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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.



MESSAGE FROM MR. SCOTT

Dear Parents,

This edition of the *Bulldog News* reaches you during the middle of this school year's MSA administration. This week students completed the two day reading assessment. I personally thank you for making sure that your student was present and on time for the MSA in reading. Our

school attendance for day one of testing was 98.2 % and 99.2% for day two. The MSA in math will be given next week Tuesday, March 24 and Wednesday, March 25. All students must take the test so it is critical for students to arrive to school on time these two days as well. Please make sure your student is rested prior to testing.

A special thank you goes to the PTSA for providing snacks, bottled water and a number of incentives for students. The incentives are used to motivate and recognize good effort during the MSAs.

All after school activities are canceled during the four days of testing to allow students to arrive home earlier.

Please encourage your child to do their best, focus and persevere through each day of testing.

From April 22 – May 12, 8th grade students will take the MSA in science. The MSA science test assesses students understanding of life, physical and earth sciences. Content that has been taught throughout students' middle

years experience is covered. Last school year our students did very well on this assessment scoring in the top five among AACPS middle schools. At this point the MSA science is not a factor in determining AYP.

Our spring round of Student Led Conferences will occur on Monday, April 6, from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. If you recall from our November Student Led Conferences, this process allows students to reflect on their assignments and develop learning goals. The aim is to improve academic performance. Very soon your child will bring home an invitation for you to attend his/her conference.

Lastly, will you consider acknowledging our teachers' daily instructional effectiveness by writing a letter to express your appreciation? The letter will serve as a form of inspiration and a boost during a difficult day. We would very much like to share your feedback.



New Spring Picture
Date: Wednesday,
April 1, 2009

Cell Phones



Although cell phones are permitted, they must be turned off and out of sight on school property. They may be used in emergencies only. Should a school wide emergency arise, school personnel will direct students' use of cell phones. Any student found using his/her cell phone during the school day will have their **phone confiscated**

by school personnel. The cell phone will be held until a parent/guardian claims the cell phone.

VALUABLES



Radios, tape recorders, CD players, MP3 players, and similar items are not to be brought to school unless a student has been granted permission to do so for a special project. Games, especially video games, toys, and skateboards, are not to be brought to school for any reason. Large sums of money and valuable items/collectibles should not be brought to school under any circumstances. If a student is observed with more money than is usually reasonable for use at school, parents will be notified **(The cell phone will be held until a parent/guardian claims the cell phone).**

Science Department News



The science department at Meade Middle School is proud to recognize 3 eighth grade students from Ms. McCallister's class who participated in this year's Anne Arundel County Regional Science and Engineering Fair in March.

Sarah W.'s project, "Insulation Revelation," won 3rd place in the Eighth Grade Environmental Management" category... She also won special recognition with the "Northrop Grumman Undersea Systems Award for Environmental First Place Award" and the "Anne Arundel Community College Science Award in Physical Science" award.

Chanel V.'s project, "How Does Your Nose Affect Taste?" won second place in the Eighth Grade Behavioral Social Sciences category. Chanel's project was also recognized with the "Institute of Food Technologist Award."

Lastly, **Aaron B.** won first place in the Eighth Grade Earth Science category with his project titled, "Seismograph Sensitivity." Aaron's project also received the following, special recognition awards: "Fisher Scientific Junior Award for Excellence in Earth Science" and "Anne Arundel Community College Science Award in Physical Science."

We are very proud of our science students and their projects representing Meade Middle School!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Media Center News

Early Media Center hours!

The media center will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:40 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. for book selection, a quiet place to read, or a place to finish your homework. Ask Mrs. Phifer or Mr. Herman for details. For every Tuesday and Thursday you come into the media center during that time **and** checkout a book, you will be added into a special lunch drawing. If you win, you can order a lunch from virtually any restaurant of your choice for you and your closest friend! Don't delay, get here today.



Buy-One-Get-One Free Book Fair

The book fair is coming back to Meade Middle. Our dates will be Monday, May 4, through Friday, May 8. We will be adding two new activities for this BOGO Book-Fair:

- 1.) We will offer "Doughnuts for Dads." Ask your dad to come in and go shopping with you at the BOGO Book-Fair. After shopping, you will be able to enjoy a doughnut breakfast for both of you. It will be a great time so plan today to attend.
- 2) Also, we will add some evening hours to our BOGO Book-Fair this year. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 6, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. It's sure to be the place to be, so plan to attend today.

Additionally, you will receive a special drawing ticket for every extra event of the BOGO Book-Fair you attend. You can earn a ticket if your dad comes in for doughnuts and you can earn an additional ticket if you attend the evening sale. A drawing will take place on May 8 for a special prize.

Your Fair Homepage Web

Address

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/meademiddle>

PTSA Skate Night

PTSA Skate Night was a huge success on Friday, March 6. Everyone had a fantastic time. The PTSA would like to give a great BIG THANK YOU to Mia Smith for coordinating Skate Night.



Mark your calendar for Friday, June 5, for the End of the Year PTSA Skate Night

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. 31 – Last day of MSA Make-up Testing
MARCH MADNESS PBIS Incentive – Encore periods

Wednesday, Apr. 1 – Spring Picture Day

Thursday, Apr. 2 – County Festival Choral Performance, Lindale Middle School

Friday, Apr. 3 – End of 3rd marking period; Two-hour early dismissal

Monday, Apr. 6 – Beginning of 4th marking period

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

Apr. 9-13 – Easter Spring Break; School Closed

April 22 – May 12 – MSA Science Test Administration (Online)

Friday, Apr. 24 – Report card distribution

Wednesday, April 29 – Principal's Honor Roll Breakfast

Friday, May 8 – Interims sent home

Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day; School Closed

Friday, June 5, PTSA End of the Year Skate Night

June 5, 8, 9, 10 – Two-hour early dismissal

Wednesday, June 10 – Students last day