

# The Champion



## CHADWICK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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November-December 2009

### Important Dates to Remember



November



December

<b>Friday 6</b>	<b>Schools Closed</b> Assessment Day	<b>Monday 7</b>	<b>P.T.A. Meeting</b> 6:30 p.m. GT Presentation
<b>Monday 9</b>	<b>P.T.A. Bingo Night</b> 6:30 p.m.	<b>Thurs 10</b>	<b>Science/Tech/Math Night</b> 6:30 p.m.
	<b>P.T.A. Fundraiser begins</b> Claire's Gourmet Runs through November 30	<b>Monday 14</b>	<b>Winter Concert</b> 7:00 p.m.
<b>Wed 11</b>	<b>PJ's, Pages &amp; Popcorn</b> Reading night! 6:30-8:00p.m.	<b>Friday 18</b>	<b>Winter Wonderland Dance</b> 7:00 p.m.
<b>Mon – Fri</b>	<b>American Education Week</b> Visit your child's classroom!	<b>Thurs 24</b>	<b>Winter Break Begins!</b>
<b>16 - 20</b>		<b>Monday</b>	
<b>Thurs 19</b>	<b>Report Cards Distributed</b>	<b>January 4</b>	School Reopens
<b>Friday 20</b>	<b>Family Picture Day</b> - Celebrate American Ed. Week with a photo of You and your child! Lifetouch packages Will be sent home.		
	<b>ELL Breakfast 8:00-8:30</b>		
<b>Monday 23</b>	<b>Schools Closed</b> Conference Day		
<b>Thurs. &amp; Fri.</b>	<b>Schools Closed</b>		
<b>26 &amp; 27</b>	Thanksgiving Holiday		

*Happy  
Holidays!*



## From the Principal's Keyboard

Please join the National Education Association (NEA) and thousands of schools across the nation in celebrating the 88<sup>th</sup> annual American Education Week from November 16-20, 2009. As part of Chadwick's Education Celebration, we will be organizing daily classroom visitations to provide you with a firsthand look at what the school day is like for our children. Our wonderful PTA will be serving refreshments daily.

We want to invite you to participate in activities with your child. Chadwick is proud to spotlight the essential part **YOU** play in your child's education. Our goal is to provide the best possible education for your children. This can be accomplished when communication lines are open and the children see us working as a team.

### American Education Week at Chadwick



Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>
Pre-K and Kindergarten	Grades 4 and 5	Grade 3	Grade 2	ELL PROGRAM
				Grade 1

### **New this year!!**

Please join us to celebrate our children during this week. Write a special note to your children on our "WE LOVE OUR FAMILIES BULLETIN BOARD!"



Warmest regards,

*Bonnie Hess*

Principal, Chadwick Elementary School



### *Special Message-*

*MSA for grades 3, 4 and 5 will take place from March 9<sup>th</sup> through March 19<sup>th</sup> this year. Testing will last for approximately two weeks. It is essential that students be in school during those weeks so that they do not miss their assessments. We sincerely ask you to not plan to be away during that timeframe so that your child does not miss the opportunity to take these very important assessments within the designated timeframe.*



### **Early Dismissals**

**Unplanned Early Dismissal-** Please notify the office along with your child's teacher about early dismissals. In this way, children will be prepared for dismissal and we will not have to interrupt instruction in the classroom. Thanks so much for your consideration in this matter.

### **OFFICIAL MSDE ATTENDANCE RULES**

**Students Scheduled for a Full Day:** A student is counted present for a full day if the student is in attendance four hours or more of the school day. A student is counted present for ½ day if in attendance for at least two hours of the school day, but less than four hours.

**Students Scheduled for a Partial Day:** A student scheduled for less than a full day is to be counted present based on the amount of time he/she is scheduled. Example: A student scheduled for a two hour block of time will be counted present for a full day if the student is in attendance for that entire block of time. If the student is absent for that entire block of time, the student will be counted absent for a full day. A student scheduled for a two hour block of time will be counted present for ½ day if the student is in attendance for one hour. A student is counted present if at school or at another place at a school activity sponsored by the school and personally supervised by a member(s) of the school staff. This may include authorized independent study, work study programs, field trips, athletic events, contests, music festivals, student conventions, instruction for home bound students, and similar activities when officially authorized under policies of the local school board. It does not include "making up" school work at home, or activities supervised or sponsored by private groups or individuals.

Excerpt from *2008 Maryland Student Records System Manual*, page C-3.



## FOR OUR ESOL PARENTS

Please come to Chadwick on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. You will have the opportunity to join your child for a light breakfast, attend an informational meeting with the Spanish and Urdu Family Liaisons, and stay to visit your child's classroom!

Please save this date! More information will be sent home soon!



## FROM OUR GIFTED AND TALENTED CATALYST

### Student Characteristics Associated with Success in Gifted and Talented Education Programs

All students may demonstrate gifted behaviors in varying degrees. It is a matter of complexity, frequency, and intensity of the demonstrated behaviors that determines whether students require differentiated instruction in Gifted and Talented Education. Parents and teachers who **consistently** observe a **majority** of these behaviors in students should consider referring them to the school Gifted and Talented Education Referral and Review Team:

1. Advanced oral and/or written language skills; expressive language
2. Makes unique connections; understands systems; sees the "big picture"
3. Asks many questions; seeks in-depth information
4. Non-conforming; risk-taking; independent
5. Broad and varied interests, at times simultaneously
6. Resourceful at finding unique solutions
7. Keen powers of observation; highly sensitive and insightful
8. Intense and sustained interests; transfers learning to new situations
9. Early moral concern; empathetic
10. Non-traditional responses and/or products



## **From the Math Committee**

Congratulations to our October Problem of the Month winners:

Kindergarten:	DeJuan Jackson
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade:	Immanuel Adesanya
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade:	Adam Abassi
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade:	Jada DeShields
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	Awsaf Sikdar
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	Laiba Saif

Way to go!!



## **ART NOOK**

Congratulations to the following Artists of the Week for brightening up our school!

Janay Tillman – Kindergarten  
Darius Baker – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Melissa Rashid – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
Kwayera Wilkerson – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

## **DISCOVERIES, SOLUTIONS AND COOL TOOLS**

The Chadwick Science, Math and Technology Committee is hosting “Discoveries, Solutions and Cool Tools” on Thursday, December 10 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Join us for an evening full of fun and learning as we play marvelous math games, do super science experiments and explore the terrific technology here at Chadwick. Check your local backpack for more information later this month!



## **HEALTH NOTES**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

You recently received a letter and consent for the H1N1 FluMist project. As you may have heard in the news, there has been a delay in the manufacturing of H1N1 vaccines. We have been informed by the Baltimore County Department of Health that it has not received the vaccine supplies requested for this program because of national shortages.

Consequently, the program will not occur in early November, as we had hoped.

If you have already returned the consent form for your child to participate, we will notify you when we have a new date for the program. All children with returned consents will be offered the opportunity to participate. If you have not returned the consent form yet but still want your child to participate, please return the form as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding and patience with this ever-changing situation. As always, please call our school nurse if you have questions at 410-887-1358.