

The Principal's Pad

Weekly Notes From Principal Denise Comeaux

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Week of: February 18, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- There is school this coming Monday, February 20; it is a snow day make up day.
- February 26; 8:30-Noon. County-wide PTO meeting with Dr. Gorman in our gym. All parents are invited to attend to hear the latest on the school budget.
- February 28, 1 pm. Black History Month Program.

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

February is a busy month at Metro School! In addition to our *100th Day of School* activities and Valentine's Day celebrations, February is also *Black History* month. Students have been learning about the contributions African- Americans have made and continue to make to our country. This instruction will be culminated in a special school wide assembly on Monday, February 28. During global studies lessons, students have also been learning about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, two of our presidents with birthdays in February. Students are hearing stories, answering comprehension and vocabulary questions, and completing writing activities related to all of the special days, people, and themes this month.

Congratulations to Amber V.! She is our Metro Star Student of the Week. Amber is a student in Ms. Kristen Galek's middle school class. Ms. Kim Bumgarner and Ms. Kai Berry-Wingfield are the teaching assistants. Amber received her star student badge and certificate during the closed circuit broadcast of the Thursday morning announcements. Keep up the super work, Amber! Way to go!

DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT METRO SCHOOL?

We had our second district-required Safe School Audit this week and passed with flying colors (101%). The second audit requires that the auditors from the district's Safe School Division put us into a lockdown and then monitor the effectiveness of our procedures. Thanks to the conscientiousness of all staff, everyone knows these procedures and

automatically follows them, resulting in a very successful audit outcome. Your child's safety is our number 1 priority and we take that responsibility seriously.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT.....Staff Social Committee

This week's Staff Spotlight shines on Ms. Kathy Naylor, Teacher Assistant of the Week in Ms. Christie Satterfield's preschool classroom. Ms. Satterfield nominated Ms. Naylor for her positive attitude, conscientiousness and willingness to give 101% every day. Thank you Ms. Naylor! You rock!

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

The Mecklenburg County Health Department is starting up a Youth Nutrition and Physical Activity Policy Council. They are looking for high school youth (grades 9-11) to participate in this council. The group will be a youth-led council giving young people the opportunity to engage in youth advocacy and policy change around Nutrition/Physical Activity for Mecklenburg County, NC. If you know of any student who may be interested, you can contact me at 980-343-1051 if you would like a hand written application, or complete the application at:

<http://charmec.org/mecklenburg/county/HealthDepartment/TopNews/features/Pages/YES.aspx> .

FROM THE HEALTH ROOM....Michelle Morrell, RN, BSN

We want to keep our students and staff here at Metro school to be healthy. Here are some recommendations from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention for parents to protect their child and family from the flu season this school year:

Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleansers are also effective.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder; not in your hands.

Stay home if you or your child is sick for at least 24 hours after there is no fever or signs of a fever (without the use of fever-reducing medicine). Keeping sick students home means that they keep their viruses to themselves rather than sharing with other students.

Get your family vaccinated for seasonal flu.

Students with chronic medical conditions are at a higher risk of serious disease from the flu.

Thank you for your corporation. Our goal in the health room is to have every student in class, on task, and ready to learn. If you have any questions, please call Michelle or Tasha in the health room at 980-343-1052.

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

Over the next several weeks, three of our four Speech-Language Pathologists will either be leaving us or on medical leave (Kelly Campbell will be resigning in March, Heather True will be on maternity leave; Stephanie Dorton will be on medical leave). Our district's EC Specialist is aware and will be working with us regarding a coverage plan. I will keep you informed.

