



BACK TO SCHOOL!

Calverton Elementary
Beltsville, MD

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Calverton Elementary School's Newsletter

From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Families,

Thank you again for getting your children to school for the OLSAT and FAST tests.

Wednesday, November 11th is a day for parent conferences. School will be closed for students.

Please return the PTA REACH envelopes with addresses as soon as possible. Also, please bring your Box Tops to school. The PTA has made \$137.00 from Box Tops for the month of September.

The PTA is sponsoring a Hispanic Dinner Dance with a DJ on Friday, November 20th at 7:00pm in the multipurpose room. Please look for a flier to come home soon.

Next week, November 9th-13th, is Book Fair Week. The Book Fair Family Night will be held Thursday, November 12th from 6:00-8:00pm in the media center. The Book Fair will also be open to parents during parent/teacher conference time.

Thursday November 12th is also Family Health Night. It will begin at 7:00pm in the multipurpose room.

The kick-off for the STEM Fair (Science Fair) will be Tuesday, November 10th from 7:00-8:00pm. Science boards will be available for \$3.00 cash. The STEM Fair will be April 7th-9th. Stay tuned for the Nights at the Computer Lab for help with the scientific process. All 4th, 5th, and 6th grade families are encouraged to attend the STEM Fair Night.

As always, I appreciate your support and consideration.

Peace,

Mary M. Tschudy, Principal

From our Parent Liaison...

Thank you parents for your support at our Annual Hispanic Celebration! It was a success! All students Hispanic and not Hispanic participated!

-Mrs. Lucy Santizo, Parent Liaison



Math Corner

The following students in grades 2, 4, 5, and 6 passed ALL their Grade Level Math Facts by October 30. Third graders needed to pass two of the four tests to make the list because they begin to learn their multiplication and division facts in November. All students meeting these goals by November 30 will be invited to the Math Facts Party in December.

Second Graders

Sneha Abraham
Citiyana Amsalu
Marcello Crockett
Justin Dabre
Mi'Kye Jackson
Alwyn Manalil
Vivian Nyim-Asare

Fourth Graders

Kenny Aklikokou Randall
Arthur Kweku
Mohamed Barry
Orven Cruz
Caroline Dabre
Daniel Dessy
Carlos Dominguez Reyes
Amaka Emerson
Ronee Howard
Micah Johnson
Jasmine Maddy
Keeshon Martin
John Marshall
Gabriela Molina
Ashley Montalvan
Destinee Young
Noeli Robles

Sixth Graders

Andrea Aguilar
Arianna Brown
Mauricio Guerrero
Godsee Joy
Isaiah Kanu
Marques Kareem
Victor Okonmah
Ife Otukoya
Ilaweni Rajkumar
Jacari Ramsey
Rodrigo Romualdo
Marquette Smith
Michael Soreng
Jereme Williams

Third Graders

Vera Akum
Kendrah Bradley
Julius Chay
Sophia Dada
Laura Espinal
Peter Gomes
Jennifer Juarez-Martinez
Mi Bao Le
Tania Lemus
Perez-Lemus
Sahil Talati
Kamy Tapa Kameni
India Turner
Nunyat Tefera
Jovann Tomlinson

Fifth Graders

Nana Agyemang
Angelica Arias
Jenny Bo
Emsley Cole
Ivan Canales-Quito
Thomas Elliott
Richard Francis
Anthony Gamez
Huu Ho
Jada Johnson
George Martin
Allan Naing
Nicholas O'Connor
Chiemeziem Oguayo
Gregory Reeves
Samarro Settles



One way students can become more fluent with their math facts is to "workout" in the GYM's on First In Math. Once they have gotten 24 ribbons, they repeat their GYM's for 24 small trophies and finally 24 large trophies. After that workout they are ready to try Just the Facts with 100 random facts in 5 minutes.

All students in grades 3-6 have a First in Math log-on and password. Our school is currently ranked FIRST in MARYLAND and 36th in the UNITED STATES in the First in Math competition. We have 12 players who have enough stickers to be ranked in the TOP 100 Players in Maryland: Victor Okonmah is currently our TOP PLAYER and 8th in Maryland. Other players on the TOP 100 Players in Maryland list are Kenny Aklikokou, Zaid Whitley-Wiles, John Marshall, Richard Francis, Nicholas O'Connor, Ivan Canales, Sam Settles, Arthur Kweku, Amaka Emerson, Mauricio Guerrero, and Allan Naing. This list is always changing so players have to keep playing to stay on it! Ask your child to show you some of the math games. Playing counts as Math Facts Calendar practice

-Mrs. Gale Waibel, Math Resource Teacher

Technology Corner

Classes from all grade levels have now been to the Computer Lab from Pre-K to Sixth Grade. They have conducted research, worked on their Reading and Math skills, played educational computer games, and took a computer quiz using clickers. Look for pictures posted to the school website.

Please also look for the flyers and dates for additional "Nights at the Computer" for parents and children.

We will be hosting Parent Technology Nights at Calverton Elementary. The November topic will include using digital cameras to create a seasonal PowerPoint note/slide. (Cameras will be provided, but feel free to bring your own.)
-Ms. Shirley Upchurch, Technology Liaison

*Second Parent Technology Night
Thursday, November 19th
6:00-7:00 p.m. in Room 102*

*Presented by: Shirley Upchurch, Sandra Freeman
and Lucy Santizo; Calverton Elementary Teachers
and Parent Liaison*

Nurse's Corner

The Health Department will probably be returning in approximately 3 weeks to administer the recommended second dose of the H1N1 vaccine to students ages nine and under. We may not know the specific day until two or three days before their representatives come.

We will send the consent forms out about 1 week prior to the next flu vaccination clinic. Please use a blue or black pen and complete these forms in their entirety. This form is a legal document and forms done in pencil may not be accepted. Unfortunately, we had to return many forms to parents who did not answer all of the questions or did not sign or put a date at the bottom of the form.

If your child's form was returned to you indicating that your child was not eligible for the nasal vaccine, do not complete this second consent form. **YOUR CHILD NEEDS THE H1N1 SHOT THAT WILL NOT BE OFFERED AT CALVERTON.** Please contact the Health Department (301-583-3300 for appointments and information) or contact your child's doctor. If your child was absent or did not receive the H1N1 vaccine due to an incomplete or lost form when the Health Department was here Oct. 28, he may be able to get the nasal vaccine when the Health Department returns.

If you are able to take your child to the Health Department or to his doctor I would advise you not to wait until the Health Department returns here. Several students have had the flu, probably H1N1, though I have received no documentation that the H1N1 confirmation test was done. Most medical providers are not doing this test due to costs and because the treatment would not change. Some parents have told me that their child had a positive flu test. If it was Influenza A, then most likely it was H1N1 since it is a little early to be seeing the seasonal flu.

Prince George's County Public Schools are no longer requiring students to obtain a doctor's note for your child to return to school after having a flu-like illness. Students are advised to stay home and only go to the doctor if they have a chronic illness such as asthma unless the illness is severe. Consult your child's doctor if you specific concerns.

When your child feels well enough to return to school please check his temperature. **HE MUST HAVE NO FEVER WITHOUT THE USE OF FEVER REDUCING MEDICATIONS SUCH AS TYLENOL OR IBUPROFEN FOR 24 HOURS. DO NOT GIVE YOUR CHILD ASPIRIN.** We want to protect your child and all of the rest of the students and staff at Calverton. We understand that when your child is home you may not be able to work which will cause financial hardships. Just bear in mind that we have 784 students to protect. School is a place for your child to receive an education. School is not childcare and we do not have the facilities to provide continued care for ill students who are contagious. If you are having significant financial issues please contact Social Services or let the school know so we can help with other referrals.
-Ms. Kay Diggs, RN, Calverton School Nurse

Physical Education

Calverton Elementary will be hosting their 3rd annual TURKEY TROT on Friday, November 20th. Grade 4 will kick-off the event at 8:00 am, Grade 3 will follow at 8:50 am, and 5th graders will wrap it up at 9:30 am. Students will run/walk 1 mile (1/2 mile for 3rd) around the soccer field. The Turkey Trot helps promote physical fitness and is an exciting event for students. The Calverton Staff as well as the Calverton Parents are invited to run in the event or just come and support all those turkeys. Don't forget to wear your tennis shoes! Hope to see you on November 20th.

-Mrs. S. Albert & Mr. A. Hankey, Physical Education Teachers

Writing Corner

Students who have been honored on the "Writers Hall of Fame" for the first quarter are as follows:

Kindergarten:

Natalie Alvarez (Ms. Remondini); Kelvin Merioles (Mrs. Freeman); Kareem Caudle (Mrs. Hart); Alan Marquez (Mrs. Hankey); Ashley Ortega (Ms. Bossler)

First Grade

Alma Galeano (Mrs. Papson); Ernesto Hernandez (Mrs. McCollum); Maame Agyemang & Daniel Saathoff (Mrs. Foggie); Marlitza Francisque (Ms. Albert); Daisy Annan (Ms. Rinck)

Second Grade

Michael Onwukwe & Brandon Johnson (Mrs. Russell); Sneha Abraham, Alwyne Manalil, & Mariama Jjallow (Mrs. Prelovsky); Danaeyah Mardury (Ms. Bellows); Isiah Holland (Mr. Hayes); Keylee Umanzor (Mr. Stratton)

Third Grade

Kevin Soto (Mrs. Bravo); Laura Espinal (Mrs. Swanson); Christina Jean Jacques (Mrs. Joyner); Andy Escoto (Ms. Njoku)

Fourth Grade

Jennifer Portela (Mr. Hartman); Noel Hidalgo (Ms. Lentz); Nesta Garraway (Mrs. Gibson); Amaka Emerson (Mrs. Fulcher); Quinette John (Ms. Levin)

Fifth Grade

Karen Martinez & Emily Mendez (Mr. Cohen); Irlanda Luz (Mrs. Wright); Amiel Cruz (Mr. Reif); Jenny Bo (Mrs. Werner)

Sixth Grade:

Aniyah Lynch (Ms. Baum); Ife Otukoya (Mr. Huh); Katherine Bolanos (Ms. Mitchell); Godsee Joy (Mrs. Allen)

PreK:

Kayle Sagastizado (Mrs. Fraser); Gabrielle Montalvan (Ms. Hernandez)

-Mrs. Constance Wood, Writing Specialist