA MEETING – Please join us for the PTA meeting on April 2, 2013 at 7:00pm. We will have two special guests from MCPS Food Services, Ms. Marla Caplon – director 1 and Ms. Elizabeth Harrell – Food Service Supervisor 1. They will be here to discuss the MCPS school cafeteria menu, healthy choices for students, and how MCPS strives to meet the government nutrition guidelines. They will be bringing samples for you to enjoy! In addition they will be happy to address any concerns or answer any questions you may have. Hope to see you here!

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.

GRADE TWO GIFTED AND TALENTED IDENTIFICATION - Attention all 2nd Grade Parents! All parents of second grade students recently received a parent survey from MCPS about your child. The survey helps the school to make decisions about Gifted and Talented identification. We truly need your feedback about your child. Please return the survey to your child's teacher prior to Spring Break. If you have misplaced it, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Rubenstein, Reading Specialist and G/T coordinator.

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 beginning in February.

BOX TOPS - The results of our 2nd Box Top contest are in! Travilah collected \$535.80 worth of Box Tops since our last submission in November, for a total of \$850.46 this school year! That's 8,504 Box Tops clipped and submitted since September 2012! General Mills will mail the check to Travilah in April. Thank you to all the students and their families for clipping and sending in the Box Tops, and remember to keep bringing them in to school. A big thank you goes to **Mrs. Marina Miller** who coordinated this wonderful fundraiser.

The Winners are:

Ms. Holland's 1st grade class submitted the most Box Tops this year: 1,549 total! They will be celebrating with an ice cream party!

Top 3 students submitting the most Box Tops are:

Carolyn Conner (Ms. Holland's 1st grade) submitted 591

Alex Bergen (Ms. Holland's 1st grade) submitted 200

Alex Foster (Mrs. Foley's Kindergarten) submitted 160

Random Drawing Winner: Katie Kearns (Mrs. Shrager's 3rd grade)

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART 2013 - Jump Rope for Heart turned out to be an excellent fundraiser this year. Travilah raised \$10,047.04 for the American Heart Association. The event was held on February 21st throughout the school day. We not only raised lots of money for a great cause but we had fun doing it. The money that we raised will go to the fight against heart disease and strokes. Jump Rope for Heart could not have been a success without the dedication of our students and our parent volunteers. Travilah would like to thank **Mr. Jarczynski** and all of our students and our Jump Rope for Heart volunteers:

Vidya Thirumalai, Qi Fu, Amy Bennett, Lynn Grainger, Keri Schless, Ruthellen Wolf, Mary Lynn Price, Sheryl Firestone, Keri Christovich, Amy Bryan, Melissa Gracyalny, Karen Shariati, Sue Potts, Susan Mina, Dee Weiss, Vicky Miller, Rebecca Sanchack, Jessica Cline, Kerry Bowman, Poonam Sofat, Carolyn Briskman, Lana Labban and Mary Ann Jarczynski. A very special thanks to **Liz Kenealey** for coordinating the volunteers for the event. Congratulations to **Mrs. Egan's 5th grade class** who raised the most money as a class and won the pizza party! Students who raised \$50.00 or more will be invited to the PE Popsicle Party with Mr. J. A big thank you to **Sarah Gilinson** who was our top winner with collecting \$1027.00.

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS – Congratulations to our chess club students who competed on Saturday, March 9, 2013 in Baltimore at the Elementary School Chess Championships. In the **Novice Category** there were 181 players. Congratulations to **Michael Hu** (Mrs. Perel's class) who came in 24th, **George Sellers** (Mrs. Ghetti's class) who came in 30th, and **Nathan Pak** (Mrs. Perel's class) who came in 84th! In the **Junior Varsity Category** there were 101 players. **Congratulations to Richard Tan (Mrs. Singal's class) who came in first place!** Also, congratulations to **Pranav Vijay** (Mrs. Fones's class) who came in 51st, and **Clark Zhang** (Ms. Emr's class) who came in 54th. We are so proud of all of you! Great job representing Travilah Elementary School!

TRAVILAH YEARBOOK - Extra Extra read all about it! The 2012-2013 Travilah Yearbook is under construction. Keep your eyes peeled for order information coming soon. You do not want to be left out!

WOOTTON ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELD FUND - Wootton High School is half the way to raising the \$200,000 needed to fund the much needed artificial turf field. The time for us to complete the goal is fast approaching- March 15th to be exact. If you have not given yet please do consider, Wootton will be your school one day and this facility update will absolutely benefit all students in Physical Education, all the athletes, marching band and clubs. Please help make this happen. Visit the **woottonboosterclub.org** website for more details and directions for your contribution.

P.E. CLASS OF THE WEEK – Week of March 4, 2013 Congratulations to **Mrs. Facine’s class!**
P.E. STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week of March 4, 2013 Congratulations to **Keon Faroughi** in Mrs. Tozier’s class.

P.E. CLASS OF THE WEEK – Week of March 11, 2013 Congratulations to **Mrs. Singal’s class!**
P.E. STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week of March 11, 2013 Congratulations to **Angelina Hermosilla-Roman** in Ms.Hart’s class.

SPECIAL DOLPHIN TALES THANK YOU TO:

- **Bita and Vira Safai** for organizing, running, and the many wonderful donations for Bingo Night!
- **Susan Winson** for organizing all the Family Fun Nights at various restaurants!

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

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