



# Parent Paw Print

February 1, 2012

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

### MOBILE DENTIST

The *Mobile Dentist Smile Program* will be setting up a dental clinic in our school on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>. Students who returned permission forms and have been approved will see the dentist on those days. If you need to make a payment for your child to be seen the payment is due by February 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Nurse Esser at 301-572-0638 if you have any questions.

### YEARBOOKS

Students may begin paying for their end of year yearbooks. The all-color yearbooks are on sale for \$27. We will only accept cash payment at this time for the yearbook orders. Please turn in payment to Ms. Cathy Hopkins.

### CELL PHONE DRIVE

Student Ambassadors are sponsoring a school-wide cell phone drive beginning Jan. 31-Feb. 10, 2012. Cell phones collected will be donated to the *Cell Phones for Soldiers Program*. The *Cell Phones for Soldiers Program* is an organization that collects thousands of old phones and converts them into millions of prepaid calling minutes for U.S. soldiers stationed overseas. Middle school students can earn one hour of service learning for each cell phone donated. There will be a cell phone collection box located in the main lobby for donated cell phones.

### PTA MEETING

Please join us on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> for our PTA General Assembly Meeting at 7:00pm. Representatives from Prince George's County Public Schools' Office of Constituent Services will share valuable information to parents. As listed on the PGCPSS website, the mission of The Office of Constituent Services is *to provide technical assistance and conflict resolution to the community and staff in order to resolve constituent concerns in an equitable and timely manner and to inform the Superintendent and the Board of Education of trends and issues for responsible systemic change*. During this meeting, we will also recognize the winners of our annual Science Fair.

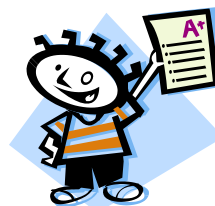
### MINDCORE

Mark your calendars! The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Mindcore @ Beltsville fundraising event will take place on February 22, 2012. Please visit our school website at <http://www1.pgcps.org/beltsville> and follow the "Mindcore" link in order to gain access to general information, pledge sheets, grade level questions, and more.

### UPCOMING TESTING

Beginning February 6<sup>th</sup> through February 24<sup>th</sup> ESOL students in kindergarten through grade 12 in the state of Maryland will participate in ACCESS for English Language Learners (ELL), an English language proficiency test. If your child is an ELL student, please make sure:

- ✓ Your child arrives at school on time.
- ✓ Your child eats a substantial breakfast in the morning.
- ✓ Your child is in school every testing day.
- ✓ Please encourage your child to do his/her best!



### SCIENCE FAIR

The Annual Science Fair is underway this week at Beltsville Academy. We will have a Science Fair Open House on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00-6:00pm. Science Fair winners will be recognized during the PTA meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

We will operate on a half-day schedule on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Dismissal will begin at 11:45. School is closed on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

## 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENTS

Please visit the following site or stop by our Guidance Office to pick up an application for the PGCPs International Baccalaureate (IB) Program. Applications must be submitted before February 13<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Ms. Chandra Watson (Professional School Counselor) for additional details.

<http://www1.pgcps.org/IB>

## EARLY PICK-UP PROCEDURE

In non-emergency situations, please remember the following when picking up students early from school.

- ✓ Please arrive before 2:45 p.m.
- ✓ Be prepared to show identification



## HEALTHY ALLIANCE SCHOOL

Beltsville Academy is proud to become a Healthy Alliance School! The goal of the Alliance for a Healthier Generation is to reduce the prevalence of childhood obesity by creating healthier schools and healthier students nationwide. The Alliance collaborates with school staff, parents, students and community members to transform schools into healthy campuses. Please join us on our journey to success in helping our school become a healthier place.

### ***Healthy Alliance Tip of the Month:***

One way that parents can support us in this initiative is to consider replacing traditional snack items with healthier choices such as fruit or vegetables. When celebrating a child's birthday at school during lunchtime, consider bringing in a healthy treat such as popsicles made from 100% fruit juice, granola bars, raisins, or popcorn.

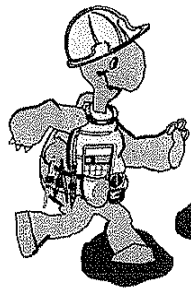
***Please see announcements below:***

# Summer 2012

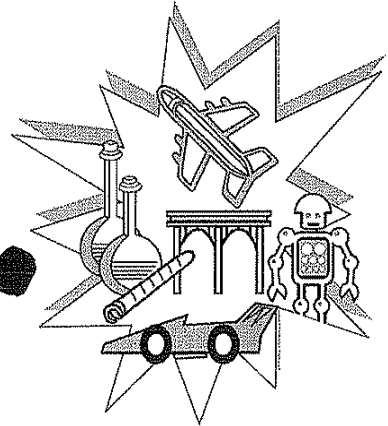
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**Apply by March 26, 2012**

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#### Program Dates

Session I: July 16-20  
Session II: July 23-27



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It may be chilly outside, but when you donate blood, you help to warm someone's heart. We invite you to brave the cold this season and join us at the blood drive below:

**Scotchtown Hills Elementary School  
Blood Drive in Honor of Marisol Ramirez**  
Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
2:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
15950 Dorset Rd, Laurel, MD 20707  
In the Art Room

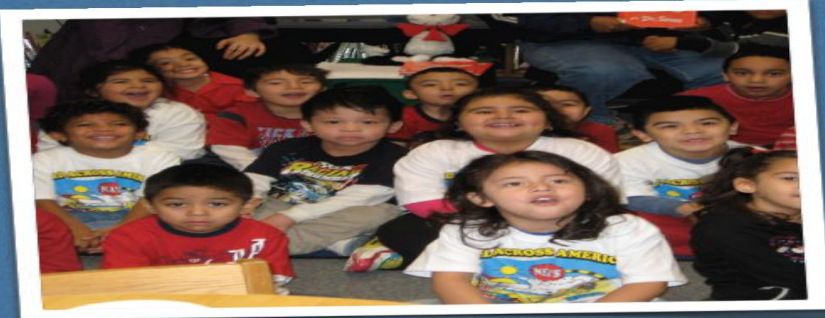
Please contact Aubrie Santuccio at 301-497-3994 or  
aubri.santuccio@pgcps.org  
to schedule your life-saving donation!

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For more information, or to schedule an appointment to donate, please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org

# ¡ATENCIÓN! ★

PGCPS Les Invita...



*Para aprender sobre el Nuevo  
Presupuesto Escolar de las  
Escuelas Públicas...*  
(Interpretación disponible)

**Esta reunión es asignada para  
nuestras familias de habla española.**  
7 de febrero a las 6:30 PM  
Northwestern High School  
(Cafetería)  
7000 Adelphi Road Hyattsville, MD