
COLLINGTON SQUARE ELEMENTARY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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A message from the Administrators



We have a large teaching staff of exciting, talented and committed people. Each teacher has worked very hard again this year to provide for the diverse range of abilities presented by our most capable students. I know that you join with me in thanking our teachers for the real differences they all make with and for our students - from academic studies to after school enrichment, from cultural understanding to performing arts, from physical education to environmental protection and from language studies to health and well being. The wonder and sparkle of working with your children makes our community school so very special.

To all of our students leaving our school, whether you are a graduating or transferring to another school -- thank you for your contributions to the lives of others at our school. Collington Square School will always be your school and will forever be a part of your lives. I hope that you will recall your many achievements along with the wonderful friendships you have developed at your school.

To all of our families who end their direct association with our school, please accept the warmth of our school community wishes and our thanks for your continued and vital support.

Thank you to everyone at Collington Square School for being part of another very special school year. On behalf of our staff, I wish you all good health and many opportunities for fun and laughter with family and friends over the coming summer break. Take special care of each other as we now look forward to welcoming back our students and staff in what will be a wonderful 2012-2013 school year. For those families who will be returning in, school will begin on, *Monday, August 27th, 2012* .

On behalf of the staff, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy summer.

Once again, the end of year means the departure of some staff members as they head away to new jobs and adventures. All have given to our school and the lives of our students and colleagues.



NEWS from ELEV8: Hello All---as the school year comes to an end Elev8 has many exciting events taking place. The students and parents are highly engaged and enjoying the numerous opportunities to participate in several events across the city!

Our step team, lead by learning coach Donisha White, participated in the annual Morgan State Greek Step Show. They were the youngest participants to perform amongst thousands of attendees and they did very well! Although there was some initial stage fright, they immediately got over it and did wonderfully!

The cheerleaders lead by learning coach Ms. Ashley and Mrs. Winder participated in the BEBL (Baltimore Elementary Basketball League) cheerleading competition and came in first place!!!! The girls worked so hard toward this goal and were so excited. Their trophy has been placed in the glass display by the cafeteria.

On **Wednesday, May 16th** The Fulfilling the Promise mentoring group went to the Boys Hope Girls Hope group home. Some of you may know the group home as the one that was redone by ABC's Extreme Makeover series. Fifty Collington students participated in a luncheon and awards ceremony to close out their mentoring activities for the school year. All of the students and Fulfilling The Promise facilitators were really excited about the celebration.

On **Friday, May 18th** 26 OST students from Collington Square participated in the 4H Youth Expo at the War Memorial Building. Youth from across the city were invited to attend. Students from our stepping, cheerleading and D.J. / hip-hop program performed. The hip-



hop students wrote and produced a song dedicated to Trayvon Martin and

performed it on the 18th. Students will left Collington at 9am and returned by 2:30pm. They were provided with lunch and transportation.

On the Family Advocacy front, parents from Collington participated in the BEC rally and were very enthused and eager to support the cause. They are gaining knowledge in the area of city politics and learning how to effectively advocate for their children's education. Many of these same parents are members of our new 4H gardening club. A space has been designated and they are well on their way to beautifying the Collington Square community.

We wrapped up our school year with a performance from our OST dance troop on **Tuesday, May 22nd**. They channeled their inner "Dream Girls", in a production they've choreographed and performed. They concluded this year's OST activities with our showcase on the 23rd. We had two radio personalities from 92Q come in to help us host the program.

Thank you all for working with ELEV8 this year and helping to maintain a great partnership. We look forward to working with you next year and hope to see many of you during Freedom Schools this summer.



Dear Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Parents:

As this school year comes to a close, we look back in awe and amazement in what your children have been able to accomplish. They have learned so much, in such a short time, that it is hard to even know where to begin. While reading, language, and math were such an enormous part of their school day, the learning didn't stop there. Throughout the year the students became listeners, sharers, and ultimately, friends.

Now that the school year is over, we give you back your children, the ones that you confidently entrusted to us last fall. We give you your children back a little heavier, a little taller, months wiser, more responsible and more mature than before. It has been our happy privilege to watch this personally unfold day by day and marvel at all of their development.

We have eagerly watched each new achievement and each new success, no matter how big or small, with wide eyes and anticipation of the future. We give you your children back somewhat reluctantly; for having spent nine months together in the confines of our

classroom and school, we have grown close. We shall always retain a little of each other, for while your children have learned from us, we have learned from them as well.

Together we have lived, loved, laughed, played, studied, learned and traveled. We wish it could go on forever, but we must give your children back to you. It is time for them to grow without us and to spread their wings and fly to their next destination, whatever it may be.

While they may not be under our constant, watchful eyes as they move on to Kindergarten or First Grade next year, we will always be interested in your children and their destiny as a great learners; wherever your children go, whatever your children do, and whoever your children become.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to teach your children and know them and you over these last nine months.

Sincerely,

The Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Team



NEWS from MS.KELLEY'S CLASS

Ms. Kelley's class had the opportunity to participate in the 2012 Healthy Foods Challenge. Through this program Collington was awarded \$1000 to encourage students to eat fruits and vegetables and make healthy food choices.

Ms. Kelley's class use the funds from this grant to prepare healthy snacks and shared with numerous students on their team. The students also took a trip to Giant to learn even more about fruits and vegetables.

Stop by Ms. Kelley's classroom and check out their display. Until then, view their pictures below.

Good Food, That's Good For You!!!

Shake it up!!

Making Trail Mix



Making Smoothies

Enjoying the smoothie and creating a recipe card to share



Making Whole Wheat Pancakes...yum...yum.





Sharing with other classes!

Fruit Salad

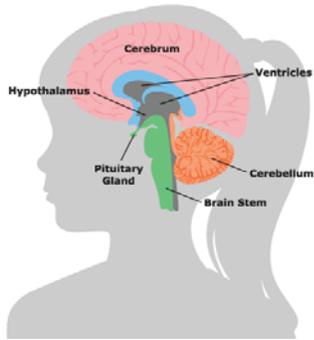


We have made:

- Smoothies**
- Trail mix**
- Ants on a log**
- cucumber salad**

- fruit salad**
- whole wheat pancakes**
- monkey chow**
- Applesauce**

Battle of the Brains



Second through eighth grade students at Collington Square School take the Northwest Evaluation Association assessment also known as the NWEA. This state-aligned computer-based testing system, is built on 30 years of research and refinement, and adapts to the child in real-time as the test progresses for a pinpoint picture of learning achievement and readiness. This assessment is taken two times a school year, once in the fall and again in the spring. We use this assessment to measure students' growth within the school year. At Collington we challenge students to increase their fall score ...we call this the

Battle of the Brains.

The First Annual **Battle of the Brains** is almost complete. Check out some of our highest scoring students in grades 2 - 8 (first grade results are not in yet) on the NWEA. Here are some of the highest scores in the building.

Aaron Santrine 254 in Math- 8th Gr.

Jaichauin Diggs 233 in Reading- 8th Gr.

Brionna Young 248 Math - 8th Gr.

Le'John Condrey 227 Reading - 7th Gr.

Taren St. Clair 227 Reading - 7th Gr.

Breonna Street 240 in Math - 6th Gr.

Gordon Hall 230 in Reading - 6th Gr.

Samejaie Lane 232 in Math - 5th Gr.

Samuel Mumford 223 in Math - 4th Gr.

CourtneyDevilbliss 205 in Reading-3rd Gr

Machai Stewart 204 Math - 3rd Gr.

Gabriel Holloway 194 Math - 2nd Gr.

Rantese Lynch 199 Reading - 2nd Gr.



SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT COLLINGTON DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS

These activities will enhance educational activities for your child(ren). Check out the activities that you find best meet your needs are most interesting appropriate for your situation.

The Club at Collington

- servicing students in (rising) grades K-8
- K-4th will use Biddle street building
- 5th – 8th will use Mura street building
- Operating June 25th – July 27th, 12:00-4:00
- will pick up Collington Square summer school students that attend Collington Square Star Summer School, from large activity area at 11:30
- no registration fee
- accepting up to 60 students
- programming includes reading, math, enrichment, and lunch

Higher Achievement

- servicing students in (rising) grades 5th -8th
- Operating June 27th – Aug.2nd, 8:00 – 3:30
- will pick up Collington Square summer school students that attend Collington Square Star Summer School from large activity area @ 11:30
- accepting up to 60 students
- programming includes literature, math, science, social studies, quiet reading, electives breakfast, and lunch

21st Century

- Theme, Olympic Summer Sports Camp
- servicing students in (rising) grades 3rd -8th
- Operating June 18th – July 27th at Cross Country School
- Students picked up 7:30, students returning between 3:00- 3:15
- \$50 registration fee, deadline 6/13
- trips included in cost, 3 trips a week

- accepting up to 150 students
- programming includes reading, math, world culture, breakfast, and lunch
- Mini-Olympics on 7/29, 8:30-2:30 (Olympians on site for this event)

Elev8

- servicing students in (rising) grades 5th -8th
- Operating June 25th – Aug.3rd at Collington Square School, 7:30-3:00
- accepting up to 70 students
- programming includes literature, math, and enrichment, swimming once a week, trips on Fridays, breakfast, and lunch
- 8/3 closing program

Collington Square School Star Summer School

- servicing students in (rising) grades K -3rd, select 4th and 5th graders at Collington Square School
- Nurse on staff
- Operating July 2nd – July 27th, 8:00-1:00
- will pick up Collington Square summer school students from large activity area @ 11:30
- free registration, deadline 6/1
- accepting up to 70 students
- programming includes Direct Instruction, Voyager, math, enrichment, trips on Fridays, breakfast, and lunch

What's Coming Up... Mark Your calendar!

6/1/12 Dutch Wonderland Trip (Pre-K and K)

6/1/12 Awards Ceremony (1st and 2nd)

6/7/12 Elev8 Matriculation Celebration

6/13/12 Last Day of School

Closing Activities: Please refer to the dates below, the time and place will be indicated on your invitation. We can't wait to see you!!!



Closing Ceremonies

Pre-Kindergarten June 5, 2012

Kindergarten June 7, 2012

Fifth Grade June 6, 2012

Eight Grade June 8, 2012

