

Milbrook Mustang November, 2009

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Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

Nov. 5 (Th)	First Quarter Ends
Nov. 6 (F)	Assessment Day
	Schools Closed for Elementary Students
Nov. 16 – Nov. 20	American Education Week Please see included flyer for schedule Scholastic Book Fair
Nov. 16 (M)	Volunteer Training Milbrook Computer Lab @ 12:30
Nov. 16 (M)	School Improvement Team Meeting Milbrook Library @ 3:50
Nov. 19 (Th)	Report Cards Go Home
Nov. 23 (M)	Elementary Conference Day – Schools Closed for Elementary Students
Nov. 26 – Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Holiday Schools Closed

DECEMBER

Dec. 21 (M)	School Improvement Team Meeting Milbrook Library @ 3:50
Dec. 24 – Jan 4	Winter Break Schools Closed



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School Hours: 9:45 – 3:25

Office Hours: 8:00 – 4:00

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Each year in November, we celebrate American Education Week. This year, American Education Week will be November 16th through November 20st. We hope you will join us during that week and take time to visit your child's classroom. As you know, our teachers work hard to provide students with a rigorous instructional program that focuses on developing them to think independently and critically. This week will provide you with an opportunity to see your child in their learning environment and to observe how hard they work each and everyday. Please review the flyer in this letter for specific visitation days for each grade level.

In addition to classroom visitations, Milbrook Elementary will host the annual Scholastic Book Fair. This is a great opportunity to purchase great books that your students will be excited to read. The Scholastic Book Fair will run all week, and the proceeds support our Milbrook Library/Media Center. Our Media Specialist, Ms. Pieczynski will send home information with your students.

This month, your student will receive their first quarter report card. As you know, Baltimore County Public Schools adopted a new report card this year. Information was shared during Back to School Night. If you were unable to attend Back to School Night, or you would like additional information regarding the new report card, please contact your child's homeroom teacher so they can provide you with a Parent Guide to the new report card. In addition, the Parent Guide is posted on the Baltimore County Public Schools website (www.bcps.org) and our website (www.milbrookes.bcps.org).

I would like to thank all of our families who participated in our "On T.R.A.C.K. with Reading and Math Night." This was a really informative evening, and we received a lot of positive feedback from parents who attended. We will be having two more "On T.R.A.C.K." nights this year; check for flyers and announcements regarding those events.

Thanks for all you do to support Milbrook and our students. I hope you and your family enjoy a safe and happy Thanksgiving Holiday!

Christina Byers
Principal

Keeping Contact Information

Current

Please be sure that the phone numbers and email addresses we have for your students are current and accurate. If you change your number, please contact



Ms. McCollugh to provide your new information. As you know, we use our Connect-Ed messages to share important events and information with all our Milbrook families. In order for you to get the calls and emails, we need to have accurate information.

Flu Vaccine Update

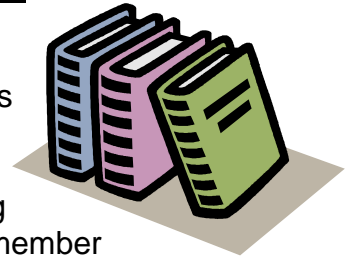
The office of Health Services has informed us that we are still scheduled to provide the H1N1 vaccination to Milbrook Students. Due to the delayed release of the vaccine, we have not yet received a date for this program. All families were provided with consent forms so they can participate in the vaccination program. Please send those forms into our school nurse, and look for future letters and Connect-Ed messages regarding our date for the vaccination program. If you need an additional consent form, please contact our school nurse, Mrs. Rosenthal, at 410-415-5766.



We also encourage you to keep your child home if they don't feel well. Students need to be fever free **without a fever-reducing medicine (i.e., Tylenol, Motrin, or Advil)**, for 24 hours before returning to school. We are taking extra precautions to ensure that germs are not spread. Our custodial staff is working diligently during the day and at night to thoroughly clean our building. As you know, Mrs. Rosenthal has visited all the classrooms to instruct students on proper hand washing and the proper way to cough and sneeze. The best way, however, to prevent the spread of germs is to keep children home if they are ill. If you have any questions about whether or not you should keep your child home from school, do not hesitate to call Mrs. Rosenthal as she would be happy to discuss guidelines with you.

Independent Reading Program

Our Milbrook students are doing a great job participating in our Independent Reading Program. Please remember that we encourage all students to engage in fifteen to thirty minutes of independent reading time using the books they bring home in their blue bags, and parents need to sign their reading logs. The books they bring home should be "fast, fun, and easy," and they should be able to read them without assistance. In addition, many of our take home books have not been returned to school. Please remember that we



need these books returned so that we have many books to share with all our students. If your child has misplaced a book, please help him/her to look for it at home.

Our new goal is for all students to read 100 steps (1 step = 15 minutes) by November 24, 2009.

Congratulations to the following students who have already met the 100 step goal:

Sitora Akhmedova, Niranie Ally, Shivanie Ally, Joshua Bishop, Aisha Cook, Jasmine Dawkins, Lili Fanau, Jordan Hipsley, Vivian Jiang, Jenna Khan, Autumn Koors, Foltz, Munisa Makhmudova, Myles Moody, David Rubin, Kaniya Washington

Conference Day

Monday, November 23, 2009 is Conference Day in Baltimore County. Conferences provide families with a great opportunity to discuss their child's progress with teachers. Please be sure to sign up for a conference with your child's teacher.



Lost and Found

Please ask your child to check the lost and found bin located in the front lobby of the school. Our bin is growing,



and if all items aren't claimed the clothing will be donated to a charitable organization. We know you would want your child to have their coats, jackets, hats, and gloves for the colder weather.

Milbrook Volunteers!

Milbrook is fortunate to have a growing number of volunteers to help in many ways throughout our school. Thanks to everyone who is working with our students on a regular basis, and to our Fifth Grade committee members who have begun planning for our exciting end of the year fifth grade activities. We hope many others will join this growing group. Volunteer Training is being offered on **November 16th at 12:30 PM** during American Education Week. *All volunteers, including those who chaperone field trips, will need to attend a volunteer training. No exceptions will be made.*



Scholastic Book Fair

Milbrook is going to host the Scholastic Book Fair each day during American Education Week (November 16 – November 20) from 9:30 – 3:00. Ms. Pieczynski (Ms. Pie), our Librarian, is in need of parent volunteers to assist with this fair. If you can volunteer your time, and you have attended Volunteer Training, please contact Ms. Pieczynski!

