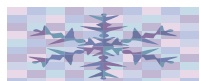


## **January 2010 Newsletter**

Principal – Kristi Bachtell

Assistant Principal – Eric Meredith

Assistant Principal – Suzie Winders



Happy New Year and welcome back from the Holiday Break for the second half of the school year. It was an interesting ending to 2009 as the record snowfall that came through our area closed schools three days prior to Winter Break. As 2010 is under way we have already experienced a delayed opening due to a bit more snow. Even though winter is long from over, hopefully there won't be many more snow days as they cause quite a disruption to the consistency required with maintaining the instructional setting in school. In the event of more school closings or delays, please be sure to tune into any of the following local means of communication for information regarding the school schedule.

[www.wcboe.k12.md.us](http://www.wcboe.k12.md.us) - Click on Delays / Closing.

This will provide an extensive list of information regarding WCPS policy for weather related school delays and closings.

**Radio** – WJEJ / 1240 AM, WCRH / 90.5 FM, WQCM / 94.3 FM, WIKZ / 95.1 FM, WAYZ / 101.5 FM, WPPT / 92.1 FM, WARK / 1490 AM, WWEG / 106.9 FM, WLTF / 97.5 FM, WICL / 95.9 FM, WFMD / 930 AM, WFRE / 99.9 FM, WDHC / 92.9 FM, WCST / 1010 AM, WCBC / 1270 AM, WKZG / 107.1 FM.

**Television** – WHAG / Hagerstown, WRC / Washington, WJZ / Baltimore, Antietam Cable Channel 99.

**Phone** – WJEJ Weather Phone – 301-797-9797.



The end of the second Marking Period is Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010. This means that teachers will be finalizing grades for report cards which will be sent home with your child on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to check your child's book bag for their report card and sign and return any information requested by their teacher in a timely manner. Should you have any questions or concerns with your child's report card, please be sure to contact their classroom teacher to schedule a time to meet.

### ***Student Authors***

Writing has been a school wide focus in all grade levels this school year. As a result students have been working hard lately to publish their best work which will be included in a class book for grades K-2 and an individual book written by student if 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Be sure to look out for information that has been/will be coming home regarding an opportunity for you to purchase a copy of the book your child creates.

Encouraging and helping your child to spend time writing at home will support their writing ability at school. Here are several examples that you could ask your child to write a story about.

- My earliest memory.
- My favorite things to do.
- The most important people in my life.

When finished writing, encourage them to add a drawing to illustrate their story.

***A message from our Counselor***

***Mrs. Pierpoint***

Through December I spent time teaching kindness/friendship lessons with grades K-2. During January and the beginning of February, I will be conducting lessons with third through fifth grade on bullying and the harmful effects it can have on everyone.

***Strategies for Dealing with Bullies***

- Walk away.
- Speak up for yourself and show confidence
- Try to fix the problem in a calm, cool manner.
- Make friends with the bully.
- Stick with friends who can support you.
- Get help from a trusted adult.

The following students were selected to eat lunch with Mrs. Bachtell and Mrs. Pierpoint at the "Golden Table" for displaying CARING behavior during the month of December:

<i>Justice Smith</i>	<i>Jasmine Ragland</i>
<i>Kaleb Keadle</i>	<i>Andrew Miller</i>
<i>Quinton Smith</i>	<i>Jadelyn Ragland</i>
<i>Emma Cole</i>	<i>Abigail Henson</i>
<i>Jerome Hinkle</i>	<i>Jacquan Young</i>
<i>Jahari McDonald</i>	<i>Daisa Clark</i>
<i>Noah Sexton</i>	<i>Blake Care</i>
<i>Makayla Johnson</i>	<i>Hope Henson</i>
<i>Cameron Sartin</i>	<i>David Wise</i>

*Juliet Febus-Miss*

*Alice Funk*

*Gabriel Lipman*

*Chantz Pollard*

The Character Trait for January is FAIRNESS. A person, who is fair plays by the rules, takes turns, shares, is open minded and listens to others, doesn't take advantage of others, and doesn't pass blame on others. Parents, please encourage your child to do their best everyday to be a student of character!



***Congratulations and Celebrations***

December's Attendance Wing Leader Classes were...

1. Mrs. Babb & Ms. Belin's Class
2. Mrs. Vanassa's Class
3. Mrs. Pongratz's Class
4. Mrs. Courter's Class

***Important Dates to Remember...***

*Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> – 12:50 pm. Early Dismissal.*

*Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> – Schools Closed.*

*Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> – No School for Students.*

*Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> - Report Cards will be sent home with students.*

