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Sparrows Point Middle School

November 1-December 31, 2009

Principal: Mr. Don Weglein

Assistant Principal: Mrs. Dwan Pinamonti

Assistant Principal: Mr. David Ligé

Parents: Magnet School Application Deadline is November 30th!

Principal's Corner

It is hard to believe that we have completed 25% of the school year. The first marking period ended on November 5 and report cards will be distributed on November 19. We have gotten off to an extremely positive beginning at Sparrows Point Middle.

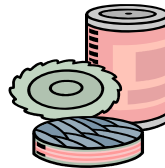


The month of November offers many opportunities for parents to take an active part in their child's education. American Education Week begins on November 16. While parents are always invited any day during that week, certain days have been designated for each grade level (Tuesday for 6th, Wednesday for 7th, and Thursday for 8th.) Visiting during this week is a great way to learn about your child's daily classroom routine while demonstrating your support for their education.

Finally, if you have not joined our PTSA, this is a great time to join. We appreciate your support of Sparrows Point Middle and together we will guarantee success for all students.

Technology Fundraiser

Sparrows Point Middle School will be selling Chick-fil-A Cow Calendars from 11/2 to 11/13/09. If interested in purchasing a calendar, contact a student or call the school at 410-887-7524. Calendars are \$8.00 each and have coupons each month for items at Chick-fil-A.



Help Hungry Kids

Sparrows Point Middle students are in the process of collecting cans for the Maryland Food Bank. Our goal is to collect 1,000 cans. If every child brings in just three cans of food, we can reach our goal. If you are in a position to help the increasing number of hungry children in Baltimore, Sparrows Point Middle urges you to help. Thank you.

FUTURE EVENTS

November



5	Thurs.	First Marking Period Ends
5	Thurs.	Maryland Ravens Wheelchair Basketball (1:15-2:15)
6	Fri.	Assessment Day for Elem/ Middle Schools-
9	Mon.	Schools Closed for Students SE Area Advisory Council-Sparrows Point Middle School at 7:00 PM-Library
11	Wed.	Picture make-up day
11	Wed.	Veteran's Day (schools open)
11	Wed.	PTSA Meeting 6:15 PM - Library
16	Mon.	PTSA Little Caesar's Fundraiser begins
16-20	Mon.-Fri.	American Education Week 17-6th Grade Visit Day 18-7th Grade Visit Day 19-8th Grade Visit Day
19	Thur.	Distribution of 1st Quarter Report Cards
20	Fri.	7th Grade Annapolis Field Trip
24	Tue.	1st QTR. Honor Roll Assembly-Auditorium-1PM
25	Wed.	Turkey Trot - PE Classes
26	Thurs.	Schools and Offices Closed for Thanksgiving
27	Fri.	Schools and Offices Closed for Thanksgiving
30	Mon.	Magnet School Applications Due
30	Mon.	Pick-Up Fundraiser Pizzas in cafeteria



December

2	Wed.	Chorus Concert-Auditorium-7PM
7	Mon.	Interim Distribution
9	Wed.	PTSA Meeting 6:15 PM - Library
9	Wed.	Conferences 4:30-6:30
16	Wed.	Instrumental Music Concert - Auditorium - 7 PM
23	Tues.	Math Clash 1:30-2:26
23	Wed.	Winter Break Begins at End of School

The Mission of Sparrows Point Middle School

The mission of Sparrows Point Middle School is to effectively guide the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical well being of students while developing skills needed to continue their education and to become productive members of society.

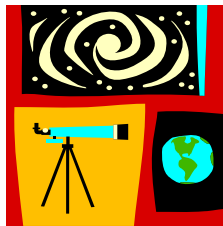
Science News



Science On-Line Text Book

The science department is in the process of registering students with www.pearsonsuccessnet.com provided by the publisher of our new science textbooks.

Mrs. Norris' and Mrs. Bodis' classes have been registered. Students can access their textbooks via the Internet. Students were given class time at computers in the library or in class to register and explore their new textbooks. Students can now study and do make-up assignments without having to sign out a textbook from their teacher. Ask your child to show you how it works. It is fun and educational at the same time!



Science Fair

This year our 6th and 7th grade GT students will participate in the Science fair. Science fair Packets will be coming home soon, so be on the look out for them!



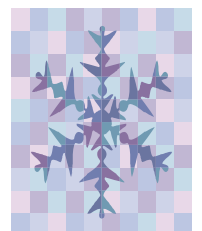
Instrumental Music



This is a reminder of our annual winter concert to celebrate the Holidays and to share with family and friends the talent of Sparrows Point Middle School's young musicians. Our show this year is on **Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m.** Please have your son or daughter in their black and white concert attire ready to perform that evening. Detailed information will be sent home soon. If you have any questions in the mean time please feel free to contact Mrs. Lopata at slopata@bcps.org or school phone 410-887-7524. All of the information for concerts and other details can be found on my teacher website or the syllabus. To view them, just go to the bcps.org homepage, click Sparrows Point Middle School, and then click on Teacher Sites. We can't wait for you to join us for this exciting event.



Choral Music



Grade 6 News

We are off to a great start in Grade 6. Most of our 6th graders have made a super adjustment to middle school. We had a fantastic field trip to Genesee Valley on October 13. Our students reported that they had fun time.

We are proud of our first Students of the Month:
For September :

Lauren Beam
Ron Levine



For October:

Morgan Ledbetter
Zach Stack

Keep up the good work!

7th Grade Field Trip

Seventh grade students will be taking a field trip to Annapolis on November 20th. They will be visiting the Annapolis State House, historic downtown and the Naval Academy. The Sparrows Point Middle School PTSA was very generous in funding the majority of the cost of the trip. Permission slips will be sent home with students November 9th where more specific information regarding cost and times will be included.



ART News



Volunteers

Yearbook

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book sales will soon be beginning. Flyers will be given out to students in homeroom in November. Keep a look out for this flyer and check next month's newsletter for more information.

Physical Education News



Weight Training



Computer Club



Remember to visit us during American Education Week, November 13th-17th. Students are more successful when parents are involved in the academic process. Come and witness the fine instructional program that your son or daughter receives each day at SPMS!