



The Hoot

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

All students in grades K-5 are being asked to support Folger McKinsey’s annual “Jump Rope for Heart” program. Each year since 2003, our school has partnered up with the American Heart Association in hopes of raising money and generating awareness on behalf of this meaningful cause.

Health organizations nationwide such as the CDC and the American Heart Association recognize February as “American Heart Month.” As such, our students will be participating in a variety of activities during physical education that focus on building strong hearts and healthy lifestyles. A list of some of these activities and events may be seen below:

February 1st-13th: Students complete “In Honor of...” forms and e-mail lists.

February 14th: Students and staff members dress in red.

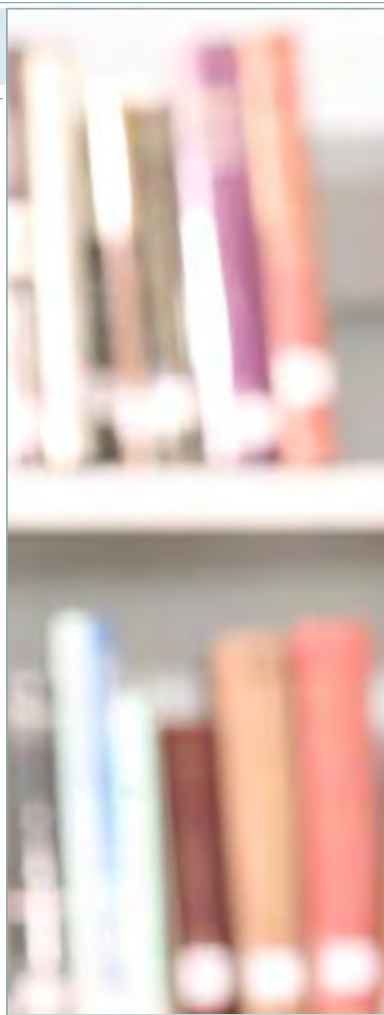
February 22nd-24th: Students will “Jump Rope for Heart” while in PE.

The class who submits the largest percentage of “*In Honor of...*” forms and e-mail lists will receive a special reward from Mr. Smith and Mrs. Sauda. Additionally, our school’s top five fundraisers will be rewarded with a complimentary Subway sandwich luncheon with Mr. Smith, Mrs. Sauda, and our guidance counselor, Ms. Edelstein. All funds raised for the American Heart Association must be submitted no later than **February 29th**.

As nice as it is to raise money for the American Heart Association, an even greater reward comes through teaching our young children about the importance of taking care of our hearts through eating nutritiously, engaging in regular exercise, and receiving the right amount of sleep each night. Being parent advocates of this program undoubtedly makes it a true success and your backing is essential!

Please feel free to e-mail Mr. Smith at tasmith3@aacps.org or Mrs. Sauda at hdsaud00@aacounty.org with any questions that you may have in regards to Folger McKinsey’s “Jump Rope for Heart” program. We appreciate your support very much!!!

Yours truly,
Mr. Smith and Mrs. Sauda



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Upcoming events dates...
- K Registration 12-13...
- Congratulations Sophie ...

FEBRUARY DATES...

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February 3

Report Cards sent home
Gr.5 to BSO @10:30 am

February 9

Family Game Night 6:30pm
Gr.5 Orientation SPMS @6:30pm

February 10

Science Assembly 1:45pm

February 13

6th gr. Registration Form due

February 14

PTO meeting 10am
Valentine's Parties @2pm
Gr. 4 chorus at Sunrise 6:30pm

February 15

Ledo's Night

February 16

Gr.1 Arlington Echo (B-R)

February 17

Media last day for check out

February 20

NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day

February 22-24

Jump Rope for Heart

February 24

All Media material due

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Happy New Year and we hope all of our Folger musicians and artists had a wonderful holiday season. The concert/cultural gathering evening is planned for Tuesday May 8th at 6:30pm.

We are so excited to report that our spring cultural gathering will take place at home, 175 Arundel Beach Road. We will strive to keep you up to date on all changes and accommodations as we near our performance date. For our concert, the costume will remain white shirts and dark bottoms. Please mark your calendars—thanks!

Other dates you may want to put on your calendar include:

Friday February 3rd 11:30am—Grade 5 students will attend the Baltimore Symphony Concert—please remember all grade 5 students will need a bag lunch and a drink on concert day.



Thursday May 24th (for the 7:05pm game)—students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will sing the national anthem for the Bowie Baysox game at Prince Georges County Stadium.

Thanks again for your continual support of the fine arts here at Folger McKinsey.

The Music Summer Camp program offers students in AA County intensive experiences on band and orchestral instruments and voice in an attractive outdoor setting at NORTHBAY. Camp applications and deposits are due on February 27, 2012

INCOMING 6TH GRADE INFORMATION NIGHT

Course Selection for incoming 6th Grade feeder schools begins. There will be a Parent information night for each elementary school in the SPMS Cafeteria on:

Tuesday, February 7th, 6:30 – Oak Hill, Shipley's Choice & Severna Park Elementary
Thursday, February 9th, 6:30 -Benfield, Folgers & Jones Elementary

Course Selection forms are due back to 5th grade teachers by Monday, February 13th

As you and your child consider the choices for the following school year, please take the time to ask questions before making a final selection. The new school year's staffing is based on what courses and levels are selected by the students; therefore, Course Selection choices cannot be changed after April 14.

HEALTH ROOM CHALLENGE



Grains and Protein

This month we are focusing on grains and protein. Information about the foods in these two groups is included in the newsletter.

During the month of February, we are giving students the challenge of trying one new grain they have never eaten

before and one source of protein they have never tried before. We are asking that the protein source is not meat or poultry.

The challenge form is in this newsletter. Students who participate will win a small prize.

Jean Sauda, School Nurse (hdsaud00@aacounty.org)
410-222-0902

CHANGE OF CLOTHES

Students occasionally need a change of clothing at school. Please send a set of clothing for students to keep in their locker during the winter months. If you have any pants or underwear that your children have outgrown, please consider donating them to the health room. Thank you very much.

Select a variety of protein foods to improve nutrient intake and health benefits.

TOBACCO FREE KIDS WEEK

Tobacco Free Kids Week is February 12-18. It is a week when we encourage adults to talk with children about tobacco and the consequences of using tobacco products such as cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco and pipe tobacco. A list of Tobacco Facts is included in this newsletter. Thank you for taking the time to discuss tobacco with your children.



Tobacco Free Kids Week T-Shirt Design Contest: The Anne Arundel County Department of Health is sponsoring a T-Shirt Design Contest. Information about the contest is included in the newsletter. Entries are due to the health room by Monday, February 27th. The person with the winning design from all elementary schools will receive an iPod and the design will be printed on t-shirts. Please see the information sheet in this newsletter.

ASTHMA

If your child has a diagnosis of asthma, please complete the Asthma Health Inventory that was sent home.

Since it is cold and flu season and the weather is colder at recess, please make arrangements to have an inhaler in the health room. Your child may need to use it during the school day, especially if it is being used at home. We can help you with the paper work involved.

SUMMER CAMP: ART TREK

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2012-2013

Registration for Kindergarten at Folger McKinsey will **begin Tuesday, April 17, 2012**. This date is later than the county-wide registration kick-off. The week we return from the Easter/Spring Break, the staff will be unpacking boxes, welcoming the students back on April 12th, helping everyone adjust to the new surroundings and getting everything to in place.

Beginning Tuesday, April 17, we will be ready to accept registrations for Kindergarten for the upcoming 2012-2013 school year. The hours for registration will be 9:30 am – 2:30 pm. Registrations will be accepted any school day beginning Tuesday, April 17 and throughout the remaining school year.



Art Trek: ChART Nature's Path A Journey Through Nature

For students entering: Grades 3-6
Dates: July 23rd - 26th, 2012
Time: 9:00 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

Space is Limited!

The goal of the ART TREK outdoor education program is to open stimulating and exciting vistas for experimentation and creativity in the visual arts. Painting, drawing, sculpture, and many other art activities will be offered. County art teachers will conduct the workshops. Students will have the opportunity to work in many different activities as well as become acquainted with new friends with similar artistic interests. Swimming and canoeing will be offered for each student. These activities will be supervised by certified aquatic instructors at all times. For more information go to www.aacps.org—click on “Instruction/ Curriculum” - click on “Arlington Echo” - Click on “Summer Camps” - Click on “Art Trek”

Folger will be collecting for the American Cancer Society throughout the month of February. Parents may send in money or checks made out to the "American Cancer Society" in an envelope directed to Beth Edelstein.



Frozen Food

Congratulations! Second grade, Sophie M. , was featured in the January 2012 American Girl Doll issue for her participation to the Cupcake Contest.

COUNSELOR CORNER'S

Our Folger character education work for the month of February is, “Fairness.” The definition of fairness is, “Making sure that everyone is treated equally.” You might have a conversation with your child after a sports game. The sentence, “That’s not fair!” might come up with a sibling altercation. This is a good time to discuss the concept of compromise. This can also lead to a discussion of when times in society weren’t fair, leading into a discussion about sticking up for people when things don’t seem fair. I will do lessons in all of the classrooms on the concept of, “fairness,” and the teachers will refer to it throughout their lessons.

Thank you,
Ms. Edelstein



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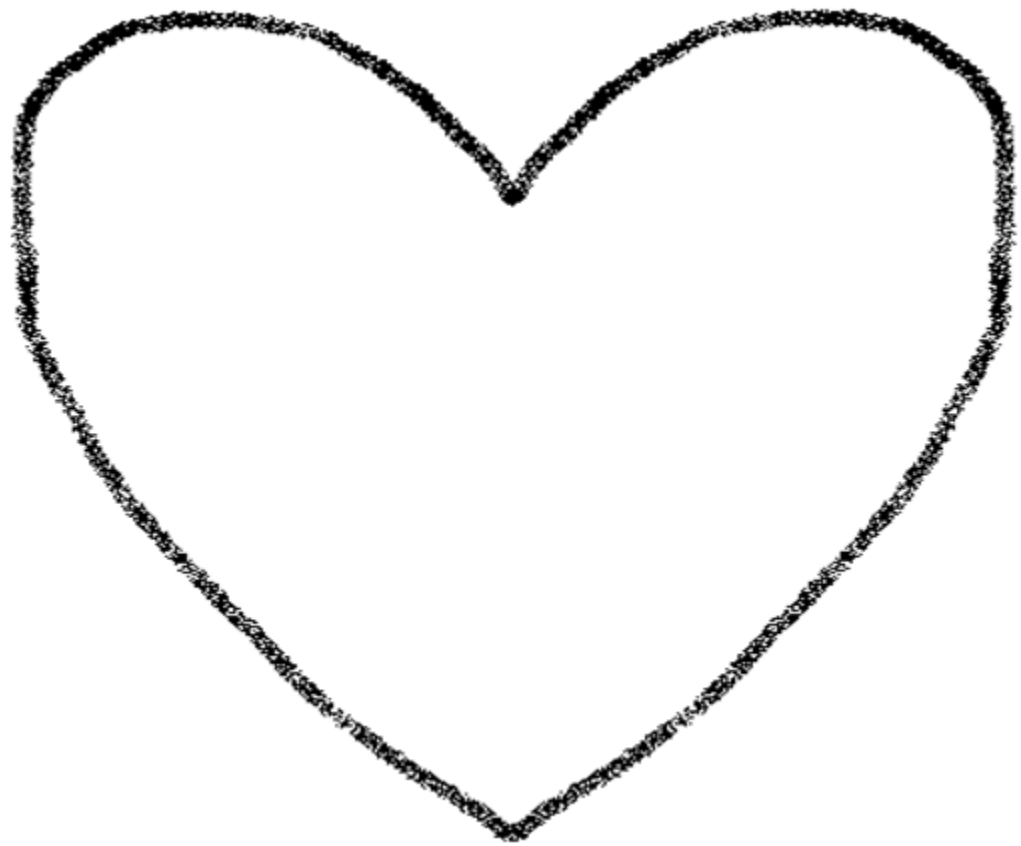
Teacher: _____



In Honor of...



**I will be celebrating this year's
Jump Rope for Heart event in honor of...**



Name _____

Teacher _____

February's Challenge



Proteins & Grains

BONUS: Meatless Monday What is it? **Just one day a week cut out meat.** Why?

Going meatless once a week may reduce your risk of chronic preventable conditions like cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and obesity. It can also help reduce your carbon footprint and save precious resources like fresh water and fossil fuel.

<http://www.meatlessmonday.com/>

| | Name of new item | Did you like it? | Would you eat it again? |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| New Protein | | | |
| New Grain | | | |

Share your experience:



What foods are in the Protein Foods Group?

All foods made from meat, poultry, seafood, beans and peas, eggs, processed soy products, nuts, and seeds are considered part of the Protein Foods Group. Beans and peas are also part of the Vegetable Group. For more information on beans and peas, see [Beans and Peas Are Unique Foods](#).

Select a variety of protein foods to improve nutrient intake and health benefits, including at least 8 ounces of cooked seafood per week. Young children need less, depending on their age and calories needs. The advice to consume seafood does not apply to vegetarians. Vegetarian options in the Protein Foods Group include beans and peas, processed soy products, and nuts and seeds.

Some commonly eaten choices in the Protein Foods Group, with selection tips, are:

Beans and peas

black beans
black-eyed peas
chickpeas (garbanzo beans)
falafel
kidney beans
lentils
lima beans (mature)
navy beans
pinto beans
soy beans
split peas

Processed soy products:

tofu (bean curd made from soybeans)
white beans
bean burgers
veggie burgers
tempeh
texturized vegetable protein (TVP)

Nuts and seeds*

almonds
cashews
hazelnuts (filberts)
mixed nuts
peanuts
peanut butter
pecans
pistachios
pumpkin seeds
sesame seeds
sunflower seeds
walnuts

Seafood*

Finfish such as:

catfish
cod
flounder
haddock
halibut
herring
mackerel
pollock

... continued

porgy
salmon
sea bass
snapper
swordfish
trout
tuna

Shellfish such as:

clams
crab
crayfish
lobster
mussels
octopus
oysters
scallops
squid (calamari)
shrimp

Canned fish such as:

anchovies
clams
tuna
sardines

*Selection Tips

- Select some seafood that is rich in omega-3 fatty acids, such as salmon, trout, sardines, anchovies, herring, Pacific oysters, and Atlantic and Pacific mackerel.
- Choose unsalted nuts and seeds to keep sodium intake low.



T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

WIN GREAT PRIZES AND GET YOUR DESIGN ON A T-SHIRT!

Here's a contest you can win and wear. Draw a picture that shows the world what you think of smoking, and your design may be chosen to be printed on real T-shirts. **Winners will receive an iPod, and their designs will be printed on custom T-shirts for their groups.** Everyone who submits a design to the Department of Health will get a Smoking Stinks drawstring bag, and all entries will be displayed on the Showcase page of the Smoking Stinks website.

Here's how the contest works:

1. Have the people in your group make T-shirt designs with anti-smoking messages.
2. Choose your winner(s); then select **one winner overall.**
3. Mail or deliver the winning design to the Department of Health, and we'll put it on our online Showcase page. With the design, we'll include the name(s) of your winner and your group.
4. The Department of Health will select one top winner each from three categories: elementary (grades 1-5), middle school (grades 6-8) and high school (grades 9-12).
The three winners will receive an iPod. Also, each winning design will be printed on 150 T-shirts and distributed to the winners' class or group.

Contest Rules

1. Submit entries on 8 ½" x 11" white paper.
2. You can draw your design in markers, colored pencils, crayons, or even on the computer. Bright colors will show up best.
3. Keep your design simple and use just a few large print words. Complicated designs, lots of small printed words and thin lines may not show up well.
4. Check the spelling on your design. Designs with misspellings will not be used.
5. **Send only one winning T-shirt design from your group.** Multiple winning entries will not be used.
6. The enclosed entry form must be filled in and attached to the winning design. A parent/guardian must sign the form for us to post your name on the website, but we'll only post your first name and first letter of your last name (for example, "Amy B.").
7. Entries must be received by the Department of Health by **Friday, March 9, 2012.** Entries must be received in the Health Room by February 27th

**Questions? Contact the Learn To Live Line,
410-222-7979 or HDLTL@aacounty.org.**

TOBACCO-FREE KIDS WEEK IS FEBRUARY 12-18. Check out TFK Week online: www.SmokingStinks.org.

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FACTS

The facts about kids and tobacco may surprise you! Copy this sheet and use it as a handout during TFK Week. Or turn these facts into questions for a tobacco trivia quiz. You can also download them on the TFK Week section of www.SmokingStinks.org.

You Should Know That:

- The idea that “everybody smokes” is wrong. Only 12 percent of Anne Arundel County teens do. That means out of 100 teens, only 12 smoke.
- Tobacco contains nicotine, a highly addictive drug. That makes quitting hard to do. Ninety-five percent of smokers who try to quit on their own – without smoking cessation classes, friends’ encouragement or other support – do not succeed.
- The nicotine in tobacco is so addictive that you can get hooked after smoking just a few cigarettes.
- Many teen smokers think they can quit anytime they want, but nicotine addiction makes it harder than they think. In fact 75 percent of teens who smoke are still smoking 7 to 9 years later.
- Some people smoke because they think it helps them relax. A new study suggests otherwise – smoking actually triggers stress. The truth is that smokers are addicted to the nicotine in tobacco; as the nicotine from one cigarette wears off, they start to crave another and become nervous and tense. Doesn’t sound very relaxing!
- If you smoke, you are paying about \$7 per pack to hurt yourself. How dumb is that?
- Everyone knows that smoking causes lung cancer, but it also can cause acute myeloid leukemia, bladder cancer, cancer of the cervix, cancer of the esophagus, kidney cancer, cancer of the larynx (voice box), mouth cancer, throat cancer, stomach cancer and cancer of the uterus.
- Want to look good? Don’t smoke. Smoking makes you smell bad, gives you wrinkles, stains your teeth and gives you bad breath.
- Do you care about the environment? Don’t smoke. Cigarette butts thrown on the ground by smokers are the number one source of litter in America. Cigarette butts are a toxic threat to wildlife and other living organisms.
- Smoking causes about 443,000 deaths in the U.S. each year.
- Of every five people who die in the U.S., one of them dies from smoking.
- Smokers hurt the people around them. Kids who live with smokers get more colds, bronchitis, pneumonia, ear infections and asthma. Smoke also slows their lung growth. Each year, about 3,400 nonsmokers die of lung cancer from breathing other people’s smoke.
- Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) are marketed as a safe alternative to smoking, but in reality they are unregulated and the potential damage is unknown. They contain nicotine mist, so you are still inhaling an addictive drug. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) ran tests on e-cigarettes that showed the mist contains not only nicotine but also toxic chemicals, such as diethylene glycol, an ingredient used in antifreeze.
- Some people think cigars are safe because they are usually not inhaled. However, cigar smokers are at higher risk for cancer of the mouth, esophagus or larynx (voice box). They are four to 10 times more likely than nonsmokers to get one of those types of cancer.
- For every smoker that dies, tobacco manufacturers try to hook a new one to start! They produce small flavored cigars or cigarillos in different flavors, such as candy, fruit, chocolate and various other tastes, to help make them appealing to children and teenagers.
- Some people think smokeless tobacco, also known as chewing tobacco or spit, is a safe alternative to smoking. It may not give you lung cancer, but it can give you cracked and bleeding gums and lips, make your teeth loose and fall out, and give you mouth and pancreatic cancer.
- Bidis are thin, unfiltered cigarettes from India. Bidis deliver twice the amount of tar and seven times the amount of nicotine of regular cigarettes. Some bidis are flavored to make them more attractive to teens.

Find More Facts

- National Cancer Institute – www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/Tobacco
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – www.cdc.gov/tobacco
- Maryland Resource Center for Quitting Use and Initiation of Tobacco – www.mdquit.org

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Board to review 2 redistricting plans at public hearing

The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County will take public testimony on two redistricting proposals at a public hearing scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, at South River High School.

The Board will hear testimony about Superintendent Kevin Maxwell's recommendation for redistricting Central, Davidsonville, and Mayo elementary schools, and a proposal by a developer to redistrict the Enclave of Reidel Pond, an undeveloped property in Crofton, from Nantucket Elementary to Crofton Meadows Elementary and from Crofton Middle to Arundel Middle.

Dr. Maxwell's recommendation is identical to that arrived at by a community panel made up of parents and community members that studied the options available

to reduce overcrowding at Central Elementary and more effectively use space at Davidsonville and Mayo elementaries. It calls for:

- redistricting from Central Elementary to Mayo Elementary students living along Muddy Creek Road down to and including Wolfe's Reserve and those students living on Fiddlers Hill Road, as well as those students living east of Muddy Creek Road and south of Central Avenue as it extends to the current boundary with Mayo Elementary, including those living in River Club Estates and along Camp Letts Road.
- redistricting from Central Elementary to Davidsonville Elementary all students living in the communities of Waterford, Annapolis Landing, and Berkshire, as well as any student living along the south side of Riva Road within this proposed boundary who may not live

in one of these communities.

- an optional grandfathering of rising fifth-graders (current fourth-graders) at Central Elementary.

The Enclave at Reidel Pond is a 182-unit planned residential subdivision located in Crofton. As currently designed, the project calls for age-restricted (55 and older) homes, but the developer is pursuing converting it to non-age restricted. The requested redistricting action will shift the school attendance areas from schools considered "closed" pursuant to the County's Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance to schools considered "open," thus allowing the development to go forward as non-age restricted.

Testimony at the public hearing will be limited to the above proposals. The Board will reach a final decision on redistricting no later than April 30, 2012.

Board set to adopt budget request at Feb. 15 meeting

After weeks of testimony and a public workshop, the Board of Education will adopt its requested Fiscal Year 2013 operating and capital budgets as part of its regular public meeting on February 15, 2012.

The Board meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the Board Room of the Parham Building, located at 2644 Riva Road in Annapolis.

The Board's request will be forwarded to County Executive John R. Leopold, who will consider it in the formulation of his budget recommendation to the County Council in mid-April.

The County Executive's proposal will be considered by the County Council before it adopts a budget that allocates funding within state categories in May. The Board may shift operating budget funding within categories before it approves a final school system budget in June.

Have you seen great work in action in our school system?

Throughout Anne Arundel County Public Schools, teachers, administrators, employees, and volunteers are doing great things every day for the more than 76,000 children who are enrolled in schools across the county. Each month from September through June, the Board of Education honors an educator, employee, and volunteer for the great work they do, so why not let the Board know about the great work you've seen in our schools? The nomination process is quick and easy. Simply click below to download the appropriate form, and submit it as instructed.

For more information about the Educator of the Month or Employee of the Month awards, call Molly Connolly at 410-222-5311.

For more information about the Volunteer of the Month award, call Teresa Tudor at 410-222-5414.

ON THE CALENDAR



Feb. 1-2: Evening High School registration, 4 to 8 p.m.

Feb. 15: Adoption of Board requested FY 2013 budgets

Feb. 20: Presidents' Day; all schools and central offices closed

March 2: Interim reports sent home

March 13-28: MSA Administration, grades 3-8

Parent Link

Connecting You and Your Child to Information on Our Journey to Greatness

February 2012

To be the truly great school system we want to be, we need to continue to develop partnerships with our parents. Children need to see that parents value education and are willing and able to be involved in helping them realize their potential - Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell



The Office of School & Family Partnerships

Parent Involvement News

WANTED

Your BIG Ideas for AACPS' Future

Now welcomed at the AACPS Homepage
www.aacps.org

VISION FOR The AACPS 2012 STRATEGIC PLAN

- Imagine it is 2017. You have been away from Anne Arundel County for 6 years. You have just arrived back in the county and find its schools changed in every possible way – all for the better. Anne Arundel County Public Schools is now everything you ever dreamed it could be. What do you see?
- Based on your responses to the scenario (question 1), what strategies (see the online survey for what we mean by strategies) could Anne Arundel County Public Schools employ to reach the vision your response describes.

In this age of rapid change, our school system needs to be positioned to respond to many demands from internal and external stakeholders, some of which are:

- the imperative to eliminate achievement gaps while raising student achievement for all students;
- the globalization of the world and increasing competition for jobs from other countries;
- the changing face of technology and how it will be used to deliver instruction;
- the new accountability systems dictated by the federal *Race to the Top* initiative; and
- the potential for a reauthorization (with new rules) of *No Child Left Behind*.



What's Going On

-Save the Date -
AACPS Parent Involvement Conference

"Nourishing the Whole Child"

Wednesday, April 11, 2012

8:30 am - 2:00 pm

The Church at Severn Run

Parents will choose from a wide variety of breakout session regarding nourishing children's physical, cognitive and social/emotional development. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

Watch for Registration Info in March



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

January 2012

Kira Gleitz, Broadneck Elementary School

For more than 500 hours of organizing social and recognition events, coordinating the yearbook and sharing school memories through her photography.

Don't forget to nominate outstanding volunteers for the AACPS Volunteer of the Month award. For more information or nomination forms, please email ttudor@aacps.org



February is Black History Month!



Be sure to watch the Office of School & Family Partnerships AACPS TV Programs on Comcast and Broadstripe Channel 96, and Verizon Channel 36-

**Parent Connection, Parents' Corner, World View,
Nuestra Comunidad (Our Community),
and ¡Charlemos Juntos! (Let's Chat)**

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Note from the PTO President

As I write this note, there are a mere 82 calendar days left until we return to our brand new Folger McKinsey! It's difficult to believe that we're in the final stages of our stay at CBMS and soon to be back home. Details are still being worked out, but we have plans to hold Open Houses for parents and the community.

I'd like to thank *Ira Winkler* for graciously presenting Internet Safety Night to Folger parents. Attendees learned how social networks can provide personal information for account hackers to guess other passwords. More importantly, we learned that while internet security programs exist to filter internet sites, overseeing your child's internet use is still paramount.

Giant Update: We have registered an amazing 177 cards for Giant and earned \$2,905.81 in just three months! We have surpassed last year's program income by \$400 and still have three months to go. It's not too late to register your card; just click the link at the bottom of each Blast.

I'd like to thank:

- **Ira Winkler** for presenting Internet Safety Night to Folger parents and **Molly Winkler** and **Anna O'Connor** for organizing the event;
- **Brian Beatty** and **Amy Port** for helping out with Giant Cards;
- **Charlotte Souder** for her ongoing effort on the yearbook;
- **Wendy Myers** for gearing up for HOOT books;
- **Michelle Patschorke** who is no longer treasurer but still available to answer the occasional question;
- **Kate Gillespie** for auditing the PTO books;
- **Angie Seligman** for helping Mrs. Moody with the reading incentive program;
- The Kindergarten lunch volunteers;
- All the volunteers that work tirelessly on projects, either at home or at school, helping to make Folger a great place to learn!

Maureen Whittington

Giant Card update:

| 2011-2012 | 2010-2011 |
|---|--|
| Cards Registered to date: 177 Funds Raised to date: \$2,905.81 | Cards Registered: 81 Funds Raised 10/8/10-3/24/11: \$2,562.01 |

Giant A+ School Rewards go directly to Folger McKinsey. The funds are used by the school to support technology, plus basics such as classroom printer ink cartridges. The link to register your card is now on the Folger website on the PTO page.



Junior Great Books Join a Discussion Group!!!



Junior Great Books is an "in-school" enrichment program for grades 2-5 led by trained volunteer parents who use **Shared Inquiry** to guide children and encourage them to dig deeper into literature and develop higher level thinking, listening and discussion skills. Junior Great Books encourages creative, interactive thinking and every answer is a "right" answer.

Junior Great Books discussion groups meet once a week during the student's lunch period for 6 to 10 weeks. Students are dismissed to recess after their discussion is finished. To prepare for each discussion, the student needs to read the assigned story **twice—once alone, and once with an adult partner**. Groups form in late January/early February. The cost of the program is \$20.00, which covers the cost of the Junior Great Books text, shipping and handling.

This is a great opportunity for your child to explore thinking on his/her own and to be exposed to short stories including folk tales, fairy tales and legends from around the world. **Please discuss this program with your child to see if they are interested. The groups cannot be successful without active, willing participation.** If your child would like to register, please **complete the slip** below and send a check for **\$20.00 payable to Folger McKinsey PTO**. Send the slip and the check to the office in an envelope marked **Junior Great Books** with your child's name, grade and teacher on the outside.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Angela Janas
Junior Great Books Coordinator

410-544-7447 or 443-336-6168
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Junior Great Books Registration

| Child's Name | | Teacher/Grade | |
|---------------|--|---------------|----------------|
| | | | |
| Parent's Name | | Parents Phone | Parent's email |
| | | | |

- I would like to help lead a JGB group!
- I have a text available for my child. Grade _____ Session/Semester _____

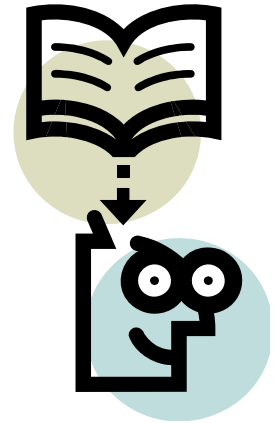
Send this slip and a check for **\$20.00 payable to Folger McKinsey PTO** to the office in an envelope marked **Junior Great Books**. **Firm Deadline Friday, February 3, 2012.**

Discussion groups will be limited to 8 participants. A lottery will be used if necessary.



Junior Great Books Program Needs Discussion Leaders!!

The Junior Great Books program is an “in-school” enrichment program for students in the 2nd through 5th grades. Junior Great Books encourages creative, interactive thinking and discussion to help students dig deeper into literature. Using **Shared Inquiry** discussion, students develop higher level thinking skills, the ability to listen to the ideas of others, as well as the skills to put their own thoughts into words.



Parent volunteers act as discussion leaders for small groups that meet during lunch periods once a week. The program will run for a 6-10 week period starting in mid-February. An on-line tutorial is available for anyone leading a group, but experience has shown that the leader books that are provided give you a wealth of information. Please contact our JGB coordinator if you are interested in leading a group! I would need to know what grade level you want to teach and the name of your child to ensure you are leading their group.

Thank you so much for considering taking an active role in leading this program which will enrich our children's reading abilities.

Angela Janas

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HOOT Books

We are beginning to think about HOOT books again! What is HOOT? It is a beloved yearly Folger creative writing literary project that stands for “**Here’s Our Own Tale,**” where each child gets to be an author/illustrator & has a bound book to show for his effort. Every grade does HOOT, so by the end of 5th grade you can really see how your child has grown in his writing & illustrating skills. HOOT books have been a tradition at Folger for over 15 years! The books are a collaboration between the teachers & parent volunteer helpers—began in class, but we need parent volunteers to help with editing, typing, and assembling the books. This project cannot get completed without strong parental support.

We will be using the same format we did last year: purchasing blank books, typing stories in Word, and printing on sticker paper that will be adhered into the books. Each grade has a slightly different way of completing the books (K does fill in the blank “All About Me” books; Grades 1-5 will do creative writing stories, but if a child has difficulty coming up with a topic, there will be a specific topic per grade level; in grades 1-3 the parents help with typing; in grades 4-5 the students type their own stories at school).

Each grade will also have a different time frame for completing the HOOT books (although the Author Tea/Celebration for all grades will occur once we are back at our newly renovated Folger!).

- K-March
- Gr. 1- February
- Gr. 2- Mid March-Mid April
- Gr. 3- End of April
- Gr. 4- start writing in February (Type in March/April)
- Gr. 5 – May

We are looking for HOOT Class Coordinators right now (1-2 per class), to help oversee the project. The HOOT Class Coordinator is the team leader to coordinate help. She is NOT to do all the work on her own. **If you are interested in helping, please contact us and let us know what class you’d like to coordinate** (attached is the list of who we already have signed up as Class Coordinators). We will be having a training session to walk you through the process & will be giving out instruction folders to all HOOT Class Coordinators.

Hope you can join us in helping with this worthwhile project for our children!

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HOOT Class Coordinators 2012

(as of Jan. 26, 2012)

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|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--|
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| 3 rd | Caroland* | | | |
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Folger Staff Spotlights of the Month

Mrs. Nelson
Mr. Smith

Third grade teacher **Mrs. Nelson** grew up in Massachusetts and graduated from Penn State. She has been teaching for nine years and is going on two years here at Folger.

When not spending time in her classroom, Mrs. Nelson enjoys scrap booking and baking. She listens to country music and her favorite junk food is anything chocolate.

Mrs. Nelson has travelled to 25 different states and has also been to Europe and the Caribbean. She is married and has a two-year-old son, Jeremy. Their pets include a cat and a fish.

When asked about what exciting things she has done in her lifetime, she answered that she has climbed up a waterfall in Jamaica and, get this: she has eaten a worm. We would love to hear more details about that worm incident.

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Folger P.E. teacher **Mr. Smith** grew up in Anne Arundel County and attended Glen Burnie Senior High School. He graduated from Frostburg State. Mr. Smith has been teaching for one year.

Hobbies for Mr. Smith include exercising, running, cycling, and mountain biking. No surprise there. He enjoys running so much that he took on the Boston Marathon last year. Quite an achievement, especially considering what a particularly hilly course that is.

Despite being a physical education teacher, he does have a favorite junk food: pizza, loaded with green peppers for good measure.

Favorite music for Mr. Smith is all classic rock, especially the Rolling Stones. Memorable travel adventures include a trip to Spain for three weeks. When asked if there is anything else that he would like to share with our readers, he said he loves being at Folger.

...and we love having you both here with us at Folger!



## The Cat in the Hat & Friends on the Folger Stage

What's happening March 1<sup>st</sup> through the 4<sup>th</sup>, you say?

Well, those are the days for the Folger Drama Club's Seussical Jr. play!

The show is at 7pm on March 1, 2 and 3

But on Sunday March 4 you must be there at 2pm if it's something you hope to see

The Whos, Horton and the Cat in the Hat

You simple must go; you can't miss that

Seussical friends and fun galore

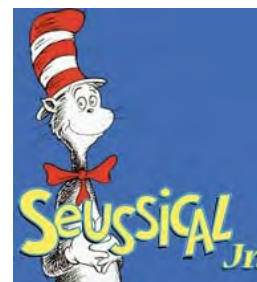
Singing, dancing, great stories and more

Folger 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders have been rehearsing the show

So, very soon, up the curtain will go

They have much to share with all of you

A fabulous time for all, it's true



Mark your calendars and plan to attend

Bring your families and come watch your talented and hard-working Folger friends

Tickets go on sale February 13 for \$7 each

Complete the form and then attending the show will be in your reach

The order form will be sent via backpacks and the Folger blast

Buy your tickets quickly; because they will sell out fast

Thank you for supporting the kids in the show

You will have a great time; that's something you must know

Get ready, get set, it's almost time

For the Folger production full of fun and Seussical rhyme

**Seussical Jr., March 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> at Woods Church**

**Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>; Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>; and Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>: 7pm**

**Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>: 2pm**

Tickets go on sale February 13 – the form will be distributed via backpacks (to be sent home Friday, February 10), and via the Folger blast. Tickets will be issued via students' backpacks the week of the show. The show quickly sold out last year, so a 4<sup>th</sup> show was added this year in an effort to accommodate as many ticket requests as possible. Seating for the show is open. As such, in fairness, it is requested that groups of people hoping to sit together meet in the lobby and enter the theater together. Please do not "save seats", again in kindness to all, and in an effort to quickly have all spectators be seated so that performances can start on time. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Thank you for your support of this production. It's sure to be a fundeleewonderleeuptom time - that's Seuss speak for "incredibly, wonderfully, delightfully fun"!



## HOOTENANNY 2012!

May 4th, 2012 at the NEW Folger McKinsey...

Hoot! Hoot!

Calling all talent! Calling all volunteers!

wanna get involved??! email:

[carladeegan@yahoo.com](mailto:carladeegan@yahoo.com)

## Calling all Folger Girl Scouts:

Please contact your troop leader if you would like to attend the Folger Girl Scouts Masquerade Ball on Saturday March 24, 2012 from 7:00 to 9:30 PM at Wood's Church. Cost is \$8.00 per Girl Scout and \$10.00 per adult guest. All registrations will be handled by each Folger Girl Scout troop leader. (See attached flyer for more info)

## Family Game Night... MINUTE TO WIN GAMES

Come out and play!!

Family Game night is scheduled for Thursday, Feb.9th in the cafeteria, from 6:30 to 8:00. We will have many "minute to win it" challenges set up for all ages to participate in or just watch. This is a family event so Folger students are encouraged to bring their parents and siblings to participate in all the fun. Volunteers are still needed to help with the games. If you are able to assist, please contact Lisa Hussey at

410-793-5159 or

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## Weekly Folger Blast emailed each weekend

- To include something in the **Blast**: please email [FolgerBlast@gmail.com](mailto:FolgerBlast@gmail.com)
- To subscribe or unsubscribe, please email Kathie Hamlett [sons4me2@yahoo.com](mailto:sons4me2@yahoo.com)

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## Yearbook Pictures Wanted

If you have any photos for the yearbook, please email them to Charlotte Souder at [cwsouder@verizon.net](mailto:cwsouder@verizon.net). The pictures work best if you set your photo quality on your camera to MEDIUM format.

## SAVE THE DATE SEVERNA PARK EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

at

SEVERNA PARK MIDDLE  
SCHOOL

Saturday, April 21, 2012  
10am - 2pm



## FEBRUARY PTO Calendar of Events

|         |           |                                            |                      |
|---------|-----------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Feb. 3  | Friday    | Report Card Distribution                   |                      |
| Feb. 9  | Thursday  | Family Game Night                          | 6:30-8:00 pm         |
| Feb. 14 | Tuesday   | PTO Meeting- FMES                          | 10:00-11:00 am       |
| Feb. 14 | Tuesday   | Class Valentine's Parties                  | Between 2:00-4:00 pm |
| Feb. 15 | Wednesday | Ledos Night                                |                      |
| Feb. 17 | Friday    | Last day to check out Media Material       |                      |
| Feb. 17 | Friday    | Deadline for MARCH PTO Newsletter          |                      |
| Feb. 20 | Monday    | SCHOOL CLOSED- President's Day             |                      |
| Feb. 24 | Friday    | All Media Materials Due Back (for packing) |                      |

### Read Across America

Happy Birthday to Dr. Seuss! Between the production of Seussical Jr. and Read Across America, Folger celebrates Dr. Seuss like none other! To mark this occasion, guest readers will arrive in each classroom on **Friday, March 2** to share a story with our students. Folger students are also asked to share a story by donating a gently used book. Books will be collected in class on March 2 and will be distributed to Annapolis children through programs that help kids learn to read and provide books to children who might not otherwise have any. Thank you for your support of this initiative – community service and part of our Green school program to recycle and re-use – Dr. Seuss would be proud! For more information, contact Chris Myers at [myerschris@yahoo.com](mailto:myerschris@yahoo.com)

