

A Message from Principal Brunson...

It's hard to believe that we are half-way through the school year. I am proud that our students continue to show lots of growth, both academically and socially, and are extremely motivated and energized to finish off the year with much success. Report cards were sent home on Thursday, January 29. I hope you had a chance to review your child's report card with him or her, and if there are any questions and/or concerns, you've had the opportunity to confer with your child's teacher.

Media Mogul!

February marks African American History Month, a time to celebrate the accomplishments of people of African descent throughout American history. One such notable African American is Ms. Oprah Gail Winfrey, television host, actress, producer, philanthropist, and entrepreneur. She was selected as the most influential woman in America by Time Magazine, years 2004 to 2007. More detailed information about Ms. Winfrey can be found at <http://www.biography.com/people/oprah-winfrey-9534419>.

Valentine's Day Parties

Valentine's Day parties start at 2:00 p.m on Friday, February 13. Exchanging of valentines is a fun, but a voluntary activity. However, if your child chooses to send valentines, please make sure there is one for every student in the class. Also, please be aware that many of our students have severe food allergies. Before purchasing store-bought food items that will be consumed by students on Valentine's Day, carefully check food labels for items containing nuts or have been processed by equipment that was exposed to nuts. Be on the lookout for additional communication from classroom teachers or from your room parents about other foods you should not purchase due to food allergies.

Frigid Temperatures

During the months of December and January, we have been experiencing frigid temperatures of 32 degrees and below with substantial wind chill factors in the teens and single digits. In order to protect the health and wellness of our students, we have limited outdoor activity and held indoor recess most of the time. Join us as we encourage students to dress warmly with winter gear on such as coats, gloves/mittens, and scarves.

Sign Up for AlertMCPS

Sign up for AlertMCPS to receive text messages or emails from MCPS during weather-related emergencies and other major events that impact school system operations. You can also sign up to receive alerts specific to your child's school. AlertMCPS messages are available in both English and Spanish. Visit <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/alertmcps.aspx> to subscribe.

Important Calendar Dates

Mark these dates on your calendars. The Partnership for Assessment of for the Readiness of College and Careers (PARCC) will be administered to students in grades 3-5 during the months of March and April. MSA Science will be administered in April. It is important for all students to be present during the administration of these tests. Exact dates are posted on the Cloverly website at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/cloverlyes/>. Please do not schedule vacations or make appointments for your children on these important dates.

"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend."

Martin Luther King, Jr.



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