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# COLLINGTON SQUARE ELEMENTARY MIDDLE SCHOOL

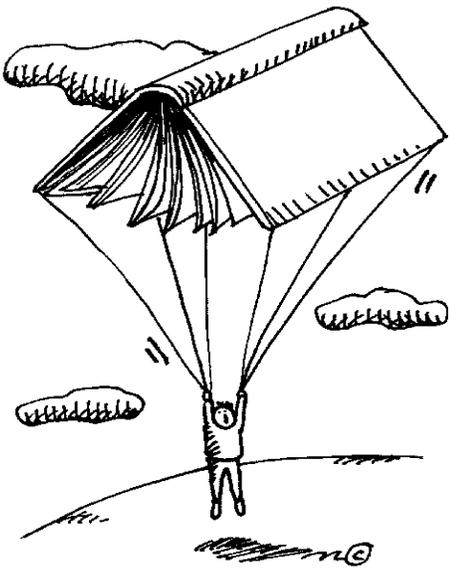
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## A Note From Your Language Arts Educational Associate

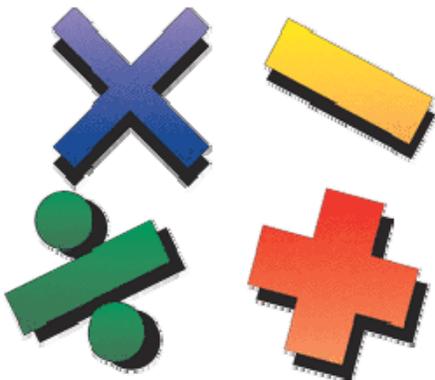


Hello staff, parents, and students. In this article I would like to focus on our wonderful Middle Grades Language Arts Classes. In sixth grade, our classes are making steady progress in their Direct Instruction Program taught by Mr. St. Germain. They are also reading and writing throughout the Social Studies curriculum under the leadership of Ms. Baughns. Our seventh graders are also making wonderful progress. They are learning skills identified in the Language of Literature curriculum, as well as completing novel study. Mr. Watson, Mr. St. Germain, Ms. Baughns, as well as Ms. Yarborough have high expectations for all of their students. Our eighth graders are on the way to high school. They are already focused on skills in preparation

for this journey, as well as completing novel study. Last but not least, Ms. Kendall's and Mr. Lester's class are working on multiple activities, within the Direct Instruction Curriculum as well as Bridges 1 and 2. Parents please feel free to visit our LA classes. We love our students.

---Ms. Roberson

## A Message From Your Math Educational Associate:



Our students worked hard during the Maryland School Assessment (MSA). They applied the skills learned throughout the year to the questions that they faced on the test. Students realized that the work that they studied in class on finding missing factors, graphing, classifying angles, algebraic formulas were some of the things that they faced while working through their testing booklet. This realization helped to boost

students' confidence and helped them to relax as they performed on the test.  
---Mr. Ellington

## Updates and News from the Pre-k-2nd Team

Thank you, first and second grade parents for sending your children to school every day during the week of the Stanford 10 Achievement Testing!!!



Parents we have approximately 31 days of school left. Every day your children will continue to learn new skills and important information that will prepare them for next school year. It is imperative that your child comes to school every day on time and ready to learn. There is no time to waste!

Pre-k-2<sup>nd</sup> grades have started preparing for closing activities and spring celebrations. They will show case and celebrate skills that have been taught all year long. Your child will be bringing home invitations 2-3 weeks before his/her performance.

---Ms. Hicks

**Middle School Outing:** In an effort to conscientious about getting to school during rewarded to an outing. On Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, afternoon of relaxation as they explored Zone. The students expressed pleasure for attendance and behavior. Thanks parents for your children to school during this special  
- Mr. Ellington



reward students for being the MSA, students were students were treated to an activities at Adventure being recognized for good your support in getting time.

## Kudos to the Middle School Students!

The trip to Adventure Zone included some of the best middle grade students and they were on their best behavior. They represented Collington Square well. They followed the rules both on the bus and inside the facility as well when they returned to Collington Square. They even received a compliment from one of the Adventure Zone representatives.

I hope that this behavior continues as our students venture off to various places during the remainder of the school year. Let's continue to make Collington Square one of the most welcomed schools at our cities sites. We can be very proud of our students.

---Miss Stewart

## **A SHOUT OUT FROM MR. JONES**



The students assigned to me for coverage while classes were on trips, were a joy to work with. They did art work of drawing, coloring and decorating the wall for the Wizard of Oz. Tyrell Miles, Devonte Allen, Tyrik Williams, Leeasia Grimes, Montay Gilliam, Quasia Williams, Leshawn Greene, Charnay Morgan and Kevin Burton were very cooperative and helpful workers on the project. They were diligent about taking care of supplies and maintaining order and cleanliness in the room. We were able to complete some parts of their packets and check them. Again, it was a great day in room 105 with the promise of the future.

### ***A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR PARENT VOLUNTEERS!!!***

*Here are some of the tasks performed to help make things happen at Collington*

- organize raffle tickets***
- monitor classes***
- assist with lunch duty***
- update the marquee***
- distribute paper***
- check paper***
- monitor students in lunch detention***
- assist with student uniforms (organizing, cleaning, distributing, etc.)***
- assist with room and hall décor***
- organize events and activities***

I want to recognize some very important parent volunteers at Collington. Together we make a wonderful difference in the lives of our Collington students. They are dedicated and committed. A special thanks to the following parents:

Shayner Anderson  
Natasha Miller  
Afiya Smith  
Lakesha Mack  
Patrice Pierce  
Raymond Anderson  
Pamela Jennings

Sharon Baker  
Kinsha Spann  
Sean Trafton Sr.  
Juanita Barnett  
Kindra Stokes  
Lisa Parker  
Melanie Malone

I want to give a special shout to Ms. Tate. She is the grandmother of one of Ms. J Chambers' 3rd graders. Please check out the quilt she helped the class complete if you have not seen it yet. It is beautiful. It is located across from the main office.

---Ms. Tucker and Ms. Kwaw

*WE APPRECIATE YOU*

# AN EVENING OUT

On the evening of April 24<sup>th</sup> the resource team attended the Baltimore City Board Meeting with four Middle school students. These students, Jaichaun Diggs, Shandierra Trafton, Sky Keller, and Stasia Johns, performed the school song "One Day". The girls did an outstanding job of singing the school song. They were accompanied by Mr. Soto on acoustic guitar and Mr. Dorsey on electric guitar. A slide show was also presented during the song that showed the Board all of the great things the resource team does to encourage our student's talents. The Board was visibly pleased with the girls and the song. You could see Board members singing along, tapping their feet, and moving with the music. At the end of the performance the Board commended the girls for coming in and singing our school song. The Board also mentioned how nice it is that our school has created our own school song and how it shows great pride in Collington Square.

---Mrs. Bevacqua

## *CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR MANY GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS...*

Congratulations to the following students on their acceptance to the gifted and talented program at Johns Hopkins:

KAI R DRAKE, DESTINY A JOHNSON-JONES, SAMUEL L MUMFORD, AARON J SATNARINE and TAREN L ST CLAIR

---Ms. Humphreys

## **Mark Your Calendar: What's Coming Up...**



5/2/2012 11:45 AM Rock Creek Steel Drums (middle grades)

5/4/2012 9:00 AM Port Discovery (4th Grade)

5/7/12 Teacher Appreciation Week

5/11/12 Progress Reports Issued

5/15/12 Math Benchmark D Testing Begins

5/16/12 Early Dismissal/Parent Teacher Conferences

5/18/12 1:00 Jali D (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)

5/18/12 End of Year Picnic (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

5/22/12 Language Arts Benchmark D

5/24/12 Spring Performance  
5/25/12 Elev8 Family Night  
5/25/12 National Aquarium (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)  
5/25/12 Baltimore Harbor Trip (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
5/29/12 Elev8 Breakfast Bar  
5/30/12 TCP Graduate Trip to Governor's Mansion  
5/31/12 Baltimore Zoo (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
6/1/12 Dutch Wonderland Trip (Pre-K and K)  
6/1/12 Awards Ceremony (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>)  
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

Fifth Grade June 6, 2012

Kindergarten June 7, 2012

Eight Grade June 8, 2012

