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A Note From the Principal...

October 2009

Important Dates

- 1—ILT—12:00—3:00
- 5—PTA—6:30—8:00—
Meeting and classroom
visitation.
- 7—Grade 4 field trip to
De. Teck.
- 13—Picture Day
- 15—Fundraiser materials
arrive at Prince St.
- 16—Schools Closed—
MSTA convention
- 20—Schools closed—Prof.
day.
- 23—Kindergardent to Mr.
Pepper's Pumpkin Patch.
- 24—Gimme 5 Youth
Day—Salisbury's prom-
ise—10—1 p.m.
- 27—WCCPTA—BOE audi-
torium
- 28—ILT—12-3:15
- Looking At November
- 4—End 1st marking term
- 5—Legislative night here
at Prince Street.
- 6—School Assembly—
Dishibem dance com-
pany. Barnes and No-
bles Night—6-8 p.m. at
Barnes and Nobles.
- 12—Report cards go
home.
- 16-20—American Educa-
tion Week

Now that we have completed the first month of school, routines have been established and students are moving forward with instruction. While visiting classrooms, you will see students using lots of technology and working in small groups,

The curricula are very rigorous and the pace is fast. Please check your child's agenda each night for homework assignments and notes from the teacher. By keeping track of your child's assignments, you are helping to reinforce skills taught in the classroom. I also recommend that you post this monthly newsletter in a spot frequented by the entire family so that everyone in your household is aware of our upcoming events. Our school is continuing with the development of Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) where teachers will meet each week to create

common assessments as they work toward specific goals.

We are continuing to work with Salisbury University as a Professional Development School. Your child may come home speaking of working with an SU student. We welcome the opportunity to provide training for these future teachers. Sometimes, these students are assigned projects that require them to work with a specific number of students. In order to do that, they may send you a letter requesting permission. We also enjoy an ongoing partnership with UMES and have student interns in special education.



Special Thanks

Mrs. Beth Sheller and all of her work with our families through her various programs and activities to involve our parents and their children in educational activities throughout the school year. Kudos to you Mrs. Sheller—we



Fundraiser UPDATE

Thank you for your support of our fundraiser. Through your efforts, we will earn \$5,490.71. These funds will be used to purchase materials and support activities like assemblies, that are not funded through the Board of Education. The delivery date for the fundraiser is Oct. 15th. A celebration for students who sold at least 15 items is scheduled for December 18 at Crown Center. More details will come.



Title I Tidbits



Prince Street is a school wide Title I elementary school. This means that the Title I Extra Support teachers and the assistants may work with any child in the entire school. Just because your child or children talk about the Title I personnel does not necessarily mean that your child is having difficulty in an academic area. We provide instruction at enrichment and/or remediation levels to help our students reach their academic potential.

Here are a few topics that you may want to help you spark a conversation about school this month.

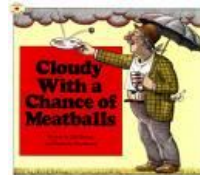
* OREO Cookie Internet Project (How high can you stack a pile of OREOs?)

* *"Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs"* Internet Project (Check out the book at the library and reread it or see the movie with your child.) The students have already found both similarities and differences between the book and the movie trailer. In addition, some have shown a real flair for writing their own tall tales.



*Keep checking our Prince Street website

<http://princestreet.wicomico.wikispaces.net/> to find out more about these projects and to view pictures of our hardworking students.



Looking Ahead:

-Leadership Training at Salisbury University on Thursday, Oct. 1st

-PTA meeting on Monday, October 5th.

Title I Extra Support Team

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Notes from the School Nurse

Cold and Flu Season

As cold and flu season is upon us, if you are able, we are accepting donations of tissues to all classroom teachers to try and keep down the spread of germs. Thanks for your help and understanding on this.

Car Seat Law for Maryland

Effective June 30, 2008, all Maryland children will be required to ride in a car seat or booster seat until their 8th birthday, unless the child is 4 feet 9 inches or taller or weighs more than 65 pounds. Every child from 8 to 16 years old who is not secured in a car seat must be secured in the vehicle's seat belt. Parents with any questions about Maryland's child passenger safety laws may contact Maryland Kids in Safety Seats (KISS) at 1-800-370-SEAT or (410) 767-6016 and online at www.mdkiss.org.

Medical Assistance for Families

In addition to children, parents and/or other family members caring for children may be eligible to get Medical Assistance. To find out if you qualify and for more questions, visit www.dhmh.state.md.us/ma4families. You may also call the [Medical Assistance Hotline at 1-800-456-8900](tel:1-800-456-8900) or 1-800-735-2258 (TDD for the disabled). Applications may be found and sent to your local health department. Extra copies of the annual income eligibility chart and application forms are also available at the school's health room.

From the Art Department...

Welcome back to school! My name is Mrs. Littleton and I have taught art at Prince Street Elementary for the past fourteen years. I want to give you a little background on what the program consists of.

The elementary art program provides students with a foundation of knowledge, skills and techniques they need to understand, appreciate, and produce art independently. The art program is aimed at facilitating success for every student. At each grade level, emphasis will be on certain areas of art knowledge and skill learning. Students will be introduced to and provided with the opportunity to experience a variety of media, processes and art techniques.

The hands on "studio like" experience is enriched by incorporating the study of similar art from various cultures throughout the world. Students learn that art always has been a part of daily life in all cultures and that artists in different cultures solve design problems in a variety of ways. Thus, they become more aware of the world, other people, and other styles of art.

With each art experience, students increase their ability to communicate about art and to use appropriate art vocabulary when discussing their art work and the work of others. Students learn that each person's work reflects individual experiences, through processes, and approaches to creating art. They realize that their artwork looks different from the artwork made by their classmates because everyone has a unique personal style.

Throughout the year our artists of the month will be featured in the school's newsletter monthly or bi-monthly. You can go anytime to our site by typing in www.artsonia.com and finding our school by typing in Salisbury, MD and then click on our school. You can even upload your child's artwork from home by registering, which is free, and using a digital camera to take a picture of their art and upload (email) to the site. If your child has been chosen you can contact me for their security code to enroll them. The site offers cool products such as mouse pads, t-shirts, mugs, that their artwork could be printed on.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at the school or by email: dlittlet@wcboe.org

Here's to a creative year!

Mrs. Littleton

