



Dates to Remember

January Events

School resumes January 3rd

PTA Meeting

Tuesday, Jan 4th, 7PM

Authors Program

Tuesday, Jan 11th

Lulu Delacre

Kindergarten and First Grade

Holiday

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, Jan 17th

Market Day Pick-up

Wednesday, Jan 19th, 7-8PM

Bingo Night

Friday, Jan 21st, 7-9PM

2nd Marking Period Ends

Friday, Jan 21st

Professional Day

No School for Students

Monday, Jan 17th

McEducator's Night

McDonalds, Muncaster Mill Rd

Redmill Shopping Center

Wednesday, Jan 26th 5-8PM



Sequoyah Elementary School
17301 Bowie Mill Rd.
Derwood MD 20855

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org

Market Day Contact:

Scott Trickey

scott.trickey3@gmail.com

Place an order online at MarketDay.com, or submit a paper order form prior to the due dates.

Peace Strategies - Mr. Plaisance

AVOID

Stay away from people or situations that you know will cause a conflict. If someone is trying to make you angry or upset, look away and walk away if possible.

POSTPONE/LET IT GO

Don't try to work out a problem when you are angry or upset. Calm down first. After you are calm, you can work it out or decide to let it go because the problem is not important. (Space/Time/Strategy- Then Listen up/talk it out/work it out)

CHANCE

Luck decides who wins. Rock, Paper, Scissors and flipping a coin are two chance strategies.

COMPROMISE

Make a plan so that both people give up some of what they want and both get some of what they want. Taking turns is one way to compromise.

APOLOGIZE

"I'm sorry" doesn't always mean you're wrong. It could mean you're sorry about the situation and it lets the other person know you want the conflict to end. When it is your fault saying you're sorry, trying to fix the mistake, and not doing it again are important.

I-MESSAGE

An I-message is a way of telling someone to stop in a respectful way.

"I feel _____ when you _____. Please _____."

"Jane, I feel mad and sad when you tell Shameika not to be my friend. Please stop."

LISTEN TO EACH OTHER

People involved in a conflict need to be willing to listen to each other. Active listening helps each person understand what the other is thinking and feeling.

WORK TOGETHER

Sometimes a problem can be resolved by agreeing to work together on a project.

MAKE A PEACE OFFERING

One person makes a little gift like a card or drawing to show they want to end the conflict.

DE-BUG

Students observed using any of the de-bug steps may be granted a Braggin' Dragon Award: Ignore, Walk away, Talk friendly, or Talk firmly.

Get adult help – getting adult help when someone is threatening or hurting someone is not being a tattletale. If someone is teasing the same person over and over, that is bullying too.

Getting adult help is appropriate. Tell the adult that you have been bullied or you have seen someone bullied.

STANDING UP TO BULLYING BEHAVIOR WITH A GROUP OF FRIENDS

A group of people can go to someone who is bullying with the person who is the victim. They can use a "we-message" such as, "We don't like it when you call Jay names. How would you feel if someone kept teasing you? We just want to play. We want you to stop."



HAVE A WONDERFUL WINTER BREAK AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS



First Key of College Readiness:**Key 1: Read at advanced levels in Grades K-2****Seven Keys to College Readiness**

Key 1: Read at advanced levels in Grades K-2



Key 2: Score "advanced" in reading on the Maryland School Assessment in Grades 3-



Key 3: Complete advanced math in Grade 5



Key 4: Complete Algebra 1 by Grade 8 with a "C" or higher



Key 5: Complete Algebra 2 by Grade 11 with a "C" or higher



Key 6: Score 3 on an AP exam or 4 on an IB



Key 7: Score 1650 on the SAT or 24 on the ACT

The first key will give students the strong foundation they will need for all learning that follows. In the early grades, students read and comprehend levels of text that vary in difficulty. **In kindergarten** students who can read Level 6 books by the end of the year are reading at advanced levels. **By the end of 1st grade**, students should be reading Level 16 books. **In 2nd grade**, students who score in the 70th percentile or

higher on the reading section of a national test called the TerraNova 2 are reading at advanced levels. Scoring at the 70th percentile means that they perform better than 70% of students nationwide.

**Websites related to the First Key:**

Key 1 Website (MCPS)

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/keys/key1.shtm>

Helping your child become a better reader:

<http://www.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/reader/index.html>

Tips for future Kindergarteners:

http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/earlychi/parent_tips.shtm

Questions to ask the teacher:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/keys/questionstoask.shtm>

Annual Bingo Night

When: Friday, January 21, 2011
Time: 7:00-9:00 PM
Where: School Cafeteria

Save the Date

Sequoyah's PTA is proud to announce its annual Bingo Night Fundraiser.

The cost will be \$5.00 a player for the entire night, which includes all of the games, and awesome prizes.

There will also be markers and refreshments for sale.

More information to come in the Wednesday folders.

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Health News We Can All Use

Please remember to:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, OR
- Cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve if you don't have a tissue.
- Put used tissues into a trash can right away. Don't set them on your desk or other surfaces.
- Wash your hands after coughing or sneezing. Wash with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.

If you or a family member gets the flu:

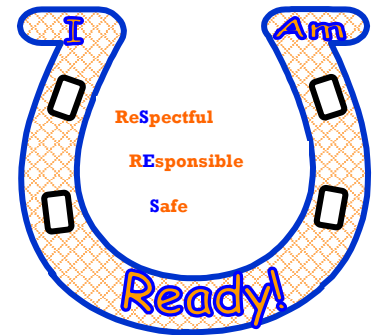
- Stay home from school or work if you have a fever greater than 100 ° and have either a cough or sore throat.
- You may not return to school until you are fever-free for at least 24 hours and that means without taking fever-reducing medications.
- Avoid contact with others.
- Get plenty of rest
- Drink clear fluids

And, finally, this is extremely important. Be sure you provide us with up-to-date phone numbers in case your child becomes sick while in school.

Reader's Corner with Mrs. Deigan

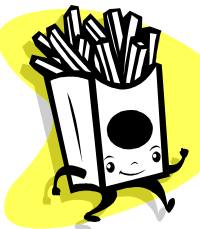


The cold winter months are the best by far to curl up with a good book. Reading is a great way to increase your child's vocabulary. Be sure to talk about the ideas and new words you come across when you read together. Use the new words in your daily conversations with your child. Your child might even want to start "collecting" new words in a journal.
Mrs. Deigan



McEducator's Night at McDonalds

When: Wednesday, January 26, 2011
Time: 5:00-8:00 PM
Where: McDonald's Derwood



McEducator's night at the McDonalds on Muncaster Mill Rd in Derwood. Teachers and staff have volunteered to try their hand as McDonald's employees! Talk and relax with your Sequoyah family outside of school (at least the ones not working up a sweat behind the counter). This is a fun, social event that also earns money for Sequoyah. Last year's turnout was huge and we anticipate another exciting event this year.

Contact Information: Michelle Clarke, martinmichelleclarke@comcast.net

Box Tops



Please remember to clip **pink** Box Tops off of many popular grocery items. 25 Box Tops can be taped to a collection sheet or placed in a baggie and given to your child's homeroom teacher. Bonus coupons can be stapled to the collection sheet and then subtracted from the total amount of the sheet. Please remember to include the first and last name of your child. Every month, the students will be called on the morning announcements to go to Mrs. Cameron's room to select an awesome prize!

Contact Information: Andrea Cameron, camerona@comcast.net

Spring Dance

We need your help for this wonderful event!!! Co-chairs needed. Please contact Sue Martin at martingirlsmom@aol.com to help out.



Sequoyah Yearbook

Watch out for an opportunity in the spring to pre-order Sequoyah's fantastic yearbook.

We are looking for pictures of students involved in special activities at Sequoyah including field trips and evening events. Please send your digital pictures to camerona@comcast.net.

Contact Information: Andrea Cameron, camerona@comcast.net



AUTHORS PROGRAM

We are looking forward to visits by authors this winter. Autographed copies of books will be able to be ordered.

Tuesday, January 11, 2011 – Lulu Delacre – Kindergarten and 1st grade

Monday, February 7, 2011 – Kevin O'Malley – 2nd and 3rd grades

To be announced – 4th and 5th grades

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News from the Art Room

All students are finishing up their prior lessons and are getting ready to learn new ideas about art! When the students return from winter break they will finish up all artworks that were not completed and take part of a new unit.

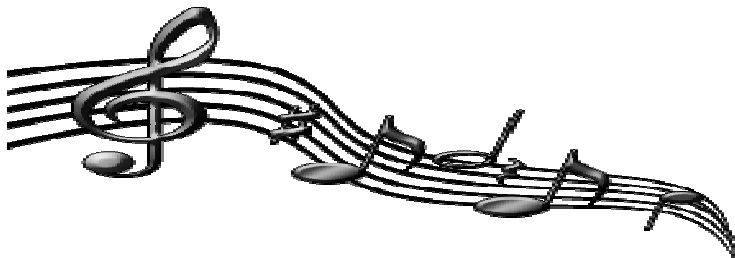


For the new unit students will...

- * 5th grade- create a stamp with their signature on it
- * 4th grade- learn how to make a collograph and create a personal artwork using the techniques
- * 3rd grade- create a functional artwork with clay using the slab method
- * 2nd grade- learn how to make a coil pot using clay
- * 1st grade- learn about the artist Paul Klee and create an artwork in response to his work
- * Kindergarten- learn how to draw a self-portrait.

Have a great winter break and if the time allows I recommend a visit to the art museums in the Maryland or D.C. area with your child! (It's a great learning opportunity and it's FREE!)

Ms. Kang



Music News

Congratulations to all the 4th and 5th grade students for a fabulous job in our Winter Concert! Everyone looked terrific in our new Sequoyah Music shirts.

Our K, 1, and 2 students have been working on learning the songs for the sing along, as well as playing instruments to show the steady beat. 1st and 2nd grade have been hard at work reading rhythms to many of our songs.

3rd grade students...the time has finally arrived! Order forms for recorders will be coming home the week of January 3rd! We will continue our very successful Recorder Karate program from previous years.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that Sequoyah will be presenting Cinderella Kids! as our Spring Musical this year. Auditions will be open to 3rd-5th grade students. Stage crew will be open to 4th and 5th grade students. Watch for more information about auditions in January.

Mrs. Wardell



Shop at Target, Earn Money For Sequoyah

We've discovered a terrific way to raise funds for Sequoyah. It's super-easy, and all you have to do is use your Target® Visa® or Target® Card. We will receive a percentage of the amount of each purchase in the form of a cash donation to Sequoyah from Target through the Take Charge of Education® program. Target donates 1% of all Target Visa Credit Card and Target Credit Card purchases made at a Target store or at Target.com and 1% of all Target Check Card purchases made at a Target Store. Target donates 1/2% of all Target Visa Credit Card purchases made outside of Target.

It's easy. Just visit target.com/tcoe, or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate Sequoyah as your school. So if you're going to Target anyway, please consider using your Target® Visa® or Target® Card and selecting Sequoyah as the beneficiary. Grandparents, neighbors and friends can take part, too. Any questions, please contact Ellen Rahr at rahr@comcast.net or 301-208-0805

Thanks for your support!

Would you like to be able to donate money to Sequoyah without having to do anything?



Well, you can!

All we need is your Giant Bonus Card number (should be 12 digits), your Safeway Club Card number (11 digits) and your name and address. We'll add you if you're new or renew your participation and make sure a percentage of your purchases from Giant and Escript merchants (i.e. Safeway) supports your student's education. Simply email the information to Ellen Rahr at rahr@comcast.net, or complete this form and return it to school.

Know anyone else that would like to support Sequoyah in this way (grandparents, aunts, uncles)? Give us their card numbers, names, and addresses and we'll do the rest!

This is a great way to help the many programs and services provided by the Sequoyah PTA – and it doesn't cost you any extra! Simply shop at Safeway or Giant as you normally would. Just be sure to use your Club Card or Bonus Card and designate Sequoyah Elementary as your school.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Rahr at 301-208-0805 or rahr@comcast.net

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