



## BULLDOG NEWS

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### A Caring Learning Community

#### Mission Statement

At Meade Middle School, we:

- ⇒ Develop lifelong learners
- ⇒ Provide both a rigorous and a relevant curriculum
- ⇒ Are committed to excellence



#### Vision Statement

Meade Middle School's Quest is to:

- ⇒ Provide an environment where learning and behavior lead to student success.
- ⇒ Equip students with twenty-first century learning competencies in order to be well rounded and competitive in a global society.
- ⇒ Foster a culture of meaningful adult and student relationships which leads to students feeling safe and supported.
- ⇒ Engage parents, businesses and the global community in building student success.



#### Value Statements

At Meade Middle we believe in:

- ⇒ The dignity of every human being;
- ⇒ Advocating for all of our students;
- ⇒ Affirming all cultures;
- ⇒ The power of high expectations for ourselves and our students;
- ⇒ The capacity of all students to learn.

### NEW DISMISSAL POLICY

Effective Monday, February 9, 2009, no students will be released from the building for early dismissal after 2:30 p.m. The office becomes extremely busy at dismissal time and to avoid any confusion and make sure all of our children leave the building safely there will be no early dismissals after 2:30 p.m. each day except in

the case of an emergency. On scheduled two-hour early dismissal days the cut off time will be 12:30 p.m. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### Out-of-Area Transfer Requests

Anne Arundel County Public Schools require students to attend school in their geographic attendance area. Each year exceptions are made to assist parents and students due to day care needs, a recent move, or based upon a professional recommendation that a student attend school outside of their home school area. In order to apply, the families are required to submit an application for Out-of-Area Transfer. The timeline to submit an application is **March 1 to May 1**. Schools have been instructed to time/date stamp applications. Forms are available in the school office or on the county website.

Questions may be directed to Debbie Wooleyhand at 410-222-5325.

## Academic Excellence

Congratulations to the following students for achieving academic excellence and making the honor roll for the second marking period.

### Principal's Honor Roll

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Siya B, Emily B, Haylee E, Haley P, Abeerah Q, Michelle R, and Scout S.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Michael B, Amanda C, Nicole D, Sarah H, Connor J, Brittany N, Megan R, Rachel R, and Daniel S.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Marisa B, Douglas B, Hunter C, Phylesia F, Mary G, Oluwafemi O, Karan P, Mihir P, Stephen R, Jennifer W, Sarah W, and Yiqi Y.

### Honor Roll

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Baaba A, Adeniyi A, Jane A, Assad A, Mirtha A, Leilani A, Kevin A, Diamond B, Alexis B, Alesha B, Casey B, Lucy B, Kiara B, Jordan B, Jovon B, Myesha B, Joseph B, Tiffany B, Donald B, Nailah C, Sofia C, Ashley C, Astrid C, Roggie C, Rechelle C, Kiera C, Gracie D, Diamond D, Bianca D, Mariah D, Cameron D, Alassane D, Briallen D, Dallas D, Nicholas D, Samantha D, Peter D, Samantha F, Casey G, Osamuyimen G, Crystal G, Megan G, Matthew G, Megan G, Valentina G, Devin H, Michael H, Jacob H, Kiara H, Brian H, Lenaya H, Kristine H, Kenneth H, Dominique J, Zachary J, Jullien J, Angel K, Devan K, Briana M, Elizabeth M, Micah M, Kayla M, Alexis M, Sidney M, Erica M, Jaclyn M, Angela N, Michael N, Patrick N, Aliceia P, Dominic R, Tyler R, Jordan R, Amber R, Migdalia R, Christopher S, DominiQue S, Oluwabukanla S, Sumbul S, Austin S, Victoria S, Sarah T, Randi T, Kyler T, Nhu T,

Tien V, Kyonte W, Brianna W, James W, and Madelyn W.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Emily A, Estefania A, Ariel A, Avery B, Batu B, Delonte B, Frank B, Ayanna B, Zachary B, Logan B, Derrick B, Samantha C, Trishna C, Langston C, Devin D, India E, Akintomiwa F, De'Vaughn G, Yamile G, Bianca H, Karen Ha, Marlynn H, Trevon H, Maria H, Myesha H, Samantha H, Alicia H, Stacey H, Samuel J, Alexis J, Lakeesha K, Nicole K, Abigail L, Jenyffer L, Johanna L, Brandon M, Aaron M, Breanna M, Alex M, Justin M, Asha M, Trevor M, Alexia M, T'Mia M, Yoann M, Cristell O, Devin O, Nicki P, Crystal P, Rebecca P, Emmanuel P Jr., Paulo R, Samantha R, David S, Eric S, Jonathan S, Zachary S, James T, Elizabeth T, Tiffany T, Ngoc Chau T, Valencia T, Kellianne Vt, Tanairi V, Kevin V, Kiyera W, A' Miya W, and Mark W.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Adnan A, Mariah A, Gabrielle A, Jorge Ar, Jamie A, Jessica A, Mekah B, Jasmine B, Malcolm B, Elyse B, Lauren B, Zsanae' B, Bethany B, Aaron B, Warren B Jr., Georgia B, Phillip B, Clayton C, Miranda C, Christopher C, Erik C, Summer C, Brooke C, Kayla C, Justin D, David D, Aiyana D, Leah D, Mark D Jr., David F, Kevin F, Todd F II, Sarah F, Da Young F, Sarah F, Omar G, Victoria G, Deysha H, Salem H, Kadeem H, Chad J, Marielle J, Andre J, Jenny K, Mimi K, Ashley L, Karin L, Steven M, Alvaro M Jr., Shaleah M, Luis M, Binh Nhi Ba N, Fabrice N, Abhishek P, Antonio P, Pricilla P, Melyssa Q, Guillermo R, Luis S Jr., Molly S, Patrick S, Michael Jr., Adamilka S, Elizabeth S, Kendra S, Susan T, Edgardo V, Chanel V, Danielle V, Jessica W, Selina W, Layla W, and Jason Z.



## The "Class of 2013" News!!!

The teachers of eighth grade would like to take this opportunity to recognize our students' many accomplishments during the second marking period.

### Students of the Marking Period

We had many students who stood out in November, December, and January as positive role models for their fellow students and were recognized with their parents at a PBIS breakfast. These Students of the Month successfully displayed the characteristics of **B.A.R.K.** – **B**eing prepared and ready to learn, **A**cting responsibly, **R**especting others and themselves, and **K**eeping safe by sometimes re-thinking through situations that would be wrong choices! These nominated students are: **Karleen T** by Ms. Sayers, **Isaiah R** and **Selina W** by Ms. Bradshaw, **Layla W** and **Shemaiah C** by Mr. Antonio, **Karan P** and **Derrick B** by Mr. Sullivan, **Erica S** and **Warren B** by Ms. Kouyeas, **Leah D** and **Cameron K** by Ms. Hanson, **Mariah A** and **Chad J** by Ms. Lunney, **Jessica B** and **Cameron K** by Ms. Gilbertson, **Korey G** by Ms. Bowers, **Cameron L** and **Lauren R** by Ms. Monger, **Lauren B**, **Fabrice N** and **Paul L** by Ms. McCallister, **Marielle J** and **Erik C** by Ms. Thon, **Justin D** and **Julie B** by Ms. Beynon, and **Yiqi "Yvette" Y** and **Adamilka S** by Mr. Farrell. Congratulations to these students! We are proud to have you in our classes as our students!

### Perfect Attendance

Many of the eighth grade students achieved perfect attendance in the second marking period. The students were: Abayomi A, Ashley A, Diego A, Mariah A, Gabrielle A, Jorge A, Jose A, Mekah B, Jessica B, Jasmine B, Marcus B, Marisa B, Jovan B, Martin, Julie B, Elyse B, Lauren B, Aaron B, Miranda C, Christopher Ca, Justin C, Hunter C, Niccole C, Amber D, Cameron E, Joel F, Darius F, Sarah Fr, Sarah F, Jacqueline G, Deysha H, Kadeem H, Marielle J, Andre J, Owen K, Jenny K, Paul Lee, Alvaro M, Luis M, Abimbola O, Tolulope O, Jonthan O, Karan Patel, Melyssa Q, Jocelyn Rojas C, Guillermo R, Julian SI, Molly S, Gregory S, D'Anthony S, Shimara S, Adamilka S, Elizabeth S, Kendra S, Nathan S, Chanel V, Jennifer W, Sarah W, Gregory W, Selina W, and Yiqi Y. **What an outstanding accomplishment being here every day during the cold and flu season! Thank you, students!**

### Honor Roll

Many eighth grade students earned their way onto the Principal's and Honor Roll Lists in the second marking period. What an accomplishment to earn all A's and/or B's! The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team is very proud of these students whose names are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Congratulations, Eighth Graders, for a great second marking period!!!!!!

### **News from the Language Arts Department**

As the MSA is quickly approaching, language arts teachers are practicing and

reviewing on a daily basis. We encourage you to encourage your children to continue reading for longer periods of time as well as uninterrupted chunks of time. This will help sustain them during the actual administration of the MSA-Reading test.

Language arts classes are holding class spelling bees this month. Our school wide spelling bee will take place on February 24, 2009. Please encourage your children to participate.

### **Math Department News**

The Math Department sponsored the service learning project for students at Meade Middle School for the current school year. Students are required to earn service learning hours each year while in middle school. This year students at Meade Middle School participated in a Mathathon to help raise money for the children at St. Jude's Research Hospital. Students were given a presentation on service learning by Ms. Haacke from our Guidance Department on Thursday and Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the dedication of the Math Department and the staff and faculty at Meade Middle School, we hope to make a difference in the lives of children that are suffering from various forms of cancer. Please log on to [www.mathathon.org](http://www.mathathon.org) if you would like to make a donation in your child's name. It is not too late to support the children at St. Jude Research Hospital.



### **Science Department News**

Now that the second semester has started, science and social



studies students have traded classes. Parents, ask your science students about the many lab activities that they have been participating in and their lively, class discussions. Our students have been doing a wonderful job. They share with us what they know about the world of science and technology. We really enjoy and appreciate it! Remind them to do their homework and to use complete sentences whenever possible. Look for Benchmark I to be given within the first 2 weeks of March. This county-wide assessment evaluates the students on the skills, processes, and concepts taught to them so far this marking period. If you have questions about what your child is studying this year in science, feel free to contact us! In 6<sup>th</sup> grade, we have Ms. J. Shelleman and Ms. P. Ahlquist; in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Ms. N. Brillant; and in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Ms. C. McCallister and Ms. B. Thon.

### **The Social Studies Department is Excited!**

The Social Studies Department is excited to begin our work with our new second semester students! Parents should be aware that there might be some new materials needed for the new classes. Mrs. Grimes, Mrs. Bosnjak, Mrs. Kouyeas and Mrs. Gilbertson would like to welcome Mrs. Riley to Social Studies for the second semester. We are excited about the County-wide Competition that will be held here at Meade Middle School on March 21! Meade Middle has 8 entries into the competition. All of the Social Studies teachers are proud of these hard-working students!

### **PBIS Committee**

Every month the students are given an opportunity to pay for a special PBIS event with their bulldog bucks that they have earned for demonstrating B.A.R.K. On January the 30 the sixth grade teachers hosted a Tailgate event for 150 students. The students enjoyed hotdogs and drinks and participated in different activities that had to do with football training.

On February 20 the eighth grade teachers will host the Winter Olympics/Ice Cream Social for 150 students. The students will eat ice cream and participate in Olympic activities such as build a snowman, ski relay, winter Pictionary and many more fun events. The next event will be The March Madness. For information about how you can assist with any of the events, please contact Mrs. Kenda Boyce at [kdboyce@aacps.org](mailto:kdboyce@aacps.org).

### **Food Bank at Van Bokkelin School**

#### **Fridays 5:00-6:00pm**

You and your child are invited to participate. Please mention that your child is working with Ms. Smith, (school social worker) at MacArthur or Meade Middle School.

Please take advantage of the fresh vegetables, fruit, bread, cereal and other items. Items vary each week!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Smith

### **Campbell Labels/Box Tops for Education**

We are collecting Campbell Labels and General Mills "Box Tops for Education" coupons. With your help the school can

purchase educational equipment and/or items for the children. Please have your child drop off the labels and coupons in the Campbell Soup box located in the Volunteer Coordinator's office. Mr. Bob loves to give out bulldog bucks to students for the labels and coupons.

### **Calendar of Events**

**Tuesday, Mar. 3 – Spring Picture Day**

**Thursday, Mar. 5 – MSA Parent Night, 6:00 p.m., Media**

**Friday, Mar. 6 – Interims sent home**

Friday, Mar. 13 – 2013 (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) Field Trip, Toby's Youth Theatre, Columbia Rock Stars (6A) Field

Trip, Adventure Theatre, Bethesda

Tuesday, Mar. 17 – Maryland School Assessment administration (MSA) – Reading

Wednesday, Mar. 18 – Maryland School Assessment administration (MSA) – Reading

Tuesday, Mar. 24 – Maryland School Assessment administration (MSA) – Mathematics

Wednesday, Mar. 25 – Maryland School Assessment administration (MSA) – Mathematics

Thursday, Mar. 26 – First day of MSA Make-up Testing

Friday, Mar. 27 – All Stars (6B) Field Trip, Adventure Theatre, Bethesda

Tuesday, Mar. 31 – Last day of MSA Make-up Testing

Monday, Apr. 6 – Spring Student Led Conference, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

# "Coffee with the Principal"

Parents: I would like to invite you to participate in a new meeting concept at Meade Middle that I would like to call "Coffee with the Principal". Starting Friday, February 27, from 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., and every Friday thereafter, I will be setting time aside to meet with any parents who may be interested in discussing our school vision and our progress. I would also like to have our Assistant Principals participate in these weekly sessions depending upon their schedules. We will also use this time to informally discuss questions or concerns that you, as parents, may have. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for one of upcoming sessions. Should you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 410-674-2355.

- Eddie D. Scott, Principal

