



Summit Park Elementary School

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Notes from the Principal

Dear Families,

The first marking period will end on Thursday, November 5th and report cards will be distributed on November 19th. Students in first grade do not receive report cards the first quarter. Conference Day is scheduled for November 23rd for teachers and parents. Schools will be closed for students. Please make arrangements to meet with your child's teacher to discuss student progress and any concerns you might have. Your conference does not have to take place on that day. Talk to the teacher to determine a mutually convenient meeting time. You are such an integral partner to the success of your children here at Summit Park.

Please plan to visit during American Education Week, November 16th – 20th. The visitation schedule is included in this newsletter. We hope to see you soon. Happy Thanksgiving!

Dates to Remember

Thursday, November 5

- First Marking Period Ends
- Grade 5 Trip to Fox 45 — 9:00 am – 11:15 am
- Sudbrook Magnet Middle School Open House 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Friday, November 6

Assessment Day – **Schools Closed for Students**

Wednesday, November 11

Pikesville Middle School Open House
4th and 5th grade students and parents
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Monday, November 16 – Friday, November 20

American Education Week
Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday, November 18

Book Fair Family Night — 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Thursday, November 19

Report Cards Distributed

Monday, November 23

Conference Day — **Schools Closed for Students**

Thursday, November 26 – Friday, November 27

Thanksgiving Break — **Schools Closed**

November Newsletter

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Yearbook News

We are looking for great pictures!
Did you attend the dance with DJ Doug?
Were you at your child's Fall party?
Were you a chaperone on a class field trip?
If the answer is yes, and you have great pictures, please email them to



Susan Shaffer and they may end up in the

yearbook!

sshaffer@bcps.org

Thanks for your help!
The yearbook will be on sale from November 3rd to December 16th for \$24! Buy it today and save. Please make checks payable to: SPES

American Education Week—Join Us by Visiting Your Child's Classroom

Grade levels encourage parents to attend from 8:55—11:30 on the following days:

Monday, Nov. 16th—grade 2 Tuesday, Nov. 17th—PreK, Kindergarten, grade 3
Wednesday, Nov. 18th—grade 5 Thursday, Nov. 19th—grade 1, grade 4 and FALS

Magnet School Applications

Magnet school applications must be completed and mailed to the Office of Magnet Programs at 6901 Charles Street, Towson, MD 21204. **ALL applications must be postmarked by the deadline date, November 30, 2009, in order to be processed.** Applications postmarked after the deadline date will not be processed.

PTA News

WOW, what a fantastic night Summit Park had with DJ Doug on Thursday, October 15th. This fundraiser was a huge success for the PTA and we thank all the families that came out to support us. It was great to see so many kids come out to dance and sing with their friends. The children really enjoyed getting photos and spray painted hats to take home. A very special thank you goes out to SUSAN COHEN (Sam Cohen, 5th grade) who organized the whole event! A good time was had by all.

Our PTA membership drive is in full swing. Right now we have a few homerooms that are close to getting 100% participation. Remember, any homeroom that does achieve 100% participation will receive a \$25 gift card from Target for their teacher and a donut party for the kids. If you haven't already joined, please consider joining!! The money raised goes directly back into Summit Park and benefits all the children.

The Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for the week of November 16th – 20th. Please contact Rachel Harris

(Rachel-lynn@comcast.net) if you can volunteer during the day to help the kids with choosing and purchasing books. In addition, Wednesday, November 18th is Family Night at the Book Fair. It will be held from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.

Our next PTA Meeting will be Monday, November 9th at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend! As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at Resnickfamily1@verizon.net

Rachel Resnick
PTA President

Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair will be held during American Education Week, November 16th – 20th. Students will visit the book fair with their classes on their normal library days and the book fair will be open throughout the week. Teachers will allow students to visit the book fair to purchase additional

books during non-instructional periods such as homeroom, recess, etc... Also, a **Family Night** will be held on Wednesday, November 18th. Volunteers are still needed to help out. If you are interested, please call Rachel Harris@ 410-486-4640.

Students will have the opportunity to shop at the Book Fair during their regularly scheduled library periods. The Bookfair will also be open for purchases from 8:40—9:00 each morning and from 3:15—3:45 on Thursday. Final purchases may be made Friday morning, November 20th.

Counselor's Corner

This school year is certainly moving along quickly! Students in kindergarten and FALS are currently participating in classroom guidance lessons focusing on important “people skills” like listening, sharing, handling anger, and being a friend. We have a few more lessons left before I begin classroom guidance lessons with first grade. Friendship/social skills lunch groups are underway for students in K – 5. We are having fun as we learn how to be friends, make friends, and keep friends!



Laina Marks

Nurses News

Most of you are aware of the wide spread influenza outbreak going around. There are many ways to help prevent spreading germs in order to keep our families healthy. Listed below are some ideas:

- ⇒ Practice good hand hygiene. Washing hands with soap and warm water is the best way to prevent the spread of illness. Thorough hand washing should last for about 20 seconds. If soap and water is unavailable, then hand sanitizer is the next best option
- ⇒ Always cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze. Try to cough or sneeze into your elbow or sleeve instead of your hands.
- ⇒ Do not share personal items such as drinks, food or unwashed utensils.
- ⇒ Contact your health care provider to get your family vaccinated.

I did have the opportunity to talk to our students about good hand washing and staying healthy this winter. Your children should be able to demonstrate to you the 5 steps to good hand hygiene. Please remember to keep your child home for 24 hours after he/she is fever free without medication before returning to school. One good resource to utilize is the Baltimore County H1N1 Community Connection which you may find at www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/health.

Julie Varhaftik, RN, MS

Library Gift Fund

The following students have donated books to our media center in honor of their birthdays:

Sara Belsky, Allyson Resnick, Robyn Resnick, Ori Zalzman, Aliyah McCallum, Daniel Anisimov, Fiona Beselman, Jonathan Reznik, Tiffany Yang, Samuel Khusid, Ajay Sarma, and Karla Tovera.



Thank you!

Stay Warm!

As the weather turns colder, remember to dress your child accordingly. Many classes go out for recess even when it's cold. Please listen to the news, radio, or check the internet to ensure that your child is properly prepared for the weather.



Absence Notes

When your child returns to school after an absence, it is very important that you send a note to school indicating the reason for the absence. We must code students' records and without a note the absence must be coded as unlawful. A short note is all we need. For example, if your child was sick, the note simply needs to state, "My child was absent for the past three days because she was sick." Remember to date and sign the note. Thank you!