

KNOLLS NEWSMontgomery County
Public Schools **FROM THE NEST****Dates to
Remember****December 7**Popcorn orders
arrive**December 8**

SK Cookie Social

12:00-3:00

**December 23-
January 1**Winter Break: No
school for students

Season's Greetings,

As 2017 is slowly coming to an end, we have much to celebrate. The Popcornopolis and Panera Bread fundraisers held during the month of November brought us close to \$1,300 in funds to be used for various SK student needs! The introduction of the Quadriciser at the start of the school year has proved successful as an additional resource for our students in collaboration with their physical/ occupational therapists. PEP and school-age classes are working diligently

celebrating cultural proficiency each day both in and out of their classes. In an effort to promote creativity and spark the positive spirit throughout the building, we are hosting the Winter Door Decorating Contest, and are transforming the halls of Stephen Knolls into a winter wonderland! We are inviting all of you to come by and share in the excitement. Friday, December 8th, we will be hosting a cookie social, and inviting families to join us in our Eagle's Nest Café to celebrate the holiday season with homemade cookies and hot cocoa. The SK faculty and staff continue to inspire me daily with their commitment to our students and the SK program. Please take time to enjoy this holiday season with family and friends, and have a safe and relaxing winter break!

**DOOR DECORATING
CONTEST**

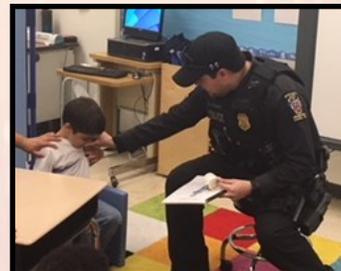
Stephen Knolls staff has been getting in the holiday spirit decorating their classroom doors! With everything from snowmen to cocoa, we have made our hallways extra special this year!



PRESCHOOL PROGRAM



The curriculum theme in PEP for the month of December is “Our Community.” We are having the best time learning all about different community helpers in B2. We have been able to learn about police officers, firefighters, doctors, veterinarians, and mail carriers! We have been lucky enough to have real life community helpers come to our school too! We are using all of our cars, trucks and toy people to act out different scenarios and pretend to be community helpers ourselves. We are having so much fun!



SCHOOL AGE

The D6 team is continuing to explore our work experience learning. We sort by color, shape, and size. We shred papers, sharpen pencils, care for plants, fold towels and clothing, make cookies, and clean. We then sequence steps or events, use the work to count or add, and answer comprehension questions (Who did the shredding? Where did you sharpen pencils? Or What did you fold?). Our work experience is expanding!

MUSIC

This month in the music room, students will be sampling holiday songs from many traditions. We’ll explore music inspired by Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, Chinese New Year, and Dwali, to name a few. We love sharing our cultures and traditions at Stephen Knolls. If you would like to share a song from your family’s holiday traditions, we invite you to email Ann DuBose a YouTube link or send in a copy of a recording you enjoy at home and we’ll work it into our lessons. Thanks for sharing and Happy Holidays!