



ST. JOHN'S LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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January 11, 2008

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 17	Schools Close 3 Hours Early
January 18	NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day
January 21	NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 25	4 th Grade Field Trip – Toby's – 9:30 AM – 11:45 AM
January 30	Report Cards Issued
February 4-7	Scholastic Book Fair – Media Center
February 6	Schools Close 3 hrs. early for Parent-Teacher Conferences
February 7	Schools Close 3 hrs. early for Parent-Teacher Conferences
February 8	NO SCHOOL – Parent-Teacher Conferences
February 12	NO SCHOOL – Primary Election Day

NEWS FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS

MRS. JAGODA & MRS. SARRO

Our Next Principal's Coffee and Chat

On January 15, 2008, we will host a Principal's Coffee and Chat on the topic of grading. We will meet in the cafeteria at 9:30 AM. The first ½ hour we will focus on the primary grades K-2 and then the next half hour we will focus on the intermediate grades 3 – 5. We will review the report cards, the Howard County School System Grading Policy and will leave some time for questions. We hope to see you there.

Head Lice Update

We are making progress with the issue of head lice. Parents and the school are working together on this one. Remember to let the school know if your child has head lice. *It is important for us to know this information.* You can be assured that the information is kept confidential.

Lately, many of our students have been bringing stuffed animals to school. We are asking that students no longer do this. It is possible for lice to find a home in a stuffed toy. Our teachers who have stuffed animals in their classroom have been asked to place them in a sealed plastic bag for 3 weeks or to run them through the dryer on very high heat for 20 minutes.

At home, please continue to remind your children not to share any headgear (hats, hair scrunchies, sports helmets), combs/brushes, or headsets to electronic equipment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Health Assistant.

Our Southview Neighbors

This fall we asked that parents parking on Southview be considerate of the neighbors there. We have had several phone calls from very frustrated homeowners to tell us that SJLES parents are parking on their lawns and causing a great deal of damage. Some of the neighbors are pursuing some remedies through the Howard County Government.

We have explained that the school does have parking lots and that we do have a drop-off and pick-up loop. We certainly encourage parents to use these means of helping children have a safe arrival and dismissal process.

Please be aware that parking on lawns day after day causes damage to the grass. Do consider using the parking lots at school or utilizing the loop where staff is on duty. I know that the people on Southview would appreciate anything that you can do.

SCHOOL NEWS

FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT: Congratulations to the following students whose artwork was selected to be displayed in the front office gallery. The Artists of the Month for January are:

Adam Johnson – Grade 1, Mrs. Pino's Class
Donovan Dicks – Grade 4, Mrs. Rippeon's Class
Katie Freese – Grade 4, Mrs. Flynn's Class

Their artwork will be on display through the end of January. We look forward to artwork from future Artists of the Month.

A Message from the Gifted and Talented Program: The official St. John's Lane Spelling Bee is fast approaching. The date has been set for Thursday, January 24th, from 6:30-8:00 PM (snow date is Thursday, January 31st, from 6:30-8:00 PM). The Spelling Bee will take place in the cafeteria near the front of the school. Please feel free to join us as part of the audience on that special night.

Participants in the 2007-2008 St. John's Lane Spelling Bee

4th Grade: Kevin Krein and Iman Zaid
5th Grade: Leena Abraham, Akshaya Anand, Kevin Chung, Kelly Hilton, Andrew Hynson, Quentin Huyett, Jenny Jung, Grant Lilly, Maria Mathews, Sydney Mitchell, Jeff O'Neal, Ashraf Oreizi-Esfahani, Fatima Raposo, Emily Reider, T.J. Rice, Daniel Shin and Caroline Smith

JANUARY CLUB DAY: Our school theme for January Club day is SPORTS. With the Super Bowl just around the corner, we thought this would be a fun theme for a cold winter month. Club Day is January 25, 2008. Some suggestions for dressing that day could be a sweatshirt of a favorite sports team, or a uniform of a particular sport. The club activities will carry on that theme for that day.

PTA NEWS

PICTURES NEEDED! If you have any digital pictures of your kids at school or school function, we are accepting submissions for the yearbook! Please email your photos to marleebest@mac.com and make sure to include the grade of the students in the picture. Also, watch for the yearbook order form that's coming home soon!

Scholastic Book Fair: Our book fair will be held February 4 – 7, 2008 in the Media Center. Monday & Tuesday, February 4th & 5th from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM and Wednesday & Thursday, February 6th & 7th from 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM. Poster contest information will be available beginning Monday, January 14th. Students can stop by the art room to pick up poster paper and instructions. Posters are due back to the art room by Monday, January 28th. This year's theme is "Reading Road Trip". Use travel-related items to create a poster to help publicize our book fair. Posters will be hung throughout the school. A randomly chosen winner from each grade will win a book fair gift certificate. For more information (or to volunteer) check out our book fair home page at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/sjles> (or contact Sarah Hoppers @ hopperss@verizon.net or 410-480-9571).

REFLECTIONS CONTEST: Congratulations to all the talented students who participated in this year's PTA Reflections Contest. We had more entries this year than we have had in the last few! They were all fabulous, and it was difficult for the judges to make their choices. The following students' work was chosen to represent SJLES at the county level of judging:

Primary Visual Arts: Nikhil Nair, Caroline Siedlecki, Kaitlin Rice, and Ananya Devadiga

Intermediate Visual Arts: Eleanor Zhang, Stephanie Lizzo, Anna Siedlecki, and Lauren Siedlecki

Primary Photography: Madeline Hammond

Intermediate Photography: Anna Hemelt and Tharen Rice

Primary Literature: Emily Hammond, Kate Hammond, Kylie Rogers and Nicky Komons

Intermediate Literature: Julia Komons and Lauren Siedlecki

Primary Film: Brendan Rice

Intermediate Film: Jay Blasko and Kevin Krein

Science Fair: SJLES Science Fair will be held on Thursday, February 28th. This is a non-competitive Science Fair for all grades. We are in need of volunteers to help set-up and clean-up at the fair. If you are interested in helping out or have any suggestions for the Science Fair, please let me know. Thanks! Tricia Reider 410-461-0504 or ttreider@msn.com

May Day: Save the Date! May Day is Saturday, May 10th and planning is underway! The May Day committee is looking for committee chairs for the following positions: Bake Sale, Games, Entertainment and Silent Auction. The Auction is our biggest fundraiser of the year! Please help make our May Day a success! Contact Tricia Reider if you are interested in chairing or volunteering for a committee. 410-461-0504 or ttreider@msn.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

SECAC (Special Education Community Advisory Committee) FORUM WITH DR. COUSIN

Tuesday, January 15th 7:00 PM.-9:00 PM
Faulkner Ridge Center
10598 Marble Faun Court, Columbia

The Howard County Special Education Community Advisory Committee (SECAC) presents an evening with Dr. Sydney Cousin, Superintendent of Schools. Come take part in an open discussion and have an opportunity to ask questions about the direction of the school system in regards to students with special needs as well as other system-level issues. To submit a question, please e-mail ann_scholz@hcpss.org or call the Family Support & Resource Center at 410 313-7161.

MENU

BREAKFAST: Every day there is a variety of cereals, breakfast breads, fruits and milk.

LUNCH MENU

Cheese pizza will be offered daily

MONDAY

Tacos:
Soft or Corn Tortillas
Yogurt, Bagel & Fruit
Corn

TUESDAY

Popcorn Chicken w/Roll
Egg Roll w/Duck Sauce
Glazed Carrots

WEDNESDAY

Snowflake Festival
Burgers:
Plain, Cheese or Veggie
Toasted Cheese Sandwich
Tomato Soup

THURSDAY

Chicken Patty w/Roll
Fresh Vegetables w/Dip
**Schools Close
3 Hours Early**

FRIDAY

**Professional
Work Day
Schools Closed**

**Milk and an assortment of salads and fruits are served with each meal.
Cheese Pizza Offered Daily
Whole Wheat Bread, Dinner Rolls available as a choice where listed on the menu**