



Calverton Elementary School's Newsletter

From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Families,

This week has been Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you for recognizing your child's teacher. Remember it's not too late to fill out the appreciation certificates to thank teachers.

Thank you to the PTA for supporting the extra materials the school has needed for school's computers. Also, thank you parents who supplied food for the teacher appreciation luncheon this past Wednesday.

The year is moving fast. Our 6th grade will be moving to middle school. This means that both the 5th and 6th grade will both be having a promotion. The 6th grade promotion will be held on June 10, 2010. The 5th grade promotion will be held on June 14, 2010. The last day of school for students is June 16, 2010.

The Muffins for Mom program will take place on May 19th at 8am. Fifth grade students will go to Camp Schmidt on May 17th and 18th. Career Day will be May 25th. If any parent would like to share their career with students, please call the school counselor, Mrs. Pollack who is coordinating the event. Lastly, International Night is May 25th at 6:30pm.

Thank you for your continued support.

As Always
Peace,
Mary M. Tschudy, Principal

**Please join us for
Calverton Elementary's**

**INTERNATIONAL
FESTIVAL**

**Tuesday, May 25th
6:30pm
in the Multipurpose Room**

*Parents are asked to bring cultural
food to represent their country and to
share with others.*

Math Corner

It's official! Calverton Elementary School is a First In Math Top 10 Team. Our school finished in 9th place in the All Grades National Competition and 1st place in Maryland. If you go to www.firstinmath.com and click on Rankings you will see the link to all the categories that are being recognized.

In two other categories we almost made it to a Top 10 position. Mr. Reif's Alert Team came in 11th in the Top 10 Teams category and was only 22 stickers per player behind the 10th place team. It was that close! Mr. Reif's students averaged 6,880 stickers/player.

In the Alt All Grades National Rankings Calverton was 12th. This ranking is based on the average number of stickers per

player and we had 420 students playing – more students than any team finishing above us. Calverton's 21 Top Players in Maryland helped us stay competitive. Victor Okonmah outplayed everyone in the school, including the teachers who competed!

Top 100 Players in Maryland April 30, 2010

Grade	Team	Name	Stickers	MD Rank
6	17 Deputy	Victor Okonmah	17,225	6
5	16 Alert	Allan Naing	15,980	9
5	09 Alert	Richard Francis	15,898	10
5	07 Alert	Ivan Canales	11,839	24
5	21 Alert	Sam Settles	11,814	25
5	03 Alert	Joel Annan	11,704	27
5	17 Alert	Nicholas O'Connor	10,877	31
5	24 Alert	Zaid Whitney-Wiles	9,745	44
6	10 Deputy	Godsee Joy	9,538	48
6	23 Fate	Akhita-Maat Page	9,246	55
6	07 Armor	Elisha Etta	9,103	59
5	11Alert	Caleb John	9,095	60
6	01 Deputy	Vitus Agbenoo	9,082	61
5	18 Alert	Chiemeziem Oguayo	9,041	63
5	01 Happy	Jenny Bo	9,036	64
6	24 Armor	Marquette Smith	9,034	65
5	20 Alert	Ruthann Richards	8,975	68
3	02 Ivory	Ramez Antar	8,756	75
4	02 Geode	Kweku Arthur	8,737	78
4	06 Geode	Amaka Emerson	8,698	80
5	02 Alert	Nana Agyemang	8,233	94

*Below are the Top 5 Players on each of the 17 Teams and Top Player ID for grade level**

Ms. Mitchell's Ruby Team: Nnedi Oguayo, Uriel Tandjong, Kimberly Fakeye, Christian Mbowen, Marques Kareem

Mr. Huh's Fate Team: Akhita-Maat Page, Elijah Etta, Mauricio Guerrero, Jacari Ramsey, Zainab Nafiu

Mrs. Allen's Deputy Team: Victor Okonmah*, Godsee Joy, Vitus Agbenoo, Shagun Sharma, Jason Morales

Ms. Baum's Armor Team: Elisha Etta, Marquette Smith, Kevin Robles-Lemus, Franz Quijano, Dami Oloyede

Mrs. Werner's Happy Team: Jenny Bo, Anthony Gamez, Emsley Cole, Garoody Volcy, Justin Saez

Mrs. Wright's Alto Team: John Kenny, Malak Antar, Kimberly Canales, Luis Gutierrez, Shanae Harris

Mr. Cohen's Diode Team: Randy Nunez, Antonio Flores, Saloni Talati, Elise Osborne, Cameron Jenkins

Mr. Reif's Alert Team: Allan Naing*, Richard Francis, Ivan Canales, Sam Settles, Joel Annan

Ms. Lentz' Wales Team: Justin Dabre, Edy Diaz, Lucia Sanchez, Sneha Abraham, Destinee Young

Ms. Levin's Oxide Team: Caroline Dabre, John Marshall, Bonnie Etta, Ronee Howard, Micah Johnson

Mr. Hartman's Wisdom Team: Sean Harris, Don Lacson, Crystal Boateng, McDonald Tala Kamani, Jason Chin

Mrs. Fulcher's Geode Team: Kweku Arthur*, Amaka Emerson, Kenny Aklikokou, Eyole Wuno, Jasmine Maddy

Mrs. Gibson's Charm Team: Andrew Kariuki, Nesta Garraway, Natasha Rokkala, Huy Do, Jenicy Paniagua

Ms. Njoku's Flora Team: Mi Le, Nicole Quijano, Jennifer Juarez-Martinez, India Turner, Julius Chay

Mrs. Bravo's Diver Team: Sophia Pardofigureo, Jarel Kennedy, Jada Willis, Henry Saathoff, Raylin Nunez
Mrs. Swanson's Drummer Team: Sophia Dada, Peter Gomes, Jovann Tomlinson, Laura Espinal, Sahil Talati
Mrs. Joyner's Ivory Team: Ramez Antar*, Joselle Quijano, Anthony Orozco, Christina Jean-Jacques, Ovie Ahworegba

We also have a group of 6th graders who worked together to write an original First In Math Rap with encouragement from Ms. Baum, the 6th grade teachers, and Mrs. Waibel. Mr. Cohen videotaped the group. First In Math has seen the video, likes it, and sent each of the boys a 24 cap in appreciation of their effort! We are hoping First In Math will show the Calverton Rappers on their website. The members of the group are Samuel Asir, Isaiah Brown, Joel Martinez, Shai Stokes, Dayton Findlay, Ahmon Holiday, Pierre Germain, Santos Martinez, and Jacari Ramsey.

Students can continue to use First In Math until July 31. It is an excellent way for students to keep their math skills sharp.
 -Mrs. Gale Waibel, Math Resource Teacher

Writing Corner

Calverton students are proud to announce that they wrote 36 winning books in the Prince George's County Write-A-Book Festival! They received the highest number of winning books in the entire county. CONGRATULATIONS to all the Calverton writers!

The books are as follows:

First Place Books

Miss. Swanson's Class - *Never Judge an Animal by his Adaptation*
 Godsee Joy, Patrice Henry, Andrea Aguilar, Shagun Sharma - *A Dog's Tale*
 Godsee Joy, Shagun Sharma, Ife Otukoya - *Wishes of the Wind*
 Second Grade Magic Moments Group - *Listen to Our Whispering Magical Words*
 Beatriz Marantal, Andrea Aguilar, Patrice Henry, Anaiyah Lynch - *I Write Because...*
 Third Grade Magic Moments Group - *Magical Beans and Fairy Dust Dreams*
 Fifth Grade Young Authors - *Looking Through the Eyes of a Poet*

Second Place Books

Laura Espinal, Jhoan Romero, Randall Perez-Lemus, Kamy Taps, Ashley Lopez Castro - *The Trickiest Tricks*
 Miss. Swanson's Class - *Dear President Obama*
 Ms. Hernandez's Class - *Family Fun*
 Mrs. Fulcher's Class - *Homophones are Fun!*
 Mrs. Bravo's Class - *My Something Beautiful*
 Shandice King, Drew Page, Anaiyah Lynch, Stephanie Kotei, Akua Appiah - *Power to the Teeny Tiny Animals*
 Mr. Hayes Class - *The Color of Happiness*
 Mrs. Freeman's Class - *Consonant Capers*
 Ms. Levin's Class - *This I Believe*
 Mr. Cohen's Class - *I Write Because...*

Third Place Books

Kimberly Canales, Shanae Harris - *The Dog and the Cat*
 Mrs. Gibson's Class - *I Write Because...*
 Mr. Stratton's Class - *The Pigs and the Fox*
 Mrs. McCollum's Class - *Froggie Goes off to See the World*
 Ms. Njoku's Class - *A Book of Idioms*
 Mr. Hartman's Class - *Expressing our Thoughts about 9-11 Through Haiku Poetry*
 Ms. Rink's Class - *Leaves, Leaves*
 Mrs. Swanson's Class - *Animals on the Loose*

Honorable Mention Books

Sophia Dada, Peter Gomes, Jovann Tomlinson, Melyssa Ankoma-Sey - *Mad Mayhem: Tricksters*

Ashley Lopez Castro, Sophia Dada - *Which Shell is Not Ugly and Uncomfortable for Me?*

Mrs. Wright's Class - *I Write Because...*

Mrs. Fraser's Class - *Happy Times*

Mrs. Mallick's Class - *When Winter Comes*

Mrs. Prelovsky's Class - *The Day the Zoo Animals Went to Town*

Debosola Otukoya, Taliyah Epps, Folashade Walters - *The Break Up*

Save the World Environmental Club - *If the World Were a Lady, What Would She Say?*

Mrs. Russell's Class - *Riddle and Line Poems*

Mrs. Papsan's Class - *In Winter - A Book of Poems*

Ms. Njoku's Class - *Fantastic Shape Poems*

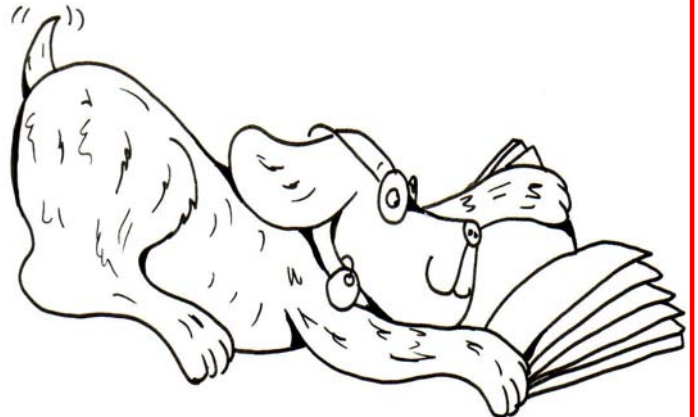
-Mrs. Constance Wood, Writing Teacher

Writing Sample

Just One Little Hug

Written by the poet Jennifer Martinez
 in Mrs. Bravo's Third Grade Class

Just one little hug can...
 Put friendship in the air
 Light up a Christmas tree
 Let someone know you love them
 Make you feel warm inside
 Bring joy to the world
 Make the sun shine brightly
 Just one little hug



Reading Corner

Do you have a book to trade? If so, bring it to school next week and deposit it in the BIG BOX IN THE MAIN LOBBY. Then choose a book from the box that you want to read. It's fun to trade books!

Next week is Calverton's Reading Week. The following activities have been scheduled:

Monday, May 10th - *Sneak into Reading Day*. All students and staff are to wear sneakers. We will catch students reading books (anywhere in the building) and reward them with Calverton cash. During announcements, students will recite the reading pledge.

Tuesday, May 11th - *Reading Rewards Ceremony*. Students in grades K-2 will have an assembly beginning at 8am. Intermediate grade students will receive awards in their classrooms.

Wednesday, May 12th - *Hats Off to Reading Day*. All students and staff are to wear their favorite hat.

Thursday, May 13th - *Classroom Read-In*. Classes will partner across grade levels to share read aloud stories.

Friday, May 14th - *Guest Readers at Calverton*. We will have a number of people sharing read alouds in all classes.

-Mrs. JoAnn Price & Mrs. Carolyn Bergartt,
 Reading Specialists