



# Olney Flyer

## Principal's Newsletter

THE PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER FOR OLNEY PARENTS

**OLNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
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### Mission Statement

The parents, staff and students of Olney Elementary School will work as a team to become life –long learners and productive citizens. By putting forth our best effort we will strive to create an environment of mutual respect and academic challenge.

## A Message from Mrs. Glawe

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year to all! Welcome to 2019. I hope you and your family had a wonderful and restful winter break. We love the promise of the New Year and all the possibilities that exist for our children at Olney Elementary and their future.

Students in kindergarten, first grade and second grade are currently participating in the Montgomery County Public Schools Assessment Program in Primary Reading (MCPS AP-PR) and Measures of Academic Progress in Math. These assessments are administered three times per year (fall, winter, spring) and provide teachers and administrators with formative data to make informed instructional decisions and monitor student progress. Students in third, fourth, and fifth grade are currently taking the Measures of Academic Progress in Reading and Math. These assessments are administered three times per year (fall, winter, spring) and measure student growth in reading and math over time. This data enables teachers to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of each student.

This quarter we will have the opportunity to meet with all grade levels in Town Hall meetings. In these meetings we will share academic and behavior expectations including what it looks like and sounds like to be respectful, responsible, and safe. You may have seen these posters in our hallways and classrooms. Please remind students of our expectations -

I am Respectful  
 I am Responsible  
 I am Safe



## January 2019

Carla Glawe— Principal

Cindy Chichester— Assistant  
 Principal

### Special Dates:

January 1: Holiday-  
 Schools and Office Closed

January 21: Holiday—  
 Schools and Office Closed

January 25: Early Release  
 12:55 pm

January 25: Last Day of  
 2nd Quarter

January 28: No School for  
 Students— Professional  
 Day for Teachers

January 30-31: Lifetouch  
 Class Pictures

## MDSE Report Card

The Maryland Report Card is designed to measure school success in several ways, including state test results in English Language Arts and Math; postsecondary readiness; progress of English learners in achieving English language proficiency; graduation rate; and students with access to and earning credit for a well-rounded curriculum. Below are a few resources to help you understand the Maryland Report Card:

[MCPS Video – Understanding the Maryland Report Card](#)

[MSDE Report Card Overview](#)

[MD Report Card – Local Interpretation Guide](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

As Superintendent of Schools Jack Smith noted in his [message to the community on November 30](#), while the Maryland Report Card does provide important information about our schools, it only provides a limited view into the progress of our more than 163,000 students.

To better understand how our schools are serving all of our students, MCPS has developed an [Equity Accountability Model](#) that provides a more detailed and focused report of school success. The Equity Accountability Model uses [multiple and frequent measures](#) of students' progress to determine if a school is meeting the needs of ALL students with a special emphasis on reducing and eliminating disparities in student achievement.

## Dress Warmly!!!

### THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS COLD IN THE WINTER

Please dress your children warmly each day. They are outside waiting for buses in the morning and, whenever possible, they go outside for recess (the temperature and wind chill are considered). Some of our classrooms get very warm in the winter, and it is best if your children are dressed in 'layers' – with a sweater over a shirt – in order to adjust to the differences in temperature.

## Attendance Notes

Thank you for sending in written notes when your child has been absent or has to change dismissal plans. Please include the following information:

- Child's Name
  - Teacher's Name
  - Date
  - Parent Signature
  - Printed Parent Name (if signature is not legible)
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