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Ms. Tenishia Whren,

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ December 4 - Picture Day
- ◆ December 11 - PTO Activity Night @ 5 pm
- ◆ December 16 - Winter Concert @ 8:30 am and 9:15 am
- ◆ December 18 - PTO Activity Night @ 5 pm
- ◆ December 18 - Release 2nd Qtr. Progress Reports
- ◆ December 23 - Holiday Parties
- ◆ December 24-January 3 - School Closed (Winter Break)

Principal's News

A Cause for Celebration

We would like to congratulate Ms. Tenishia Whren, 3rd Grade Teacher, for receiving her National Board Certification! According to the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards, the "National Board Certification is a voluntary process developed by teachers, school counselors, and other education stakeholders to recognize experienced educators for the quality of their practice. National Board Certification signifies that a teacher or school counselor is accomplished, having met challenging professional standards as evidenced by performance-based assessments." Ms. Whren completed this year-long process during the 2008-2009 school year and was recently notified of her receiving this distinguished honor. She, along with other educators in PGCPs, will be recognized in a ceremony attended by our superintendent, Dr. Hite, and others. We are so very proud of Ms. Whren and this accomplishment!

Great things are happening at BMES!!!!

Dear Parents

December's Principal Book of the Month is The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg.



Synopsis

Late one Christmas Eve after the town has gone to sleep, the boy boards the mysterious train that waits for him: the Polar Express bound for the North Pole. When he arrives, Santa offers the boy

Rhonda Gladden, Principal
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Just as the staff is achieving great things, our students are as well!

Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Person's Head Start class had the most days with perfect attendance in the month of November for the entire school!!! Mrs. Imperial's First Grade class had several students to make gains on their Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA). Mr. Jones and Ms. Tesoro's 5th Grade students scored the highest in the school on their Math Assessment at 61.2%. Ms. Dobbins and Ms. C. Brown's 5th Grade students scored the highest in the school on their Reading Assessment at 54.5%.

We still have a ways to go; we are continuing to make strides to improve. Our goals for MSA 2010 are 81.2% for Reading and 79.4% for Math.

Please assist us in reaching these goals by having your child read nightly, practice their math facts, and by reviewing suggestions given by the school. Thank you in advance!!

any gift he desires. The boy modestly asks for one bell from the harness of the reindeer. The gift is granted. On the way home the bell is lost. On Christmas morning, the boy finds the bell under the tree. The mother of the boy admires the bell, but laments that it is broken - for you see, only believers can hear the sound of the bell.

The strange and moving shades of full-color are, Chris Van Allsburg creates an otherworldly classic of the Christmas season.

Head Start/Pre-Kindergarten News

The Head Start and PreK team are beginning the new theme "Seasons All Around". We will be talking and learning about different kinds of weather, how weather affects the environment and discovering how and why the seasons change. Our letter focus will be on Uu, Yy and Ww. In math, we will be working building sets 1-7 using various objects found in the class.

All parents who have not completed a parent/teacher conference, please do so by December 8, 2009.



*Honoring our Support
Staff*

Kindergarten News

- We will attend our first field trip on Dec. 14 to the Maryland Hall to see "A Christmas Carol".
- Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately, as the children are going outdoors for recess.
- Keep in mind homework reinforces the skills that are taught during the day. Therefore homework must be done each night.
- Each quarter your child must read 25 books. Please make sure your child is working toward this goal. Thanks for your support.

First Grade News

- A special thank you to Ms. Jones, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Mullins, Mr. Davis, Ms. Barrett, Mr. Brunson, and Ms. Turner for chaperoning our trip on December 1.
- Please make sure your child is completing one activity per night on their spelling contract in order to ensure success on their spelling tests.
- With the cold and flu season upon us, we are in need of hand sanitizer.
- At this time of the year, some of your child's supplies might need to be replaced. By January, your child's supplies (pencils, crayons, glue, notebooks) should be replenished for the start of the new year.

Second Grade News

- Ms. Anderson, Mrs. Nauman, and Ms. Ledbetter will assist in organizing Christmas Caroling for the school.
- The class will participate in a variety of seasonal arts and crafts activities.
- Students will drill and practice regrouping in addition/subtraction.

*"Knowledge is the
eye of desire and
can become the
pilot of the soul."
- Will Durant*

Third Grade News

The end of the 2009 year is fast approaching. The weather is changing daily and to help keep down the spread of germs we are asking that you send hand sanitizer and tissue. Please encourage your child to read nightly and to complete and hand in their reading logs. Your child needs to read 300 pages which equivalent to 6 books by the end of the quarter. A large number of students didn't reach this goal for

the 1st Qtr. They still have an opportunity to meet the goal for this 2nd Qtr. Please contact your child's teacher for further information. Many of you asked about resources for to help your child with reading and math. We have listed a few websites that may help you.

www.funbrain.com (reading and math)
www.pbskids.org/lions/
www.magickeys.com/books/#books
<http://pbskids.org/cyberchase/index.html>
<http://www.aplusmath.com>

Fourth Grade News

Do you believe in amazing stories? A mysterious stranger that causes the seasons to change? How about magic on the island Martinique? Perhaps a heat wave that is so hot only iceberg lettuce can bring relief? Prepare for a month of amazing reading with your child as you encourage them to read at least twenty to thirty minutes a day. Ask your child to summarize what they read by asking the 5 W's: who, what, where, when, and why. In math, continue to study basic math facts. We will begin working

with fractions and you must know your multiplication facts in order to find equivalent fractions! Have a safe & holiday season!



American Education

Fifth Grade News

- During this month, we continue to focus on story structure and developing inferences from the text. Please make sure your children read 20-30 minutes nightly and practice some of the strategies taught in the classroom.
- In math, we continue to focus heavily on fractions and decimals. Please make this a real world experience by allowing students to add and subtract money. You may consider creating a sample checkbook for your children when attending different shopping outings.
- Please reinforce that education is very important. When students are allowed to miss an excessive amount of days, it suggests that education is a secondary option. Please make sure students are prepared to work daily and come to school with all of their supplies.
- As we move into the winter season, we are in continuous need of tissue and hand sanitizer. Please help us to make this a safe and healthy environment all year long.

Parent Liaison Corner

“Popping Up”—Parent Visitation Program

One of our successful returning programs is the Parent Visitation Program (PVP) which was formed to increase parental access to schools while improving communication between parents and teachers. As we did last year, we are inviting each parent/guardian to schedule at least two days during the school year to observe the instruction taking place in the classroom. You are encouraged to spend a day, morning or afternoon, in your child's class or as little as 20 minutes to view the daily routines, interactive instructional strategies, and the excitement of the teaching and learning process. By participating as an observer, you will gain a better understanding of the curriculum, the assessment process, and how you can support your child's academic outcomes at home. Please schedule your observation today by contacting Mrs. Driver at deonna.crawford@pgcps.org



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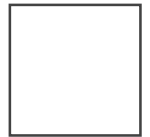
PTO News

- Dec 1, 2009 - the end of our spare change Monday fundraiser
- Dec 4, 2009 - money due for movie night
- Dec 11, 2009 - is movie night for children ages 4 -12
- Dec 11,2009 - parents can come and pick up their fundraiser items between 5-9pm
- Dec 18, 2009 - movie night for children ages 4-12
- Dec 21, 2009 - students will be allowed to wear something Red to celebrate the season
- Dec 22, 2009 - students will be allowed to wear something Green to celebrate the season
- Dec 23, 2009 - students will be allowed to wear something Red, Green, and/or White to celebrate the season

**“What Matters
Is Now!**

**We're on the Web! Check out the
new and improved BMES Website!!
<http://www1.pgcps.org/barnabymanor/>**

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