March 2: 4th Grade Author Visit with Naomi Milliner
March 3: PTA Meeting, 6:00pm
March 5: PTA Cultural Heritage Night, 6:00pm
March 10: 5th Grade Field Trip to SHS Rock N Roll Revival 10:00 am-12:30 pm
March 20: Last Day for Pajama Drive
March 20: Kindergarten Field Trip to the National Zoo 9:40 am—2:10 pm
March 27: Early Release Day, 12:55pm
March 27: End of Marking Period 3

A Message from Mrs. Glawe

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we are closing approaching the end of the 3rd marking period of the school year, we will have the opportunity to meet with all grade levels in Town Hall meetings during lunches. In these meetings we will share the academic and behavior expectations including what it looks like and sounds like to be respectful, responsible, and safe. You can help us by reminding students of our Olney expectations: I am Respectful. I am Responsible. I am Safe.

If your child is a car rider, please pull into the lower lot to drop-off and pick-up. It is a safety hazard to have children crossing lanes of traffic on foot. If your child dismisses as a walker, plan to greet them at 3:25 pm. Please instruct your child to wait with the walker dismissal staff member(s) if he/she does not see you. We will communicate this message to students as well. Thank you for making our arrival and dismissal procedures as safe as they can be!

MCPS places the physical, social, and psychological well-being of our students as a priority. Following the recent pedestrian incidents across Montgomery County, MCPS is increasing the focus on student pedestrian safety. MCPS has provided links to share with students, families, and the school communities to promote pedestrian, bicycle, and traffic safety. Please review the links below.

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-PedSafety/SRTS/Elem.html
https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/saferoutes/
MCPS Policy Regarding Personal Mobile Devices

Mobile phones, e-readers, tablets, personal computers, or other devices equipped with microphones, speakers, and/or cameras, and other similar non-MCPS issued devices are all considered personal mobile devices (PMDs) and are subject to MCPS Regulation COG-RA, Personal Mobile Devices, and MCPS Regulation IGT-RA, Responsibilities for Computer Systems, Electronic Information, and Network Security.

While on MCPS property, students must use the MCPS network (not private cellular networks) for Internet access, where MCPS uses filtering and other technological measures to limit students' ability to access harmful Internet sites. All students will adhere to the following:

• Students may possess PMDs on MCPS property and at MCPS sponsored activities; however students may not turn on/use them until the end of the student day for independent use.
• Students riding to or from school or school-sponsored activities on MCPS or chartered buses may use PMDs as long as the use does not impact the safe operation of the bus and complies with MCPS rules.
• Students are responsible for ensuring their devices are turned off and out of sight during times of unauthorized use, and must ensure that they are managed securely at all times.

Information may not be communicated using a PMD if it: violates the privacy of others, jeopardizes the health and safety of students, is obscene or libelous, causes disruption of school activities, plagiarizes.

If your child needs you, they should be directed to come to the main office to use the phone. PMD "watches" should be turned off during the school day. Administration may confiscate the PMD if necessary. Parents will be notified.

Kindergarten Orientation

Yearly, the schools of Montgomery County hold a kindergarten orientation for parents who will have children entering kindergarten the following September. These children must be five years old on or before September 01, 2020. During this orientation, parents and children have an opportunity to see the school, talk with the kindergarten teachers, nurse, principal and other staff members. At this time, necessary forms are brought to school and the children are registered for enrollment.

This year Olney Elementary School has scheduled kindergarten orientation on Thursday, May 14 and Friday, May 15, 2020 for those families who live in the OES boundary.

To sign up for Kindergarten Orientation, please visit the link: http://bit.ly/olney20K

After completing the information on the link, you will receive a confirmation email of your appointment date and time. At a later date, you will be informed, by email, when the Enrollment Forms, Health Forms and other documents are available on line. If you are unable to access the internet, please contact Mrs. Ginny Condell-Nelson in the main office at 301-924-3126.

No tests or screening procedures will take place during the orientation except for children who are applying for Early Entrance to Kindergarten (EEK). The orientation is primarily an opportunity for children to look forward to coming to Olney Elementary School in the fall and to begin to build an important partnership between the home and school.

If you have a neighbor or a friend in your area who may have a child eligible for kindergarten, please pass along this information.

Mandatory Kindergarten Law, effective July 1, 1992

A child who is five-years old by September 1 of any school year must attend kindergarten in August of that year unless he/she is exempted from attending. Five-year-olds attending licensed day care, full-time registered family day care or if a parent requests a delay due to a child’s immaturity may be exempted. All children, other than those exempted as described above must attend kindergarten before entering first grade. Forms for exemptions are available in the main office and at the following link. https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/pdf/560-19.pdf