

The Principal's Pad

Weekly Notes From Principal Denise Comeaux

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Always inform the school when your child will be absent

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Week of: November 19, 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- No School for Thanksgiving Break, November 24-26
- Brementown Musicians, Playing for Others, Charlotte Museum of History, 3500 Shamrock Drive, December 4, 11 am and 4 pm
- Cello Concert, December 6, 10:00 in the gym
- School Pictures Make-Up Day, December 8
- Monthly Principal's "Coffee," December 15, 9 am

CURRICULUM CORNER.....Susan Bennett, Literacy Facilitator

The upcoming Thanksgiving holiday provides a wonderful opportunity to create a special memory book with your child. Photographs of family and friends, in addition to colorful fall pictures cut from magazines, can be combined to make a "Thanksgiving 2010" scrapbook. Captions can be added to the pictures, such as "Grandma Comes to Visit" or "Our Thanksgiving Turkey." Your child may want to add more color and personalization if you provide crayons, markers or paint. Time spent creating and reading this special book will be enjoyed by everyone. Reading to and with your child everyday greatly supports emerging and early literacy skills. Try to select a wide variety of reading materials that your child enjoys, including fiction, nonfiction, and poetry.

Congratulations to Melanie E.! She is our Metro School Star Student of the Week. Melanie is a high school student in Beverly Shields' high school class. Tracey Williams and Gail Hester are the teaching assistants. Melanie received her star student badge and certificate during the closed circuit broadcast of our Thursday morning announcements. Way to go, Melanie! We are very proud of your hard work!

DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT METRO SCHOOL?

A school-wide team was formed last year to support and facilitate the collection and analysis of data. This team focuses on providing guidance and suggestions to teachers in the collection and analysis of various types of data. The members of this team attended specific training called "Data Wise" training. Each CMS school has a Data Wise team.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT.....Staff Social Committee

The staff spotlight is on Ms. Pat Kirby who won this week's Teacher Assistant of the Week Award. Ms. Kirby was nominated for this award by her classroom teacher, Ms. Trina Luke. Congratulations Ms. Kirby!

The Staff Social Committee is sponsoring a holiday luncheon this Tuesday for all members of the faculty. We all have signed up to bring in a dish or special item to share for this annual faculty feast.

STUDENT SERVICES CORNER.....LaShica Hemingway, Counselor

Be sure to follow routines with your child during the holiday break. Many of our students do not adjust well when their routines are changed. If you change your child's routine, you may have unnecessary behaviors to have to address. If this happens, your child may also experience difficulties readjusting to returning to school next week. Try to keep your child's routine as uninterrupted as possible. Use picture cue cards or other prompts to signal when changes will be taking place to give your child mental time to prepare for transitions.

'TIS THE SEASON....

Please consider helping persons in our community who are less fortunate during these holiday times by sending in canned and non-perishable foods for the Food Drive. This is one way our students can help to give back to the community.

COLDS AND FLU....

We know that the annual cold and flu season is approaching. Please remember that if your child is sick, your child should remain at home until he or she is better. Sending a sick child to school only makes everyone else sick, and no one seems to get better because the germs just keep getting shared. For the sake of everyone, sick children need to stay at home until they recover. For advice, please call our Health Office.

STAFF UPDATES

Mr. Mike Shuford has been back for short visits. He goes to his doctor again this week and is hoping he can still return to work in January.

Mr. Bruce Crede is still hoping to also return to work in January.

We will soon be scheduling team interviews to replace Ms. Ginger Feimster.

THANKSGIVING

From the Metro School faculty, we gather together to wish you all a relaxing and refreshing Thanksgiving. We give thanks for all your support and want you to know that we are blessed to work with your child each day. Happy Thanksgiving from all of us, to all our families.



