

the BEALL NEWS

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ONE BAND, ONE SOUND

Dancing to the Sugar Plum Fairies

This photo was captured in Ms. Bond's music class right before winter break. She was working with students with incorporating movement to the music of the Nutcracker.



✧ Principal's Corner ✧

I hope this newsletter reaches you in good health and high spirits. Be sure to keep an eye out for information from your child's teacher pertaining to **Valentine's Day Parties**. Just as a reminder be sure that all goodies sent to school are store bought, MCPS policy does not allow us to serve homemade baked goods to children. On another note, each year the number of elementary aged students **with cell phones** increases. Elementary aged students are **not allowed** to bring cell phones to school unless you have written a

formal request to the principal. If cell phones are found with a student, the school policy is that they will be given to an administrator and they will have to be picked up by a parent.



Cooking with your Kids Oatmeal Breakfast Bars

4 cups quick cooking oats
1 cup packed brown sugar
1 tsp. salt
1-1/2 cups chopped walnuts
3/4 cup butter, melted
3/4 cup orange marmalade
In a large mixing bowl, combine the

oats, brown sugar and salt. Stir in remaining ingredients. Press into a greased 15 In x 10 In x 1 In baking pan. Bake at 425 for 15-17 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on a wire rack. Yield: about 2 1/2 dozen.



SCHOOL DOORS OPEN

AT 8:30 AM

Please do NOT drop your students off before 8:30 AM. We have had many students waiting outside, some as early as 7:45 AM. Students are not allowed to wait inside the building, no matter what the weather situation is. Please note that there is NO adult supervision until the bell rings at 8:30 AM. Thank you for your cooperation!

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEB 14
Valentines Day
Parties-2:00

FEB 12
No School
Primary Election
Feb 18
No School

FEB 27
Early Release
Day-12:35

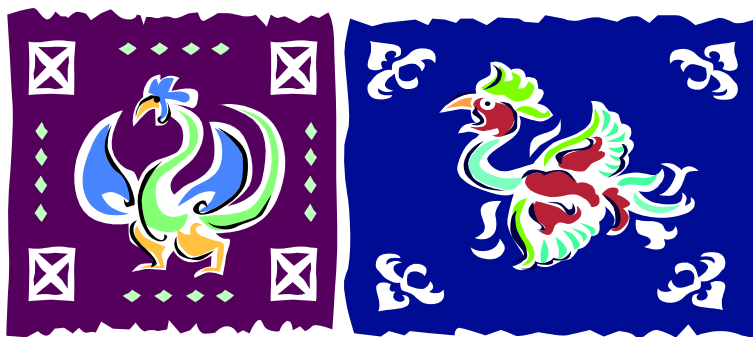
NO PRE-K LANGUAGE
Headstart Dismisses
at 10:30, Pre-K at
10:00

Chinese Immersion Program

College Gardens Elementary School will hold an open house on Friday, February 15th, 2008 from 10:00-11:00 am for Kindergarten through Grade 4 for the 2008-2009 school year. The event will feature an information session, followed by a school tour.

In the event of inclement weather, the open house will be held on Tuesday, February 19th at 10:00 am.

For more information, call Mrs. Kuang-Tzu Gretz, Chinese Immersion Program Coordinator, at (301) 279-8470.





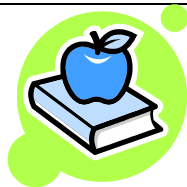
Winter Weather Delays

On days that school is delayed, children are **NOT** permitted in the building before the scheduled time. Doors open at 10:30 AM on delayed opening days. Please do not call and ask for exceptions due to work schedules and appointments; we do not have direct supervision for children before the scheduled time. Your full cooperation regarding this matter is appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the office.

Testing Season is Around the Corner!

The Terra Nova test is administered to Grade 2 students and the MSA is administered to grades 3,4, and 5. Please make sure your children are well rested and come to school on time.

Assessment	Dates	Testing Group
MSA Reading	April 1-2	Grades 3 & 4
	April 3-4	Grade 5
MSA Math	April 8-9	Grades 3 and 4
	April 10-11	Grade 5
TNT2	April 28-30 and May 1-2	Grade 2
MSA Science	May 5-13	Grade 5



Student Transfer Applications

Montgomery County parents who wish to request a change in school assignment for their children from their home school, may begin the process during the upcoming transfer season, which will be held from February 1 through April 1, 2008.

Except for students in the Northeast Consortium (NEC), Downcounty Consortium (DCC), and Middle School Magnet Consortium (MSMC) areas, students in the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) are assigned to a school on the basis of their place of residence. Assignment changes of students from one school to another are permitted under the following limited circumstances:

- An older sibling attending the requested school
- A continuation in a feeder pattern from middle school to high school, except when affected by boundary changes
- A documented hardship situation
- A student selected for an exempt program

The transfer process begins in the home school, where parents may request the *Change of School Assignment Information Booklet* that describes the process and provides useful information. The book will be available at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/transfer.shtm.

For more information about the transfer process, parents are asked to contact the principal of their home school. Help is also available by calling the Spanish Hotline at (301) 230-3073 or the ESOL Parent Center at (301)230-0674. Language Lines are available to leave a message for someone to return the call-Spanish (301)230-5403; Cambodian, (301) 230-5427; Chinese, (301)230-5428; French (301) 230-5429; Korean, (301)230-5430; and Vietnamese, (301)230-5432.

Information about assignments for students residing in the NEC, DCC, or MSMC areas, please contact the Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Service at (301)649-8081 or the MCPS Web site at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/schoolchoice.

