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MSA is Here!!

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ March 5 - Stem Fair Projects due
- ◆ March 9-10 - MSA Reading
- ◆ March 12 - Release of 3rd Qtr. Progress Reports
- ◆ March 16-17 - MSA Math
- ◆ March 24 - STEM Fair Winners announced
- ◆ March 24 - End of 3rd Qtr.
- ◆ March 26 - School Closed for Students (Grading/Planning Day)
- ◆ March 29-April 5 - School Closed (Spring Break)

Principal's News

Reading Test-Taking Tips

When taking multiple-choice/selected response test:

- Use the elimination strategy:
 - cross out answers you know are incorrect as soon as you look at them
 - use partial knowledge to eliminate answers and zero in on possible correct answers

Other helpful hints:

- The words “always” and “never” in an answer choice usually indicate that the answer is not correct

Math Test-Taking Tips

Students should:

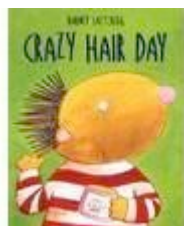
- Solve the problem then eliminate some of the choices as they work the problem.
- Recognize problems that involve several pieces of information and think about ways to juggle all of

the needed information.

- Recognize that “when one of the choices is not a possible response, the response “All of the above” cannot be chosen as an answer.”
- Work backward then use what they know about relationships between operations to arrive at a response. Recall concept webs.
- Make a sketch or construct a table or a graph in order to notice a pattern or relationship.
- Put into the problem the answer choices and then work the problem.
- Recognize characteristics of a class of question types and use familiar strategies to solve the problem.

Dear Parents

March's Principal Book of the Month is Crazy Hair Day by Barney Saltzberg.



Synopsis

(From Scholastic.com)

Stanley's mother styles Stanley's hair for Crazy Hair Day at school, but when he shows up for class, he finds that perhaps it wasn't such a good idea. Will Stanley get through the school day with his crazy hair, or will he be teased by his classmates?

Head Start/Pre-Kindergarten News

We're hoping for spring in early childhood! This month, we will begin our theme "In the City, In the Country." During this theme, we will be learning about and exploring the similarities and differences between city life and life in the country. We will be learning about the letters Cc, Qq, and Vv. We will also be listening for beginning sounds and working on improving our writing. In math, we will begin our study of coins

and money.

The PreK classes will be going on our field trip to the zoo on Thursday, March 11. Please be sure to sign and return the permission slip. We'll be looking for chaperones and we'd love to have you! Also be on the lookout for information for other upcoming field trips.



Dr. Ogene's Kindergarten class celebrates Dr. Seuss' birthday

"Knowledge is the eye of desire and can become the pilot of the soul."

- Will Durant

Kindergarten News

- Thank you to the parents that are getting their children to school everyday and on time.
- We are now in the third quarter, remember the students need to read and respond to 25 more books.
- Our students will present their Black History reports on Friday, March 5.
- In math we are working on geometric shapes and fractions.
- Continue to study the sight word list, our goal is to have all students meet or exceed the 30-word list. REMEMBER we are preparing the students for first grade!

First Grade News

- A special thank you goes out to Ms. Henderson, Ms. Turner, and Mrs. Andrews for supplying hand sanitizer and tissue as needed.
- Our trip to Port Discovery has been rescheduled for April 22, 2010.
- Please ensure that your child does their homework, which includes spelling contract and reading every night. It is also important that you go over their homework to ensure that it is correct.
- By the end of March, your child will need a 12-inch ruler that includes both centimeters and inches for math. If you have not provided your child with a ruler, please make sure that they have one by the last week of March.

Second Grade News

This month, we will:

- Continue to work on Science Projects. Projects are due on March 19, 2010
- Continue to work on Pur-r-fect Penmanship.
- Continue to drill and practice regrouping in addition/subtraction.
- Continue to read: "25 Book Campaign"
- Continue to read and complete different activities that will enhance our reading skills during book clubs.
- Discuss the significance of the Cherry Blossom Trees.

Third Grade News

The MSA is just a few days away! Please continue to send your child to school on time everyday. The students continue to do very well on tests and projects and it's all thanks to you, the hard working parents. Thank you for your dedication and support in making sure your child succeeds in school. Please be on the look out for field trip and project information.

We are still in need of tissue and hand sanitizer. Thanks!!



5th Grade students "Sock It To MSA" for MSA Spirit Week 2010

Fourth Grade News

Spring Into Learning! Looking for fun & interactive ways to keep your child engaged and learning during spring break? Look no further! Check out the following websites for interactive learning for your fourth grader:

- Eduplace:
<http://www.eduplace.com/activity> - Search for activities by topic (all subject areas)
- Fun Brain: <http://www.funbrain.com> - (all subject areas)
- Jump Start:
<http://www.jumpstart.com> -

Adventure based learning (all subject areas, free & fee based membership available)

- Scholastic Online:
<http://www2.scholastic.com> - Select student activities (all subject areas)
- Learning Planet:
<http://www.learningplanet.com> - Free & fee based membership available (all subject areas)
- Fun School Kaboose:
<http://funschool.kaboose.com> - Visit this site for the basics using math & science games (math & science)

Fifth Grade News

We thank you for your support during the recent science fair projects. The students did a wonderful job! Just a reminder, the due date was March 5th.

During the weeks of MSA, there will be light homework; however, please make sure students continue reading 20-30 minutes nightly. Teachers distributed books in the classroom. If you are unaware of your child's reading score, please contact their teacher for further information.

As you know, the field trip to the Carmichael Auditorium in February was cancelled due to inclement weather. Since refunds were not permitted, all payments will go

towards upcoming field trips. Please be on the look out for further information.

Please make sure your children go to bed at a decent hour. We have seen several cases where students are extremely groggy in the morning. As we approach the MSA testing, we suggest your child be in the bed no later than 8:30-9:00 pm.

Please check <http://new.schoolnotes.com> for homework updates and information from your child's teacher.

We are in need of tissue and hand sanitizer in the classroom. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Parent Liaison Corner

Congratulations to Our 100% Attendance Winners!

January-----Ms. Rogell's Class-----1st Grade

February-----Ms. D. McCants' Class---3rd Grade

On April 22, BMES will host a school-wide Multicultural Event. WE would love your support and participation. We are asking that families of all cultures to share their culture with us. You

can do this by volunteering your artifacts, clothing, photos, books, etc. to be apart of our Culture Wonderland or by sharing your history and/or traditions with a class. Please contact Mrs. Driver by email if you desire to participate at deonna.crawford@pgcps.org.



PTO News

- March 15 - Delivery of orders; can be picked up 2:30-5:30 pm in MPR

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