



Olney Flyer

Principal's Newsletter

THE PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER FOR OLNEY PARENTS

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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,

Our school year is off to a great start! Students have been very busy this month learning routines, making goals, and staying engaged in learning. Although the lunch and recess block is extended, both areas (lunchroom and recess areas) are calm. Students seem to be enjoying the extra space (inside and out) and the quieter noise level! As shared in my email home to parents, we will open the Café to all parents for lunch. Please follow the instructions provided to you in that email.



Parent Conferences/Visitation

We value the home-school connection at Olney. If you have any questions regarding your child's academic performance, please contact the teacher or staff members via phone or email for an appointment. We respectfully ask that you do not come to the building without a **confirmed appointment**. Our teachers participate in planning meetings and professional development opportunities before, during and after the school day. Confirmed appointments are important so that teachers are prepared to give you the time and information that you need. Teachers do not always check their email in the evening, so please give them until the following afternoon to reply to you. Teachers will provide you with dates and times for meetings and/or visits that support our academic agenda. In addition, a staff member may accompany you depending on the circumstances of your visitation. Please remember to bring your state ID for **any** visit to our building. We are required by MCPS to scan each visiting persons ID before they can enter the building. This new procedure will be done for every visit. Please be prepared and accommodating. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.



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Carla Glawe, Principal

Cindy Chichester, Assistant Principal

Special Dates of Interest:

November 1: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Rain Gardens, 9:30 am

November 6: No School

November 7: Half Day, Dismiss at 12:55 pm

November 7: End of Marking Period 1

November 12 & 13: Half Day, Dismiss at 12:55 pm

November 13: PTA Ledo Pizza FUNdraiser

November 14: Grade 1 Trip to Baltimore Zoo, 9:40-2:10 pm

November 19- PTA Math Assembly

November 20- Marking Period 1 Report Card Distributed

November 21: Half Day, Dismiss at 12:55 pm

November 22 & 23: No School

November 27: Fall Makeup Pictures

November 28: Grade 2 to Strathmore Concert 9:40 am

Tardiness and Absences

Reminder:

The following changes in recording attendance in Montgomery County Public Schools are being implemented in accordance with the Maryland Student Records System Manual revised effective July 1, 2007, by the Maryland State Department of Education. Please read the bulleted items carefully.

Tardiness

If your child arrives to school after 9:00 a.m. he/she needs to stop in the office to receive a tardy slip. It is important for students to arrive on time each day.

Absences

Students will be recorded as a.m. absent, if they arrive at school more than two hours late.

Students will be recorded as p.m. absent, if they leave school more than two hours early.

Students will be recorded as either a.m. absent or p.m. absent, if they are absent from school for more than two hours but less than four hours during the school day.

Students will be recorded as full-day absent, if they are present for less than two hours of the school day.

Students will be recorded as full-day present, if they are present for more than four hours of the school day.

The state of Maryland requires us to "code" absences for each student. Therefore, a written explanation of each absence is required from the parent/guardian within three days of the student's return to school.

Please let the office know if your child(ren) has a health emergency; so that we **can support you and your family.**

Extended Absences

Please inform your child's teacher, Mrs. Nelson, and the administration if your child will be absent for travel. Teachers are not responsible for providing instructional activities for students when they are traveling. If a student is absent for more than 15 consecutive school days they will be withdrawn according to MCPS guidelines.

Holiday Season

We know that many families struggle financially from time to time. A few times throughout the year our school is provided with opportunities to help families in need. If your family is in need of food for the upcoming Thanksgiving or Winter holidays, please contact me, Mrs. Glawe or Ms. Thomas on or before October 12th to discuss your needs. We anticipate an opportunity in the coming weeks but need you to let us know about your needs as soon as possible. We cannot make any guarantees, but will do our best to CONFIDENTIALLY support you.

