

February 16, 2007

Shark Bytes

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Upcoming Events

Grandparents/Special Friends Day
Thurs., March 29 – Fri. March 30
Spring Fair
Sat., April 21

President's Message

The recent school climate survey asked for parent's input about PTA organization and communication. As a follow-up, the PTA would love to hear your comments and suggestions. We have a comment box in the front hallway on the volunteer sign in table. We also have PTA mailboxes inside the office. We kindly accept all feedback. Robbie Stout

Recycling

The recycling drive is on!

Our goal is to recycle 6 tons of paper and 400 used ink cartridges and cell phones by March 31st. We are on target for the ink cartridges and cell phones, but not for the paper recycling. So far we have only recycling 1/2 ton of paper. Please send in any old newspapers, magazines, or papers for the paper drive. There is a bin in the lobby. If you have too much for your child to carry, please contact Pokey Fair at egoffigon@bcps.org for directions on where at Sparks school you can recycle the larger quantities. We get

\$\$ for our school when we recycle the paper, cell phones, and ink cartridges. We also save valuable land fill space and energy! Thanks! Pokey Fair

Grandparents Day

Grandparents/Special Friends Day is scheduled for Thursday March 29th and Friday March 30th.

The time is quickly approaching and invitations are being sent to your special family members and friends. They will have the opportunity to be an active member of your child's class and have their picture taken by Life Touch Photography.

Please remind them to send back the RSVP

as soon as possible so we can get them registered with their seating schedule.

If you have any questions or is willing to volunteer in some capacity please contact:

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Profile: Mr. Wimberly

Mr. Wimberly teaches fourth graders at Sparks Elementary.

Profile: Marcus Wimberly

Hometown: Pocomoke City, MD

Family: Wife, Tiffany

Hobbies: Playing golf

Favorite Food: Lasagna

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Team: Duke Blue Devils - basketball only!

Favorite Film: Finding Nemo

Favorite Children's Book: The BFG, Where The Wild Things Are

Favorite Childhood Memory: The first time he went into Cameron Indoor Stadium

Science Fair

The Sparks Science Fair will be held on April 25th. Registration information will be coming home with students in the next few weeks. It is never too early to start to think of project ideas! We are looking for people to judge the 4th and 5th grade projects entered in the BCPS competition. If you know someone who would be available on the morning of April 25th to help judge, please forward the name to Pokey Fair at egoffigon@bcps.org.

Box Tops Program

It's OFFICIAL! The winner of the Box Top Pizza Contest is Mr. Ament's Homeroom Class! Congratulations!! Soon the entire class will enjoy a delicious Pizza Party. Thanks for all that participated and we definitely had some good effort by some of the classes to try and catch the AWESOME Aments! Get ready! A new box top contest will be announced soon that runs March 1-April 30. And ALL have a super chance to win an ICE CREAM PARTY!! Start clipping and look for the upcoming flyer with all the details! Keep sending those PINK Graul's receipts in and if you have not registered your GIANT BONUS Card, it is not too late!

Reading Program

Whooo's Ready To Read?



Monday February 12 is the kickoff day for this year's WHOOO'S READY TO READ program. This program is

completely voluntary but we hope everyone will participate. Each Friday of the two week program homeroom teachers will randomly draw three names of children who participated and they will be awarded hard cover prize books. The class in each grade that has the most minutes read at the end of the program will win a pizza party. So get your reading material ready.

GET READY ... GET SET ... READ!

Severe Weather

Please continue to check in with www.bcps.org or local television and radio stations for school cancellations and delays during severe weather events.

Thank You!

Sparks Elementary School Spring Fair

Saturday, April 21, 2007 ~ 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. ~ Rain or shine

Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success! Please Volunteer! Middle and High School students can volunteer for their community service hours! If you would like to donate an item(s) for our gift baskets or would like to donate a gift basket, please give Laurie a call at (410) 771-4789. Thanks for your generosity!

Name: _____ Phone # _____
Child's homeroom: _____
Donation for Silent Auction: _____

Times and Stations available for you to volunteer:

Check Station(s) you may be interested in:

Food Games Crafts Prizes

Drive for Kids Set-up Clean-up

Time(s) available, check all/any that apply:

11:00am-12:00noon 12:00noon-1:00pm 1:00pm-2:00pm

Set-up 9:00am -10:00am Clean-up 2:00pm-3:00pm

Please send in your completed form in an envelope marked Spring Fair. **Please note, we understand how busy everyone's schedule is - if you want to help and cannot commit to a one hour shift, just indicate your availability. Should you need more information, please call Laurie Hudgins at (410) 771-4789 or (410) 598-4264. Thank you for your help!

Congratulations Baltimore County Reflections Winners

We sent all of our winners from Sparks on to Baltimore County Council PTA judging to compete with other schools. This is a very special honor, as there were 1,100 participants in the Reflections program this year. And the excitement continues as the entries that won Award of Excellence will be forwarded on to Maryland State PTA judging. Both Awards of Excellence and Awards of Merit (Honorable Mentions) recipients will be recognized at the county ceremony on March 25, 2007, an invitation will be mailed to the winners. Also, we will be having an award and pizza party for ALL of our Sparks students that participated this year. (to be announced) We are very proud of all our talented and creative students.

