Mission

Clearspring Elementary School is dedicated to working with parents and the community to promote the overall growth and development of the students so they become responsible, respectful, and productive members of society.

Principal's Note

Our last day of school is Tuesday, June 12th. This is a half day and students will dismiss at 12:35. Head Start will dismiss at 10:30.

Summer is coming! Students are excited about vacations, swimming, playing with friends! **Don't forget to read and practice math and writing.** Research shows that students who read at least 20 minutes a day maintain the gains they made during the school year. We’ve placed reading suggestions and math calendars on our website for your convenience.

Monday, June 11th will be our final blue and white assembly. The agenda is attached for your convenience.

Congratulations to our fifth graders who celebrated their journey through elementary school today! We will miss them and wish them well in middle school.

Staffing update:

- Mrs. Aubley will be teaching reading initiative with first grade
- Mrs. Cumberland will move to our home school fifth grade
- Mrs. Duralde will be moving to two schools vs. three
- Mr. Lyons will be moving to a full-time position
- Mrs. McInerney will be teaching kindergarten
- Mr. Mascott will be a principal intern at Maryvale ES
- Mrs. Mendoza is retiring
- Mrs. Miller will be on child care leave
- Mrs. Smith is retiring
- Mrs. Stile will be teaching second grade
- Mrs. Strickland will be our part time resource teacher as well as our academic intervention teacher

We will miss those who are leaving us. Everyone who touches our building leaves an imprint on our children. We wish them the best!

Welcome to Mrs. Leighton who will be our new art teacher. She is coming from Rolling Terrace ES in Takoma Park. We also welcome Mrs. Weber who will be teaching in our fifth grade center for the highly gifted. She is coming from Highland ES. We also welcome Ms. Jackson and Ms. Luper who will share the part time music position. They’ll all be a great addition to our staff!

My parent news will be delivered in August. We look forward to seeing you back on **August 23rd for our open house**!

Worth Repeating:

Follow us on **Twitter @ClearspringES!** I’ll post periodically fun events occurring, staff development sessions, and classroom instruction! Check us out!

Have a fantastic summer!

Mrs. Steel
Celebrations

Thank you to Mrs. Cornwell who was the chair for the fifth grade celebration! She and her team of volunteers did an outstanding job!

An after-school program called Girls On The Run (www.girlsontherunofmoco.org) had a fantastic second season this spring at Clearspring. The coaches are proud to announce that twenty-eight 3rd, 4th and 5th grade girls trained twice a week after school and finished the season in May by running a 5 kilometer (3.2 mile) fun run! During the season the girls learned important lessons, such as expressing gratitude, and the difference one girl can make. Congratulations to the Cheetah Girls and Road Runners for your award-winning spirit and your super, super girl POWER! Hurray!


Congratulations to the following students who were selected to serve as officers for the safety patrol squad during the 2012-2013 school year:

- Preston Murray
- Kaitlyn Gardiner
- Evan Hu
- Justin Hui
- Leslye Rojas
- Isabella Filoia
- Sophie Renauer
- Willy Brickles
- Stephanie Esquivel
- Allyson Alderton

Husky News

Inkjet Cartridges

We are once again asking that you save your used inkjet cartridges. MCPS has developed a new program that allows schools to receive credit for any brand of used inkjet cartridge. Please send to the office. Thank you for your support and thank you to those of you who have already sent cartridges in!

MCPS News

Curriculum 2.0 Implementation for 2012–2013 School Year

For the past three years, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has been implementing our exciting elementary school curriculum, called Curriculum 2.0. All students in kindergarten and Grade 1 and most students in Grade 2 have been taught using Curriculum 2.0 this year and the feedback from students, parents, and staff members has been very positive. In 2012–2013, we will begin using Curriculum 2.0 in all third-grade classes and we will improve our current report card to give parents more information about how students are performing in specific areas.

Curriculum 2.0 is designed to make sure our students not only have the academic knowledge they need, but also develop the important skills they will need to succeed in the 21st century. There are three major elements of Curriculum 2.0:

- **Internationally driven standards in math, reading, and writing**: Instruction in these key areas is based on the strength of the Common Core State Standards, adopted by Maryland and 45 others states as the foundation for what students need to learn and know in math, reading, and writing.
- **Renewed focus on teaching the whole child**: Curriculum 2.0 puts more focus on subjects like the arts, science, social studies, and physical education by connecting these areas with core subjects.
- **Critical thinking and creativity**: Curriculum 2.0 is designed to develop academic, creative, and critical thinking skills that build confidence in students and prepare them for a lifetime of learning.

The report card for students in Grades K–3 will be improved to give parents more information about what a student knows and is able to do in relation to grade-level expectations. This “standards-based report card” will break subject areas into groups of related skills or topics and provide specific information about how a student is doing in each area. The report cards for Grades 4 and 5 will not be changed next school year.

Much more information will be shared with parents at the beginning of the new school year, but if you have questions about Curriculum 2.0 or the new report card, visit the MCPS website at:

http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/2.0/
The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS) will provide residents with the opportunity to shred and recycle confidential papers, and donate clothing and household goods that are in good and working order at three sites in the upcoming months.

Sunday, June 10, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Albert Einstein High School
11135 Newport Mill Road
Kensington, MD 20895

Attachments:
  Calendar
  Blue and White Assembly agenda
## Agenda:

- **Welcome & purpose:** Mrs. Steel
- **President Obama’s letter:** Mrs. Steel
- **PowerPoint project sharing:** First Grade
- **25 books:** Third Grade
- **Poetry:** Third Grade
- **Science projects:** Third Grade
- **Special recognition:** Kindergarten
- **Super Husky Awards:** Ms. Besser
- **School recognition:** Mrs. Steel
- **Principal’s Award- Straight As:** Mrs. Steel
- **???:** Second Grade
Grades Four and Five  1:45-2:45

*Agenda:*

Welcome & purpose: Mrs. Steel

Play segments: $5^{th}$ Grade

25 books: $5^{th}$ Grade

Portfolio recognition: $5^{th}$ Grade

25 books: $4^{th}$ Grade

All Is on report card: $4^{th}$ Grade

Persuasive letters: $4^{th}$ Grade

Art recognition: Mrs. Mendoza

Super Husky Award: Ms. Besser

School recognition: Mrs. Steel

Straight A’s: Mrs. Steel