





# The Seneca Sentinel

Seneca Elementary School  
545 Carrollwood Road, Baltimore, MD 21220

# June



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 	2 	3 	4 <b>FIFTH GRADE CELEBRATION</b> Bowleys Quarters Fire Hall 5:30-8:30 p.m.	5 <b>PTA SPRING FUN FAIR</b> 1:15-3:15 p.m.
8 <b>Picnics</b> PreK 9:30 & 1:30 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 12:00 	9 <b>Picnics</b> KG 9:30 am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade 11:30 Spring Musical 4th and 5th Grade 2:30 pm Spring Musical Dress Rehearsal 7:00 pm Spring Musical	10 Retirement Farewell Assembly for Ms. Fisher 9:30 a.m. Cafeteria <b>Picnics</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade 1:00 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 12:00 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 12:45	11 <b>Principal's Breakfast</b> 9:30 a.m. SENECA CLOSSES AT 12:45 p.m.	12 Last day of Classes SENECA CLOSES AT 12:45 p.m.

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you to the Seneca school community for a wonderful year. Ms. Wenzl and I wish everyone a restful and relaxing summer. Please spend time reading, doing math problems, and writing together! These weeks will fly by quickly. Student letters about next year's placement will be mailed home in August.

## CONGRATULATIONS MR. WHITING!! CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE WINNER!

Congratulations to Mr. Timothy Whiting, our vocal music teacher. On Monday, May 11, 2009, he was awarded the Award for Excellence from the Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce at a celebration at Martin's West. These awards recognize the women and men of Baltimore County Public Schools who represent the best of our teaching profession. Each teacher was nominated by a student, parent, colleague, or community member to be recognized in this way. It is a great honor to be nominated for the Chamber's Awards for Excellence in Education program and the Seneca family is so very proud of Mr. Whiting for being recognized with this award.

## LOST AND FOUND

If your child is missing a jacket or sweater, please be sure to check our Lost and Found located in our school lobby. Items left after the last day of school will be donated to the needy. Please be sure to stop by and check it out!

## SENECA "WII WALK" A HUGE SUCCESS!!!

This year Seneca held its first Walk-A-Thon on May 13th to help raise money for the school. Our first "Wii Walk" was a HUGE Success raising over \$8043.43 for technology. Seneca staff members were up to the challenge as they made good on their promises as students met their goals: Miss Pritchard spiked her hair, Mrs. Torok, an avid Steeler's Fan, wore Raven's gear for the walk. Mr. Bach will be making good on his promise to dress up like a woman. Mrs. Behnke will be dressing up like a clown the day of the Fun Fair, and Mr. Moorefield will be having his head shaved into a mowhawk the day of the Fun Fair. The top donating class was Mrs. Vizzard's class with a total of \$1,400.05 and will be rewarded with a pizza party. ***Seneca Staff and Students have SCHOOL SPIRIT!!!!***

## PRINCIPAL'S BREAKFAST

This year, to honor our students who have been identified as Honor Roll or Wonderful Wolf all year, or who have Perfect Attendance (with no tardies) all year will be invited to attend our Principal's Breakfast. The students will be allowed to invite one adult guest to join them. Invitations will be sent home to those students in early June.

Ms. Nancy Wenzl Assistant Principal	Mrs. Charlene Behnke Principal	Mrs. Stephanie Soper PTA President
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## FINAL REPORT CARD

Please look for your child's report card to come home on the last day of school. Pupils that leave before the last day of school cannot receive their report cards early. **Parents of students who are leaving early should provide the school with a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Parents may come to school to pick up the report card during regular summer office hours (10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.) any time after the last day of school.** Report cards will not be sent home with another student. Nor will they be given out prior to the end of the day. **Thank you for your cooperation.**



## STEM FAIR

The following students are the 4th and 5th grade STEM Fair winners. Alison Santoro and Angel Nieberlein were selected to represent Seneca Elementary on Saturday, May 16, at the 2009 Baltimore County Public Schools Elementary Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Fair. These students have been recognized for exemplary scientific thinking and application of science skills. Participation in the Baltimore County Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Fair is a memorable and valuable educational experience.

Congratulations to our 1st place winners:

4th grade – Zachary Sprouse

5th grade – Alison Santoro

The 2nd place winners:

4th grade – Carly Dowell

5th grade – Angel Nieberlein

The 3rd place winners:

4th grade – Patricia Wilson

5th grade – Rachael Bull



## Summer Reading, Baltimore County Public Library Style –

This summer the Baltimore County Public Library would like everyone to Be Creative @ Your Library!

All classes will be provided with information and a handout to take home about this summer's reading program.

The handout also includes a list of programs that will be offered at local public library branches throughout the summer. The program runs from June 15 through August 15, 2009. Registration has begun; you may register at your nearest public library branch or on-line at [www.bcpl.info](http://www.bcpl.info). This program is open to all children; there is even a special program for 5th graders going to Middle School! For further information visit your local library or check out their website [www.bcpl.info](http://www.bcpl.info).



## FIFTH GRADE CELEBRATION – THURSDAY, JUNE 4.

The Fifth Grade Luncheon for the Class of 2009 will be held on Thursday, June 4 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Bowleys Quarters Volunteer Fire Hall. Students need to arrive by 5:00 p.m. The program will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. Information regarding this special event was sent home with all fifth grade students. All guests must have a ticket to attend this event. Please call the school office if you have any questions. **All 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are expected to attend school until June 12.**

## FIFTH GRADE RESIDENCY RENEWAL

In April, all fifth grade parents received a letter stating the Baltimore County Public School policy that all students transitioning from grade 5 to 6 and grade 8 to 9 be required to verify residency prior to the start of the school year. Verification of residency requires at least five (5) documents from parent(s)/guardian(s), including photo identification, deed/lease, or other acceptable document listed in Policy and Rule 5150 and three pieces of mail or documentation dated within 60 days of the date submitted. All documents must reflect the same address. Please be advised that *failure to produce transition year residency verification will result in the withdraw of your child.*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY BY MRS. SCHNELL

The end of the school year is upon us and all library books were due back in the school library May 22nd. If your child has not returned their book(s), they have received a reminder notice that states the title of the missing book. Please try to locate the book and return it to the library as soon as possible. We would prefer the book returned than have the missing book paid for, therefore please help your child look hard for the book(s). If you are not certain if your child owes a book, please send me an email at [mschnell@bcps.org](mailto:mschnell@bcps.org).

A Special thank you to the families of Ms. Thompson's library class for sending in toilet paper and paper towel rolls. I hope you enjoyed the "main character dolls" your children created and had a chance to sing the songs along with your child. I appreciate your overwhelming response to my request!

Summer Reading, Seneca Style – Included in this issue of the Sentinel is a reading log that Seneca Students may complete and return to me for a prize during the first week of school in August. The Seneca Staff wants to reward each and every student for continuing to read over the summer. There is not a minimum number of books that the students have to read or be read to. We just want them to enjoy reading for pleasure.

