
COLLINGTON SQUARE ELEMENTARY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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A Message From Your Language Educational Associate:

Parents, staff, and students, we are at the last mile of the school year. As we approach the fourth quarter, we must again become reflective! We should ask ourselves what can we do to finish the school year strong. In the middle grades, language arts teachers have already begun teaching various skills using novel study. Students are getting the chance to read more independently and finding the joy in reading. Everyone that is on grade level is getting exposed to the next level material. Students who were struggling are getting that extra needed support. Parents, we need your support every step of the way. It's not too late to visit the school, and speak with teachers about areas of needed improvement. Parents you can also help out by making sure your child restocks on school supplies. Students should always enter the building with the necessary supplies in order to be successful. In the middle grades all students will have spring packets or projects to work on in order to keep their brains stimulated! Parents, I would also like to encourage you to read a book with your child so they can see that reading will open the door to success!!!ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY



WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME !!!

Welcome to Mr. Toulson and Ms. Geraci as they join our Collington Family.

Mr. Toulson is an added addition to our Restorative Practice staff.

Ms. Geraci will teach Math to our 7th and 8th grade students.



Shout Outs from Ms. Hicks!!!

Ms. K. Brooks is doing a fantastic job with teaching interventions to her Pre-K students. Go Pre-K!

A. Chambers continues to work hard to prepare her students for Kindergarten.

Ms. Fennell's 1st grade language students are in the 2nd grade language program... WOW!

Ms. Stewart, thank you for moving your students and at the same time stepping in when needed to substitute in classes. Working hard!

Ms. Willey's class is working hard on staying focused in their 1st grade programs. Keep up the good work!

Mr. Ward's math group is making more and more progress everyday with retaining their math facts and counting money. Go Mr. Ward!

Ms. Golder and her students are adjusting well together. Great transition!

Ms. Winder's 2nd grade language students are now in a 3rd grade language program... Terrific!

3rd – 5th Grade Kudos:

- To all team members for your ongoing dedication to your craft and our students! You rock!
- To all team members for a successful testing session both weeks of the MSA!
- To everyone on the team for keeping instruction going after testing daily. Our students were working diligently in every class! Kudos!
- Ms. Turner's Decoding B2 group completed their program!
- Ms. Reaves' Reading group completed their program and started Sig. 4!

- Ms. Turner's Decoding A group completed their program and started B1!
- Mrs. Fleet's math group is firm and averages scores in the high 90's daily!
- Ms. Makle has 7 students that are moving up in reading to RMS3! Way to go!
- Ms. Chambers motivated her students to do well on the MSA including teaching her students' relaxation techniques!
- Mr. Jones' reading group completed RMS3 and started RMS4!
- To all groups that will be moving up shortly after spring break! Stay tuned for more announcements!

All the Best,
Marvelyn Johnson

Quilt on Display!



Stop by the showcase located directly across from the main office, and see the quilt created by Ms. Regina Tate.

In case you are wondering about the quilt, here is the interview conducted by the students in Ms. J. Chambers' class:

Topic: Black History Quilting Project

Teacher: Ms. Jacqueline Chambers

Interviewers: Students in Room 117

Interviewee: Ms. Regina Tate

(Parent Volunteer and Grandparent of student: Melvin McDaniel)

1. **Question:** How did you learn to crochet?

Answer: "I learned to crochet by practicing and teaching myself-not giving up"!

2. **Question:** What age did you learn to crochet?

Answer: “I was 16 years old”.

3. **Question:** Where do you get your supplies?

Answer: “I get my supplies from stores like Wal-Mart. You can find the needles in the Dollar Stores, Wal-Mart or Kmart”.

4. **Question:** Do you like to crochet?

Answer: “Yes, very much so. It helps me stay busy during the day and make beautiful pieces for people I love”.

5. **Question:** What’s the difference between Knitting and Crocheting?

Answer: “The difference between Knitting and Crocheting is knitting uses 2 needles and there are different stitches with each of the needles. Crocheting uses 1 needle”.

6. **Question:** Do you follow a pattern?

Answer: “No, I don’t follow a pattern. I create my designs”.

7. **Question:** Do you buy hats, scarves or sweaters from the store?

Answer: “No, I don’t buy hats or scarves from the store. It’s more exciting to make my own”.

8. **Question:** Can you crochet a sweater?

Answer: “No, I haven’t tried a sweater yet. I can do blankets, scarves and mittens”.



Lady Eagles Cheerleader Squad

The Collington Square Cheerleading Squad was formed in September, 2011. Mrs. Carolyn Winder, a Para Educator at Collington, was approached by students asking if they could have a cheerleading squad. I asked Principal Etta Johnson, if this was possible. Principal Johnson said, “Sure, as long as there’s someone from the school to run it”. My response was, “I will run it”, having no idea where to start. Ms. Johnson gave us her blessings.

Elev8, an afternoon program, asked to partner with us. They donated all the uniforms. Ashley Harris, an employee with Elev8, worked along with my granddaughter Kianna Winder, an ex-cheerleader, to teach the young ladies the routines.

Our primary goal is to build character in these young ladies. Secondly, we wanted to give these girls something positive for which to work. They were taught that dedication, hard work, trustworthiness, and being dependable, are qualities that make up a good team; and, that's exactly what they are...a good team!

Lady Eagles started out with sixteen girls. They soon found out that cheerleading isn't just looking good in a uniform, but it takes a lot of practice. They practice at least four days a week. They have learned that they must have faith in and trust each other. Some of the routines are very demanding, and these young ladies must trust each others to be there to support them.

Lady Eagles is now a team of ten dedicated ladies. They will be going to competition on April 28, 2012. We thank Principal Johnson for having faith in us and giving us a chance to sore!

Higher Achievement Program News

This is the most up to date high school decisions our scholars have made! They are going to some really great schools!!!

Name	Current School	High School
Jordan Brown	Glenmount	Dunbar High
Keywona Gary	Collington	Mergenthaler Vo-Tech *Waist list --Institute of Notre Dame
Ariea Hughes	Collington	Institute of Notre Dame
LaQuan Jennings	Collington	Cristo Rey
Ciniyah Miller	BFA	*Waist list --Institute of Notre Dame
Tashawn Miles	Collington	Baltimore City College
Theodore Ware	City Springs	National Academy Foundation
Jordan West	City Springs	Polytechnic Institute

Collington Square School & Park Clean Up



Global Youth Service Day

Friday, April 20, 2012

Fifth through eighth grade students will be participating in a service-learning project inspired by Earth Day! Students will learn about environmental issues affecting the school, the community and the planet. Then they will put that knowledge to action by cleaning up the school grounds and the park!

ATTENTION PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Please make sure students are in full uniform **EVERY** day.

Elementary Grades

White collared top

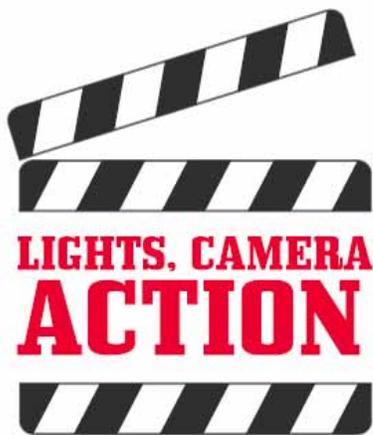
Navy blue bottoms (no cargo pants or shorts)

Middle Grades

Navy blue collared top

Khaki bottoms (no cargo pants or shorts)

School uniform will continue to be enforced. Students not in uniform will receive consequences. No exceptions.

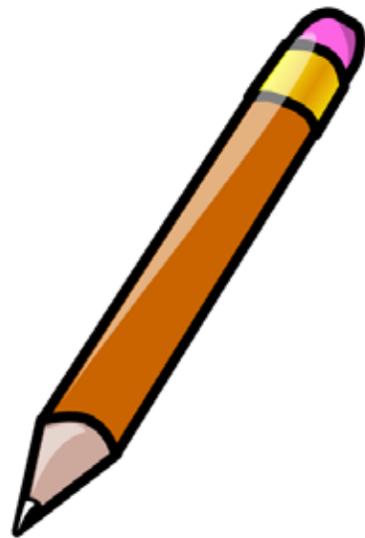


Collington Goes into the Recording Studio

By: Mr. Soto

Lights! Camera! Action! Well, we didn't make a movie but it was just as exciting! On Saturday, March 17th Mr. Tengella, Mr. Dorsey, and I brought five middle school girls and two parents into a professional recording studio to record our new school song "One Day." The five middle grades students who were selected were as follows: Shadaesha Brooks, Shandiera Trafton, Sky Keller, Stasia Johns, and Jaichaun Diggs.

The girls rehearsed for two weeks before actually going into the studio and it was well worth it because the CD sounds awesome! It was a wonderful experience for all of us. One involved me recording the drums and bass tracks while Mr. Dorsey wailed an amazing lead part on electric guitar. Finally, the



girls came in, put on their headphones, stood in front of that microphone like they owned it and sang their hearts away!

I would like to give a special shout out to Mr. Tengella for contacting a good friend of his who allowed us to use his studio. Thank you Mr. Tengella!

I would also like to thank our Principal Ms. Johnson for all of your support of this project. Thank you!

Finally, to all the students at Collington Square, I hope that listening to this song will inspire you to "be all you can be...One Day."

Mark Your Calendar:



What's Coming Up...

Spring Break 4/2 - 4/11

Teachers return 4/10 for Professional Development

Parent University - 4/11 5-7 pm in the library

Students return 4/11

Stanford Testing Grades 1st and 2nd 4/16-4/20

Elev8 Lunch and Learn 4/18

Elev8/FCE event "Parent/Child Basketball Tournament" - 4/19 6-8 pm in the park

Elev8/FCE Event 4/20

Science MSA during the week of 4/16

NWEA Testing begins week of 4/23

Elev8 Breakfast 4/24

Elev8's Parent Appreciation Trip to Philadelphia - 4/28, time to be announced

Truancy Court Program Graduation 4/30

High School Choice Results Are In

After months of anticipation, the results of this year's high school choice are finally here! Our 8th graders got accepted into many fantastic high schools ranging from entrance criteria schools, charter schools, vocational-technical schools, interview schools and private schools. Below is a list of each 8th grader and the high school they got accepted to. Please congratulate these students on their wonderful accomplishments!!! -Ms. Haas School Counselor

Anderson, James: *Mergenthaler Vo-Tech*
Bailey, Natasha: *National Academy Foundation*
Baker, Willie: *City Neighbors Charter School*
Berrain, Shadayza: *Friendship Engineering & Tech*
Booth, Carl: *Baltimore Talent Development*
Brown, Terrence: *Mergenthaler Vo-Tech*
Bruce, Amber: *National Academy Foundation*
Butler, Eric: *National Academy Foundation*
Campbell, Miquise: *Mergenthaler Vo-Tech*
Coates, Jada: *Vivien T. Medical Arts Academy*
Collins, Shamar: *Agusta Fells Institute of Visual Arts*
Counts, Jay'len: *Mergenthaler Vo-Tech*
Counts, Shikey: *Mergenthaler Vo-Tech*
Dates, Dasha: *Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School*
Davis, Tionna: *Coppin Academy*
Diggs, Jaichaun: *Baltimore City College*
Evans, Taylor: *Baltimore Talent Development*
Foster, Tyanna: *Mergenthaler Vo-Tech*
Fuqua, Derricsha: *Western High School*
Gallman, Jambria: *Mergenthaler Vo-Tech*
Gary, Keywona: *Mergenthaler Vo-Tech*
Gee, Aquan: *Friendship Engineering & Tech*
Gibbs, Imani: *The Reach! Partnership School*
Gilliam, Sean: *Acad. Of College/Career Exploration*
Graham, Myasia: *National Academy Foundation*
Greene, Breona: *Friendship Acad. Of Science & Tech*
Harrison, Tamara: *Vivien T. Medical Arts Academy*
Holmes, J'Kiera: *Baltimore Antioch Diploma Plus*
Hughes, Ariea: *institute of Notre Dame*
Jackson, Celia: *Patterson High School*
Jackson, Rodney: *Mergenthaler Vo-Tech*
James, Monica: *Western High School*
Jennings, La'Quan: *Cristo Rey Jesuit High School*
Johnson, Shavonda: *Acad of College/Career Exploration*
Jones, Joseph: *Baltimore Freedom Academy*
Keller, Sky: *Patterson High School*
Lane, Darian: *Carver Vo-Tech High School*
Long, Dion'Tae: *Digital Harbor*
McCall, Tamia: *Mergenthaler Vo-Tech*
McCoy, Andre: *Agusta Fells Institute of Visual Arts*
McDonald, Cortasia: *Baltimore City College*
McLaurin, Antonio: *National Academy Foundation*
Michel, Darius: *Digital Harbor*
Miles, Tashawn: *Baltimore City College*
Morgan, Alicia: *ConneXions School for the Arts*
Pailin, Vanessa: *Renaissance Academy*
Payton, Tywan: *Acad. Of College/Career Exploration*
Quarles, Isiah: *MD Academy of Tech/Health Sciences*
Queensbury, De Asia: *The Reach! Partnership School*
Robinson, Keshara: *Benjamin Franklin High School*
Robinson, Serena: *Baltimore City College*
Rollins, Sherelle: *Antioch Diploma Plus*
Shelton, Alexis: *Friendship Acad. Of Science & Tech*
Sparrow, Michael: *Mergenthaler Vo-Tech*
Sparrow, Tamar: *Baltimore Talent Development*
Stith Jr., Earl: *Mergenthaler Vo-Tech*
Street, DeAsia: *Carver Vo-Tech High School*
Thomas, Jonathan: *Vivien T. Medical Arts Academy*
Thompson, Dearis: *The Reach! Partnership School*
Trafton, Sean, *Mergenthaler Vo-Tech*
Trafton, Shandierra: *Vivien T. Medical Arts Academy*
Wagner, Aisha: *Agusta Fells Institute of Visual Arts*
Williams, Adonis: *Patterson High School*
Young, Brionna: *Baltimore City College*

78% of students got accepted into their 1st or 2nd choice schools.

96% of students got accepted or wait listed at their 1st or 2nd choice schools.

34% of students got accepted into entrance criteria schools.

43% of students got accepted or wait listed at entrance criteria schools.

We also had several students get accepted into charter schools like city neighbors, private schools like Cristo Rey and IND, and interview schools like NAF!

Some Information from the Special Education Department

Parents and staff of 8th grade students with IEP's.

I'd like to inform you about some services that are available. They concern "travel training" or "navigating the community". Travel training can be identified as a "transition activity" on a student's IEP as they transition to high school through age 21. The skills can also be presented individually or in a group.

The following are two community programs that will actually conduct travel training activities with students and one of them also trains teachers and other staff to conduct training.

- "The Image Center" - will conduct individual training and it is FREE. The contact information is as follows: Jessica Leone, Transition Program Director, [443-275-9396](tel:443-275-9396) and jleone@imagemd.org
- "Central Maryland Regional Transit" - will conduct individual training as well as providing training to staff and it is FREE. The contact information is as follows: Donna Stinchcomb, Travel Trainer, [240-581-5800](tel:240-581-5800) (office) and [240-346-4967](tel:240-346-4967) (cell) and donna.stinchcomb@cmrtransit.org
- Another resource is the publication: "Getting Around Town: Teaching Mobility Skills to Students with Disabilities" by M. Sherril Moon, Emily M. Luedtke and Elizabeth Halloran-Tornquist - Council for Exceptional Children - 2010