

- **Our own Ms. Wang is a finalist in The Gazette's My Favorite Teacher contest.** Teachers were nominated by current and former students, and finalists were selected from over 500 nominations. Go to The Gazette's My Favorite Teacher website and VOTE for Ms. Wang today!
- **This is the final weekend for Read-athon. All reading logs are due on Tuesday, November 3. The PTA will also accept any past logs on that date. We will celebrate completion of the Read-athon with a schoolwide pizza party on November 13.**
- **The staff and I want to thank the Kindergarten and First Grade parents who treated us to a delicious lunch last week. We appreciate all that you do.**
- **Thanks to all parents who participated in the Halloween celebrations.** We appreciate your support in planning fun activities and parties for the children. It was a great way to end the first quarter of the school year.
- **This week a Churchill student was injured in an accident during morning drop off in front of the high school.** Fortunately, the child is ok. However, it brings to the forefront the need for parents to follow the rules we have established with our own drop off and pick up routines. Please drive slowly and follow the one way lane into the drop off area. I see more and more drivers enter into the parking areas, drop off students and then have children walk through parked cars. When in the drop off lane, please pull forward to the end of the sidewalk area so that more vehicles can be accommodated. When people follow the procedures that have been established, the drop off runs safely and smoothly. Children should exit the vehicle on the passenger side of the car and never on the driver side into the line of traffic. We need the same patience at the end of the day. When picking up, please do not pull into the parking lot and call for your children to walk through traffic to get to your car. This is establishing a very unsafe area. First and foremost is the safety of our children. The school staff is trying to establish the safest environment for your children. Thank you for your help in making sure that all children are safe.
- **Parent-Teacher conferences are held on the two early dismissal days, Nov. 11 and 12.** Please schedule a conference with your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress. Many teachers will also schedule meetings on other days to accommodate parent schedules. Your involvement in your students' education is critical to their success.
- **Please show consideration to our neighbors on Kirkwall Ct.** Do not park your vehicles on their lawns or block their driveways. If you must drive your child, please utilize the pick up and drop off area that we have designated for you at the school. It is important that we maintain a strong and positive connection with all of our community neighbors.
- **The middle school magnet applications and Middle School Magnet Consortium (MSMC) Choice form deadline is Monday, November 9, 2009.** Choice forms for the MSMC are available on the MCPS website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms. There are also applications and test preparation materials for the middle school magnet program on the website.
- **Parents of third grade students should have received, through the US Mail, an application for the Highly Gifted Center Program at Cold Spring ES.** If you are interested in having your child considered for this program, please submit the application to Division of Consortium Choice and Application Process Services. If you have not received an application and are interested in applying, please go to www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms. Questions, contact the Highly Gifted Center office at 301-592-2040 or Ms. Thomas at the school office.

Thank you for being partners in your child's education.