



ST. JOHN'S LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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January 4, 2008

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 8	PTA General Meeting – 7:00 PM
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 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

Congratulations to SJLES

We are most honored to announce that St. John's Lane Elementary along with Ellicott Mills Middle and Talbott Strings Elementary have received a Governor's Citation. On Tuesday, the principals of the 3 schools and Mr. Thomas Kierkowski from Central Office attended an awards ceremony in Annapolis. The Citations honor SJLES for achieving a *maintenance rating of Superior, indicating that our school has met the highest standards for school maintenance during the 2006-2007 school year and in honor of this noteworthy distinction, as well-built and well-maintained school buildings play a fundamental role in the education mission; and as our citizens join with the Board of Public Works and the Interagency Committee on School Construction in commending you on a job well-done.*

Our custodial staff - Mark Harris, Building Supervisor, Gwen Sims, Night Chief and Custodians, Janice Whalen and Dottie Jackson - deserve our thanks for their amazing efforts in making our building a show place on a daily basis.

Your Help Needed

We have had some isolated cases of head lice this winter. This is not unusual in a school setting. We do not have an outbreak of head lice but thought it would be prudent to give parents some information.

First of all it is extremely important that parents notify the school if their child has been treated for head lice. Head lice are not a result of poor hygiene or socioeconomic level. They can happen to anyone, anyplace.

You can identify the signs of head lice by looking for the eggs, called nits in your child's hair. A Nit (Louse Egg) is a smooth, oval shaped structure which is attached to the side of the hair shaft ranging in color from off-white to brown and is slightly smaller than a sesame seed or the size of a knot in a thread. Nits are always the same shape; they are never irregular, fuzzy, or encircling the hair (although the glue that the louse produces may be seen to encircle tightly around the hair shaft).

You may never be able to identify the source of lice as they may exist everywhere in our environment from the seats at the theater to clothing or hats tried on in department stores. You cannot lice proof your child or the environment; however there are some things that you can do to help.

Check your child's head especially around the ears and the nape of the neck. If you are unsure if it is lice versus dry skin, contact a health professional as soon as possible. It is important to treat head lice as soon as you have *confirmed* the problem exists. This web site may be helpful

http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dpd/parasites/lice/factsht_head_lice.htm Instruct your child not to share hairbrushes, combs, or head gear of any kind with others. Be sensitive to the issue of head lice. This seems to be a topic that still carries very negative feelings. Lice can happen to anyone. It is very important to notify the school if you find that your child has head lice.

Again, we do not have an outbreak of head lice at our school. The purpose of this information and enlisting your help is preventing an outbreak from occurring.

SCHOOL NEWS

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

PTA General Meeting: Internet Safety: The next PTA General Meeting is this Tuesday evening, January 8th at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria. We will be hosting Corporal John Linton from the Maryland State Police Computer Crimes Unit. Corporal Linton will speak to the group about what we can do as parents to help keep our kids safe on the Internet. Please plan to attend this informative session brought to you by your PTA. Adults only please.

Scholastic Book Fair: Mark your calendars - the book fair will be held February 4 – 7, 2008 in the Media Center. There will again be a poster contest - look for more information in next week's newsletter. This year's book fair theme is "Book Fair Road Trip" - be thinking about creative ideas for your posters! We have a book fair "homepage" - check out <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/sjles>. For additional information, or to volunteer to help, please contact Sarah Hoppers at 410-480-9571 or hopperss@verizon.net.

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

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
Popcorn Chicken w/Roll	<u>Principals' Day</u>	Fish Shapes w/Roll	<i>Tacos:</i>	Waffles w/Sliced Ham
Cheese Steak Sub	Lasagna w/Breadstick	Chicken Nuggets w/Roll	Soft or Corn Tortillas	<i>Burgers:</i>
Sweet Peas	Deli Salad Plate	Mixed Vegetables	Chicken Salad Plate	Plain, Cheese or Veggie
	Green Beans		Chicken Salad Sandwich	Crinkle Cut Potatoes
			Corn	

**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**