

# DEEP CREEK ELEMENTARY

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## November 2012 Newsletter

### The Principal's Corner

November is a time for us to renew our focus on school-home connections. We invite you to participate in the many events that will be happening in November. American Education Week November 12-16, 2012—presents all Americans with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education. Our dedicated teachers are eager to welcome you to the classroom and show you what a typical day of learning is like for your child. Report cards will be sent home November 15 to communicate your child's progress so far this school year and conferences are being scheduled for every student. We also have our annual Reading Night scheduled for November 29. We welcome parents to contact the school with any concerns and to visit when possible.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to visit Deep Creek Elementary during the month of November and see first-hand the great things that happen every day at Deep Creek Elementary.

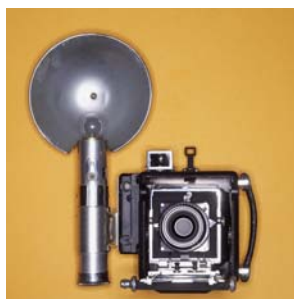
Please remember to sign your child's planner each night. It is the best way to stay connected to your child's day.

### November Calendar

- Nov. 2--Early Dismissal @ 12:10pm
- 5--SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS
- 6--SCHOOLS CLOSED
- 12-16--American Education Week
- 15--Report Cards Distributed
- 19--Conference Day- NO SCHOOL
- 20--1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Awards Assembly
  - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> gr. @ 9:00
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> gr. @ 10:00
- 22-23--SCHOOLS CLOSED for Thanksgiving
- 27--School Picture Make-Ups
- 29--Family Reading Night

#### Upcoming Events

- Dec. 5--Winter Concert @ 6:30
- Dec. 24--1<sup>st</sup> Day of Winter Break
- Jan. 2--School Re-opens



Didn't get your pictures taken first time around? Make-up date is November 27<sup>th</sup>.

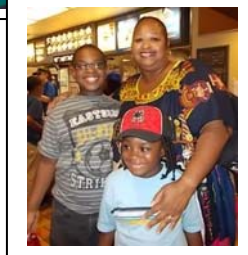
**Please do not send money in until the day pictures are being taken.**

### Welcome Back Mrs. Wright

Mrs. Wright has returned to her 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom following maternity leave and we are very happy to have her back !! A big "Thank You" to Ms. DeVerna for the excellent job she did filling in.

# McDonald's Night - A Huge Success

We want to thank Mrs. Hersl for organizing the first McDonald's fundraiser of the 2012-2013 school year. With your help we raised **\$653.27**. We would like to thank all the staff who participated in making the fundraiser such a success. The money raised will support the PBIS program for students.



## CONFERENCE DAY

### Have You Made Your Appointment???

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, school is closed for students so teachers and parents have uninterrupted time to meet and discuss student progress. **THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY** to have your child's teacher for a one to one conversation about how your child is doing in school.

Double check your child's bookbag for contact about the Conference Day Schedule from his or her teacher or call the school office to leave a message for the teacher to call you to schedule one.



## American Education Week

American Education Week is a wonderful chance for us to celebrate public education and the people in our community who help in making a difference to ensure that all students are receiving a quality education. ***That includes you!*** We would love to invite you (parents/families) to come and join us November 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> to provide you with a firsthand look at what the school day is like for your child. This initiative is designed to spotlight the importance of parental involvement in a child's education. We will also be providing you the opportunity to attend workshops that will not only help you, but your child as well!

Schedule for parents of:

1<sup>st</sup> Grade- Monday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- Tuesday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- Wednesday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Grade- Thursday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>

5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Friday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>

From 9-11am: Enjoy watching your child learn as their teacher presents engaging and interactive lessons!

From 11am-Noon: Choose from the different workshops that will be available to you, as well as the opportunity to complete your volunteer training with Mrs. Healy!

**\*\*If you cannot attend the scheduled day for your child's grade, please feel free to attend any other day during American Education Week!\*\***

## LIBRARY NEWS

By Ms. Martinez



The Book Fair will be returning to the library on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup> until Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>! Please check your child's schedule to see which day they will visit the Book Fair. If your child will be shopping, be sure to send in money with them that day. Please keep in mind that tax is NOT included and 6% sales tax will be added at the time of each transaction. You will be receiving a flyer in Thursday folders with additional information and some of the titles that will be in the fair!

Read to Succeed is back!! As some of you may already know, Six Flags has a reading program that K-6 students can participate in, to receive a **FREE Six Flags PASS** for the 2013 season. Participating students will need to read for a total of 6 hours from now until the end of February. They also must keep track of their reading on a log with parent/guardian signatures. These logs need to be turned in by February 22, 2013 and they will receive their passes sometime in the spring. A letter with more information along with the reading logs will be sent home in Thursday folders on November 1<sup>st</sup>! Please encourage your children to take advantage of this GREAT opportunity!



# WINTER CONCERT

December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm



This year's Winter Concert is quickly approaching! Don't miss it- Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm here at Deep Creek Elementary! It is going to feature the 5<sup>th</sup> grade chorus and this year's DCES Vocal Ensemble, as well as the instrumental program. The concert will feature a wide variety of music, with familiar songs "Jingle Bells" and "Believe" from the Polar Express, as well as some music not written in English!

## 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

In Reading, during the next month we will be working in the unit "Overcoming Obstacles". In G.T Reading, students will continue to read their novel "Shipwrecked". Their summative assessment will be to create a crew member profile to interview with Sir Shackleton to become a member of his crew. This project will incorporate technology.

In Language, students will be completing their final products of their Weather Event/Natural Disaster Research Project. Students will be using Microsoft Publisher to create brochures that contain all of the research the students have done on their weather event.

In November, we will also be covering some information in regard to the upcoming Presidential Election. In math, we will be finishing up our multiplication and taking our first short cycle.

In Social Studies we will be studying the beginnings of the Revolutionary War. We will look closely at the geography and the economy of 13 colonies and how those things led to the war. In Science we will be studying geology. We will do a variety of experiments so that we can understand how the earth works.

# WELCOME

## NEW TO THE DEEP CREEK FAMILY

My name is Chrisy DeVerna and I am happy to be joining the Deep Creek family as the Parent Service Coordinator (PSC)! The purpose of my job is to help you (parents/families) play an active role in your child's learning, be an active participant in your child's education, and to ensure that you are an essential part of the shared decision-making process. I look forward to meeting and getting to know everyone as the year goes on!

## **Vocal Music** by Mr. Scheinson

In the vocal/general music classroom, first graders have already composed and performed their own short songs using quarter notes & eighth notes. In second grade, we're building onto our sol-fege syllables. Third graders are in the middle of our treble clef unit and will be receiving their recorders shortly! In fourth grade, we're currently earning our belts with "Recorder Karate" and progressing nicely with the unit. Look out for the fourth grade recorder ensemble at the Spring concert in May!! Lastly, fifth grade has been dancin' and singin' to "L'il Liza Jane", learning new rhythm concepts and skills.

It's been a great start to the school year and I'm excited to explore much more music as the year progresses!

## Nurse's Corner



One hundred eighteen students were vaccinated during Deep Creek Elementary's Flu Mist Clinic on 10/4/12. Franklin Square is conducting a FREE drive through flu clinic on 11/4/12 starting at 9:00 AM on the CCBC – Essex campus

All 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders, students new to Baltimore County schools, and those referred by teachers for vision or hearing concerns were screened. If your child did not pass either screening, you should have received a letter in your child's homework folder. Please follow up promptly with your child's doctor or contact the school nurse at 410-887-6409 if you are having trouble obtaining follow up.

Does your child have asthma or a life-threatening allergy? Your child should have an inhaler and/or epi-pen and the required paperwork in school at this time. When your child does not have the needed paperwork and medication, a delay in treatment may occur. If you are having difficulty obtaining the paperwork from your child's doctor or obtaining an inhaler or epi-pen, please call the school nurse.

## Counselor's Corner

Your child receives classroom guidance with me every week. We have been discussing "The Golden Rule" and the steps of how to be respectful as well as how to calm down when we are disrespected and angry. We have discussed the following positive character traits that help you "Treat Others the Way You Want to Be Treated" and not get Angry.

- \*Empathy- Put yourself in others' shoes
- \*Compassion-Help others because you want to not because you have to.
- \*Manners
- \*Say "good for you" when one dresses different or eats something you think is disgusting.
- \*Stay calm: Anger is not the solution
  1. Identify a cool down location- every classroom has one and at home it is your choice.
  2. Identify your triggers of anger; feeling hot, sweating, increased heart rate etc. Calm down before you hurt yourself or others.

Raising happy, productive, well-adjusted children is our greatest challenge as parents and educators. Our kids certainly need our love, encouragement, patience and respect. Thank you for your continued support. I may be contacted at [jbagnall@bcps.org](mailto:jbagnall@bcps.org) or 410-887-0110.

## BOX TOPS

I would like to thank the families of Deep Creek for supporting our Box Top collection. Since the beginning of this school year we have raised \$300, \$129.20 of which has been this month as of this printing. Students who brought box tops in this month will receive up to 100 Frog Dollars to match their donation. For the month of November, I have a **Purple Friday Ravens T-shirt** for the girl and boy who bring in the most Box Tops during November! THANK YOU.....and keep clipping.

Lori Davenport- Chair



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade News

**What's Going on**... We will be finishing up our reading theme of Bold Adventures and moving onto the theme of Cultures. Your child will be asking you to tell them about your culture. In math, we are beginning our unit on addition and subtraction with regrouping. Ask your child to show you the strategies they are learning. In science, we are working on our Moving Mountains unit. We will be learning about landforms and water features.

**Reminders**....Please be sure your child completes their homework nightly. Check the graded work that comes home in Thursday folders and go over the grades/skills with your child. Remember to read each night and practice math facts 😊.

**As always, please feel free to contact us by email or phone or jot a note in your child's planner with any questions or concerns! We are THANKFUL for such wonderful students and supportive families!**

## Character Corner

The following students were recognized for demonstrating **Fairness & Civility**: Hannah T., Davion O., Ta'Khiya McF., Tamaya L., Yaritza D., Shannon R., Lada'jah J., Tiera V., Aniyah W., Emahli G., Robert M., Arianna S., Angelique L., Heidi R., Dennis M.



## MATH GAMES from Mrs. Nies

Fall has officially settled in for the season. The days are shorter and the darkness sets in early. This is the perfect time to bring the family together for fun, laughs, and learning with family game nights. These classic games keep kids (and adults) entertained with fun-filled learning.

### **Yahtzee:**

This family favorite is suitable for all ages. It's a wonderful opportunity to teach probability. What are the chances I will shake five dice and they will all turn up with the same number within three shakes?

### **Memory:**

If you don't have the official game, grab a deck of cards and create your own game. This builds great visual memory skills for all ages, and can be easily modified for the whole family. You can even make cards that help with specific math concepts such as fractions  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{4}{8}$  or  $\frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{6}{8}$ .

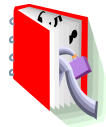
Other commercial games that use mathematics: **Uno**, **Sorry!**, **Connect Four**, **Guess Who?**, **Clue**, and **Battleship**.

Check out First in Math Online at [www.firstinmath.com](http://www.firstinmath.com). It allows students to progress at their own pace and master math skills ranging from one-step addition to multi-step algebra.



# 1st Grade

We have been very busy learning this school year. It's hard to believe it is November! We have been working on our number sense, addition stories, and numbers 1-20. In phonics, we have learned many letter sounds and been reading stories that focus on that particular letter. Please continue to read these open court decodable books at home to practice fluency. At home, please continue to complete homework, sign your child's planner, and read for 15 minutes each night.



Reminder- please make sure your child has a light sweater to keep in their locker, as the temperature in the classroom does fluctuate from day to day.

## FIELD TRIP REMINDERS

### MONEY:

Please remember that field trip money is due to the school before noon every day, either by the student or the parent/guardian.



### VOLUNTEERS:

Please remember that ALL chaperones must be trained a month prior to the field trip. The next scheduled training is during American Education Week.

If you plan on attending a field trip, please get trained NOW!!



# Physical Education

By Mr. Aumen

Your child will once again use the Movement Education equipment during the months of November and December. The Movement Education equipment (formerly known as the Whittle Equipment) is climbing equipment that is meant to challenge the students in ways of upper body strength, social skills, teamwork and it's used to expand their comfort zone. I tell the students every year that this equipment is challenge by choice so if there is anything they are uncomfortable with they do not have to climb it and they can go underneath it. We are using the same theme from last Ninja Warrior. The students will receive several challenges and will be required to complete as many as they can in a two week period. **It is imperative that your child come prepared with tennis shoes every week during this unit or they will not be allowed to climb.** Come out to Reading/Whittle Night on November 29<sup>th</sup> to come see your child climb to new heights!





## PRINCIPAL'S WALL

Congratulations to

Kamauri W.  
Aniya W.  
Diyshawn W.  
Aaron R.  
Dyani B.  
Jaden B.  
Jordan D.

## Has Your Child Signed the Principal's Wall?

Children are nominated by their teacher to sign the principal's wall for various reasons such as returning items they found, making good choices, being a sympathetic friend, accepting accountability for their actions or showing personal responsibility.

We proudly display the names of students who have received this honor on a monthly basis.

## Parent Steering Committee

We want to thank our parents who attended the Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> Parent Steering Committee for taking their time to learn about the School Progress Plan and offer insight into what parents are thinking about school programs. As always, interested parents are invited to join this working committee. Please watch for the next meeting date in this newsletter.



## ART

By Mrs. Eisler



Make a Science/Math/Art connection!!! The Hackerman Academy's Saturday Morning Science Series is held on campus at Towson University throughout the academic year. This free series features presentations, performances and demonstrations that will excite the mind and spark the imagination of young and old. Targeted for students of all ages, the programs are designed to share the excitement of modern discoveries in mathematics, science and art.

Student Council Food Drive

## LAST CALL FOR DONATIONS

Student Council's food drive ENDS on Friday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please take a moment now to look through your cabinets to see if you have any non-perishable items you would like to donate. We appreciate the work Student Council members and their advisors (great job Ms. Layfield and Mr. Scheinson) put into this event! Thanks to everyone who has donated.



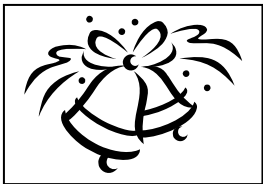


The **FORTH GRADE** has been working hard and showing success as the year progresses. In math, we have been busy with multiplication and division. It is important for fourth graders to continue to practice their multiplication facts as they will be used frequently throughout the year and on the MSA assessment next spring.

# 4 t h G r a d e

In reading, we have been implementing our new Common Core standards into the stories we are reading. Currently we are reading *American Stories* and answering the question: Who are Americans? In Social Studies we have been reading about early exploration. Many students enjoy using a map to follow the explorers' routes around the world.

Please remember to continue signing Thursday folders. This is how we know you are checking students' work and receiving important letters.



## PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

If there is anything that you would like to share with the newsletter such as a wedding, the birth of a new child or something pertaining to your immediate family please complete and send it to me. I will do my best to get it into the newsletter.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Occasion: \_\_\_\_\_

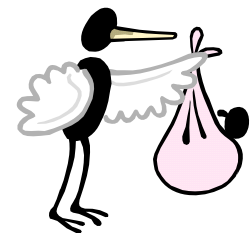
## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



We can't believe we're already feeling the cool breeze and leaves are falling. During our next unit in math your child will learn place value and how to count money. Money lessons are extremely motivating and engaging for students.

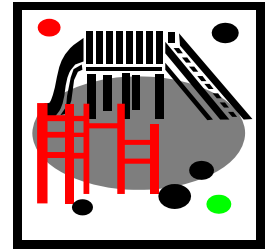
In Reading, we just began a new theme. Our new theme is nature. As we are reading our selections, the students are focusing on the essential question. This theme's essential question is "What are nature's gifts?" Students enjoyed reading the story "Henry and Mudge," which was about a dog, a boy and his family going on a camping trip. Students were able to share their camping experiences.

Please remember to sign your child's planner every night. Planners are a valuable way to keep in contact with your child's teacher.





# Reading Night



Please join us for an evening full of fun!  
Reading Night will be held on

**Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>  
from 6-7:30pm.**



We will have entertainment including Blue Sky Puppet Theatre, Whittle Equipment, and the Scholastic Book Fair. We look forward to seeing you then!

## Newsletter Delivery Contest

The homeroom with the most signed, returned receipts the day following newsletter distribution each month will receive a special prize.

**THIS MONTH'S PRIZE:** an extra computer lab with Mrs. Healy.



*Clip and Return*

**RECEIPT for NEWSLETTER DELIVERY (Please *Print* Child's Name)**

I certify that my child delivered the school newsletter to me today.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_