

# NEWS FROM THE NEST

October Parent Bulletin  
2009/2010



*"We are a professional learning community that does whatever it takes to take a hand, open a mind, touch a heart, and shape the future."*

Principal: *J. Scott Palmer*

PTA President: *Tami Yu*

Assistant Principal: *Amy Hansen*

Administrative Secretary: *Jeanne Stillmock*

## Calendar of Events

- October 7 Walk to School Day  
Book Fair Evening Event – 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.
- October 13 Reading/Math Night – 6:30 – 8:15 p.m.
- October 15 Gr. 4 – F.T. – Historic St. Mary's City – 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- October 16 Professional Development/MSTA Convention – Closed for Students
- October 22 Market Day Pick-Up – 5:45 – 6:45 p.m.
- October 27 Chick-Fil-A Night
- October 30 PTA – Fall Festival – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

## Principal's Message

As the weather gets cooler and students are settled into their daily routines, there is a renewed spirit of positive connections and interactions between students, teachers, and families. We would like to thank the 354 parents who attended Back-to-School Night. The turn out was great and many positive comments were made regarding the student work on display and the informative sessions.

We would also like to recognize and thank the 158 parents that attended one of our six volunteer trainings. As we work together to help students reach their full potential as productive citizens and life long learners, we enthusiastically welcome all volunteers to Joppa View! Together, through your contributions of volunteer hours that directly impact improving student learning, we will continue to build a program of excellence that is demonstrated everyday in our classrooms.

Joppa View's current enrollment is 625 students, which is slightly under the projected enrollment of 634 resulting in an overall student/teacher ratio of 1/22.3. Classrooms are comprised of two reading groups as grades four and five are departmentalized and grades two and three switch for math. This format of scheduling has allowed for a two-hour

block of time for reading/language arts in the intermediate grades and a two and one half hour block of time for reading/language arts in the primary grades. Flexible grouping will be utilized to meet the instructional needs of all students.

As always, we appreciate your continued support as we provide our students with a rigorous and challenging academic program.

### **News From The Cafeteria**

This year the cafeteria has instituted a new cash handling procedure. A prepayment form must be filled out for all **CASH** prepayments in excess of \$5. If you need a form, one may be picked up at the school office or the cafeteria. Prepayment forms may also be printed from the computer. Go to [www.bcps.org/offices/ofns](http://www.bcps.org/offices/ofns) and click on Forms.

Joppa View Presents:  
**READING AND MATH NIGHT!**



**Who:** Joppa View Students and Families

**When:** October 13, 2009

6:30p.m.-8:15p.m.

**Where:** Joppa View ES

Play games! Learn strategies! Do fun activities!

Win door prizes!

**\*\*Ask your child's teacher for Reading and Math Night form if you would like to attend\*\***