

# "The Howling Wolf"

*Red House Run Elementary School*  
*A National Blue Ribbon School*

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## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

*"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over  
if you just sit there."*

*~Will Rogers*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>November</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	First Marking Period Ends
	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Closed – Assessment/Professional Development Day</b>
	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	PTA Fundraiser Delivered to RHR
	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	PTA Penny Racers Fundraiser Ends
	<b>13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup></b>	Scholastic Book Fair in Library
	<b>16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup></b>	American Education Week
	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	Report Cards Distributed
	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	Post Test for Mighty Math Facts First Quarter Contest
	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>School Closed – Elementary Conference Day</b>
	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	6:30 p.m. – PTA Meeting in the RHR Library
	<b>26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Closed – Happy Thanksgiving!</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	Winter Concert – Kindergarten and Grade 5 2:00 p.m. – Dress Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. – Performance
	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	5:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Parents' Night Out
	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	Winter Concert – Prekindergarten, Grades 1 and 2 2:00 p.m. – Dress Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. – Performance
	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	Grade 3 Visits Goucher College to see <i>A Christmas Carol</i>
	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Winter Break Begins at End of School Day
	<b>January</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>		Pizza Sale Begins – Support Technology
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>School Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>		Pizza Sale Ends
<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>		10:00 – 10:45 a.m. – Buster the Bus Visits Kindergarten
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>		Second Marking Period Ends
<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>School Closed – Assessment Day</b>



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



A few weeks ago, Ms. Fogleman, staff members, and I were pleased to attend Baltimore County's Safe Schools Conference. One of the speakers, Johns Hopkins University Professor Dr. P. M. Forni, renowned author of the book *Choosing Civility: The 25 Rules of Considerate Conduct*, made a lasting impact on us.

According to Dr. Forni, everyone can improve the quality of relationships by choosing to be more considerate, courteous, and polite. "The quality of our lives is about treating each other well in every situation. We are the trustees of one another's happiness and well-being in life," he explained. Dr. Forni maintains that there are three basic rules of being a considerate person. They are: Paying attention to others and your surroundings--appropriate conduct; acknowledging others-- remembering a name, holding a door for a stranger, welcoming, thanking, saying hello; and thinking the best of others--expect good until or unless evidence shows otherwise.

At Red House Run, we speak of civility at every juncture. Although we focus the majority of our time and attention on academics, we strive every day to teach the importance of being sensitive to others. It is our belief, that the most important social skills we can teach our children are how to respect, value, and support others. This is especially true with those who differ in lifestyle, cultural or religious backgrounds, social characteristics, or learning styles. If we temporarily fail at getting our message across, we try again. The following list includes our indicators of civility. We thought we would share them with you. It is our hope that by continuously reinforcing these ideals, at home and at school, our community and the world will be a kinder, gentler place to live.

- Appropriately uses the magic words: "please, thank you, you're welcome, excuse me, and so on"
- Is considerate of others by being respectful of their thoughts and feelings
- Listens when others are speaking
- Shows respect by using terms of address: mister, miss, uncle, aunt...
- Exhibits multicultural tolerance and acceptance
- Sacrifices personal convenience for the benefit of the group, for example, takes turns, shares space and materials
- Cooperates in working things out where there are no clear rules
- Shows acts of kindness when there is no immediate reward for doing so
- Acts in a civil manner even when he or she does not care for the other person
- Is understanding of another's misfortunes or challenges

With civility as our guide, and with the seasons of giving and good cheer upon us, Ms. Fogleman and I wish you and your families the happiest of Thanksgivings, and best wishes for health, prosperity, and happiness.

Warm Regards,  
Ms. Whitney



## **Congratulations Cody M.**

This has been an exciting school year for Cody, a fifth grade student at Red House Run Elementary. In September, Cody was selected to attend the United States National Space and Rocket Center Space Camp program for students with visual impairments. Along with nine other Maryland students, Cody spent a week in Huntsville, Alabama learning all about space. Cody, with students from Australia, Ireland, British Columbia and all around the United States, built rockets and motorized vehicles, participated in wild and wacky science experiments, met and learned about being an astronaut, acted as a mission specialist and engaged in repairs in space, worked in the Space Shuttle Command Center, visited Mars, tried five different simulators that simulated walking and working in space, and climbed a rock wall. Cody met lots of new friends and learned all about outer space.

In October, Cody received the *Outstanding Student for the Year for Baltimore County from the Baltimore County Commission on Disabilities* for his contributions to the Red House Run community. At this event he presented a wonderful speech and received a standing ovation.

Finally, in November, Cody will be recognized by the Baltimore County Public Schools Board of Education for his accomplishments this fall. Cody is a wonderful role model for all in Red House Run and we are so proud of his accomplishments. Way to go Cody!



## **BCPS Weather Information Telephone Line**

The BCPS weather information telephone number is 410-887-5555. This telephone number can be called for any weather related school closing or late opening information.

School closings will also be announced on all major television stations – Channel 2, 11, 13, and 45.

## **Reporting Absences**

If your child is absent from school, please submit either a parent note or a doctor's note stating the reason for the absence. We are required to request and keep this documentation. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

## **Rosedale Recreation Council – Web Site**

The web site for Rosedale Recreation Council/Baltimore County Recreation and Parks is [www.leaguelineup.com/rosedalerec](http://www.leaguelineup.com/rosedalerec).

# *American Education Week*

*November 16 - 20, 2009*

## *Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and our Responsibility*

American Education Week is quickly approaching! The dates for visitation are November 16 - 20. This week is an exciting time for children to demonstrate their skills and knowledge in various content areas. We invite you to visit with us during this week. The schedule below provides you with a guideline for visitation; however, please know that you may visit at any time and at any hour during the week. Our children and staff welcome you!

### Visitation Schedule

<b>Monday, November 16</b>	<b>Preschool, Prekindergarten, Kindergarten</b>
AM Preschool/Prekindergarten	9:00-11:30 a.m.
PM Preschool/Prekindergarten	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Kindergarten	9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, November 17</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>
9:00-11:30 a.m.	
<b>Wednesday, November 18</b>	<b>Grade 2, Grade 3, Ms. Lehnerd's Class</b>
9:00-11:30 a.m.	
<b>Thursday, November 19</b>	<b>Grade 4, Grade 5, Ms. Minturn's Class, Ms. McDonnell's Class</b>
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.	
<b>Friday, November 20</b>	<b>Grandparent's Day</b>
9:00-11:30 a.m.	LifeTouch will be here on this day to photograph grandparents with their grandchildren. Prepaid envelopes will be sent home with children before this date. Please bring this envelope with you on November 20 <sup>th</sup> if you wish photos to be taken. This is a wonderful memento for grandparents and their grandchildren.



## PARKING LOT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP RULES

Please help keep the Red House Run parking lot a safe place for our children! Please follow the rules listed below for everyone's safety.

- You may not park in Emergency lanes – the bus lane is an emergency lane. The bus lane is the lane closest to the front of the school.
- Parking, stopping, blocking, and driving through the bus lane is prohibited. The bus lane is for buses only.
- You may not block a car from exiting a parking space. No double parking.
- If you are not in a formally marked parking space, you MAY NOT leave your car unattended.
- You may not block or park in the Drop-Off/Pick-Up Zone.
- Only handicapped licensed cars are allowed to park in Handicapped parking spaces.
- **You may not behave in any manner that is hazardous to any child's safety. Profane and inappropriate remarks may not be made to any adult, child, or staff member.**
- If no parking spaces are available, you may park along Weyburn Road.

Failure to adhere to the above rules may result in Baltimore County Police being summoned. Baltimore County Police also routinely patrol our lot for violations. Thank you for your cooperation.