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PARENT BULLETIN

May 12, 2017

THE LAST DAY OF THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR FOR STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH FIFTH GRADE WILL BE FRIDAY, JUNE 9th – DISMISSAL WILL BE AT 1:10 PM

LAST DAY OF THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR FOR PREKINDERGARTEN STUDENTS WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7th.

FIFTH GRADE PROMOTION
The end-of-year promotion ceremony for the fifth grade students is scheduled for Thursday, June 8 from 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM. Students and their two (2) ticketed guests will enjoy light refreshments and an academic awards assembly in the Multi-purpose room at Montpelier Elementary. Invitations and tickets will be mailed to the students’ addresses of record on May 12th if there are no outstanding debts (such as overdue or lost library books, damaged or lost textbooks, and/or returned checks). Once all financial obligations are met, the tickets will be released. Please remember each family will ONLY RECEIVE 2 TICKETS per 5th grade student. No other guests without tickets will be admitted.

MONTPELIER CERTIFIED AS A GREEN SCHOOL & MS. ANNE AWARDED
The Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE) is pleased to announce that Montpelier Elementary School has been certified as a 2017 Maryland Green School. Maryland Green Schools are part of a national and international community of sustainable green schools. Our students are becoming better stewards of our Earth’s resources and developing a better understanding of their own local environment.

We were honored at a ceremony on Thursday, May 4th and were given trees to plant, one of which has been planted on the grounds in front of the school. We will also be honored at the MD Green School Youth Summit at Sandy Point St. Park on May 18th where we will receive our Green School flag.

Along with our Green School Award, Ms. Anne Ndiku, our building supervisor, was honored with an “Unsung Hero” award for her exemplary dedication to advanced environmental literacy! Congratulations to all at Montpelier and to Ms. Anne!

LOST OR DAMAGED BOOKS
Students are responsible for returning all of their textbooks and library books and returning them in good condition. Any lost books will need to be paid for and a fine may be assessed for damaged books. These must be paid for by the last day of school. For 5th grade students, they must be paid prior to the promotion on June 8 in order to participate.

ASSESSMENT NEWS!
PARCC is up and running! We are continuing to complete the PARCC assessment and will be following up with Make Ups. Thank you to all the parents who have been supporting their students and having them here on time, every day of their test. We will be having a PARCC party for all those students who had 100% attendance on their testing days after all regular testing is done, sponsored by the PTA. Right around the corner is the end of the year assessments. Grades 2-5 will take the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress in Reading starting the week of May 16. Look for a letter with more information soon.

MATH MONTH
Thanks to all the staff, students and parents who participated in our celebration of Math Month!! The students had a great time doing word problems, playing math games, making artwork and reading books about math. This year’s theme was “Math Data is used EVERYWHERE.” Thank you to the students who researched a Mathematician and reported on the morning announcements. Sarah Loberto, Dev Patel, Taylor Gomez, Leah Duffy and Solomon Adeloye all had fascinating reports and shared them quite nicely on the announcements.
One of the students’ favorite Math Month activities is trying to win one of the estimation jars by guessing the correct number of items in jars. If they are the closest, they win what’s in the jar. These are the winners from this year:

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ANNUAL BUY ONE...GET ONE FAIR! FREE BOOKS!
Get ready! It’s coming! Our annual BOGO book Fair will be open from May 15th - May 19th in our Media Center. With every book purchased, you receive a book of equal or lesser value for FREE! This is a great way to build your student’s home library or to help our classrooms by donating to the Class Wish List program. This is always a very popular event at Montpelier. If you would like to volunteer to help, please email Mrs. Stone at Eve.Stone@pgcps.org.

BRAVO!
On Saturday, April 29th there were 31 students from Montpelier that performed at the Prince George’s County Solo and Ensemble Festival at Kenmoor Middle School. Students prepared songs in small groups or solos to perform in front of a judge. They were adjudicated on their tone, intonation, technique, interpretation, and musical effect. I'm happy to say that 10 of the groups were awarded an "I" rating which is the highest (Superior). The other 2 were awarded a "II" rating which is the second best (Excellent). We were lucky to have Mrs. Kobuskie attend, who helped prepare and accompany the 3 solo students. THANK YOU!

Next, instrumental and chorus will be taking a field trip on May 19th to perform at the PGCPS Music Day event at Six Flags America. The kids are very excited about that one. Finally, we'll be having our end of the year Spring Concert on June 1st at 6:30pm with the chorus and Orff groups. Hope to see you there!

INTERNATIONAL DAY- SAVE THE DATE - Friday, May 26!
You are invited to an Open House on May 26 from 9:30 AM until noon for our International Day celebration. Our students are very busy learning about various countries and will host your trip around the world. Watch your upcoming Friday folders for more information.

PRE-K/KINDER REGISTRATION BEGAN APRIL 10th
We began accepting applications on - April 10th for the 2017-2018 school year for children residing in the Montpelier Elementary service area. Registration is open from 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM, daily.

Prekindergarten registrants must:
- Be 4 years old by September 1, 2017 (present original birth certificate)
- Be income eligible (proof of income required)
- Reside within Montpelier Elementary’s attendance area (proof of residence required)
- Have current immunizations (proof of immunizations required)

Kindergarten registrants must:
- Be 5 years old by September 1, 2017 (present original birth certificate)
- Reside within Montpelier Elementary’s attendance area (proof of residence required)
- Have current immunizations (proof of immunizations required)

MIDDLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION for 5th GRADER
We are in the process of middle school registration. If you are the parent of a 5th grader and have not yet updated your registration, now is the time to do so. Please bring your current proof of residency (current lease or mortgage statement) to our main office and complete a new PA-14 – Registration form. This is required prior to the student’s advancing to middle school at the end of this school year.
REQUIREMENT FOR “SHARED HOUSING” FAMILIES

“Shared Housing” is when the registering parent/guardian is NEITHER the lease holder nor the property owner. When this occurs, the lease holder/property owner AND the registering parent/guardian must provide the school with a notarized “Shared Housing Disclosure” and the deed, lease, property tax bill or mortgage statement of the lease holder/property owner. (Two pieces of mail showing the date, name of parent/guardian and address will be requested.) **PGCPS now requires that these documents be updated and resubmitted each year.**

PTO BOARD ELECTIONS HELD

The PTO held their board elections on May 9th. Here are the results! Congratulations!

- **President** - Joy Haghtalab
- **Vice-President** - Chastity Durham-Miller
- **Secretary** - Ebony Wilson
- **Treasurer** - Sam James
- **Volunteer/Membership Coordinator** - Timicia Fitch
- **Fundraising** - Natasha Curtis

The following positions open, if you would like to join next year email montpelierptopresident@gmail.com
- **Newsletter Editor**
- **Social Media Editor**
- **Teacher Appreciation Chair**
- **Enrichment Chair**

PTO ANNUAL FAMILY FUN NIGHT

The PTO will host its Annual Family Fun Night on Friday, June 2, from 6 pm – 8:30 pm

HEALTHY HINTS

With the weather warming up, opportunities for fitness and healthy habits are increasing! Here are some tips to keep your children active and safe:

1. **Play outside.**
2. Go to the **playground.**
3. Go on a **scavenger hunt walk.** You and your children can make a list of things you might see on your walk. Check them off as you find them.
4. **Have a picnic** with your favorite healthy foods
5. Invite the neighbor kids to a game of tag, basketball, kickball, or other team event
6. Drink plenty of **water.** It helps the body burn calories
7. Don’t forget to apply **sunscreen.** Sunburn is possible even on cloudy days!

Remember, you are the best model for an active and healthy lifestyle so be sure to demonstrate healthy habits every day!

DATES TO REMEMBER

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR IS

September 5, 2017

May

- 15 – 19 BOGO Book Fair
- 17 **Family Night at the Book Fair - 5:30 - 7:00 pm**
- 26 –International Day (9:30 AM – noon)
- 25 – Spring Instrumental Concert 6:15 PM – Multi Purpose room
- 31 – Field Day
- 30 – Holiday (schools and offices closed)

June

- 1 - Career Day
- 6– Pre K Celebration - LAST DAY OF PRE K
- 8 – Grade 5 Promotion (9:30 AM – 11:00 AM) – Multi Purpose room
- 8– 2-hour early dismissal (@ 1:10 PM)
- 9 – 2-hour early dismissal (@ 1:10 PM) – Last Day for students in K – 5

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