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**Winfield Elementary School**

**Mammoth News**

**March 2017**

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**Assistant Principal’s Message**

**It’s time for us to begin our testing season. Students in our school will be taking the MISA (Maryland Integrated Science Assessment) March 15 – 24, in Grade 5 and PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) for grades 3, 4 &5, May 2017. You can get more information about all of these assessments on our BCPS website. In order to help your child prepare for testing, please consider the following:**

* **Have your child bring a comfortable set of headphones to be used during the testing session.**
* **Make sure they get to bed early each night in order to be well rested for testing and have a good breakfast to energize the brain. We will have breakfast here at school too.**
* **Make sure your child has perfect attendance to avoid having your child make-up the testing on another day.**
* **Avoid making doctor’s appointments during testing times.**
* **Arrive to school on time by 9:05 A.M., making sure they will be ready for testing on time.**
* **Encourage them to be persistent by staying on task and showing off their best work.**

**As always families, thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing our students continue to make progress and be successful in their learning!**

**Lori M. Grant, Assistant Principal**

**Winfield Elementary**

**Parent Coordinator’s Message**

**Early this month during Read Across America Week, over thirty class readers volunteered to read books to Winfield ES students. Class readers included parents, elected officials, community partners, senior volunteers and BCPS administrators. We wish to thank these individuals for helping our students develop fluency by listening to examples of good reading. The highlight of that week was Reading and Math Night which attracted well over 150 parents and children. Students from each grade level gave presentations to parents. Pre K-5 teachers also staffed four math and reading rotation sites that provided fun and engaging learning experiences for parents and children. Please join me in giving a shout out to all of Winfield’s faculty and staff and extended family who contributed their time and effort to make Read Across America Week a success.**

**Clifford Collins**

**Parent Service Coordinator**

**Grade Level General Information**

**Pre-K News**

**We are continuing our theme, “Amazing Animals”. We will learn and read the sight word “he” in our next book, The Beach. Here are some fun songs to sing with your child on YouTube: Songs by the Learning Station and “Ten Apples Up On Top song the style of Jason Mraz. This is a great way to enjoy a book and learn new sight words at the same time.**

**Kindergarten**

**Kindergarten is ready for spring!!  We are continuing our learning of adding and subtracting numbers but also are focusing on animals and their habitats!  Please also keep checking your child's folder for the field trip permission form!!  Our field trip is April 28th.  Have any questions or concerns; please email your child's teacher.**

**4th Grade News**

**The 4th graders have just started Unit 5 in ELA about problems and solutions. In ELA, the students just finished Unit 4 where they created a Vietnamese Power-point so that future 4th graders can use theirs as a digital resource. They are continuing with their guided reading groups and many have them have progressed to two or more levels! 4th grade keep up the good work!**

**Social/Emotional News**



**Special Areas News**

 **Kindergarteners are finishing their own Cat in the Hat.  They are learning how to repeat an image to create a patter.  First grade will begin a new unit this March:  Arlo needs Glasses.  The children will be creating texture using yarn when making their dog “Arlo”.  Second graders will be creating their first non-objective artwork by using expressive lines.  Third graders are just beginning their unit on famous artist: Matisse by making their own collage of “Cut Outs”.  Fourth graders will begin a project based on ceramics made in Tonala Mexico.  Fifth graders are practicing ways create an image in 3D by leering to draw an ellipse.  The final project will be a still life drawing.  Keep Making Art!!!! Mrs. Merkle**

**This month we completed our Hoops for heart.  50 students from Kindergarten through 5th grade participated and were able to raise $675 for the American Heart Association.  Congratulations to our top fundraiser Zoey Imo in Ms. Kuehn’s kindergarten class for being our top fundraiser.  Thank you to everyone who raised money for this wonderful event and I hope everyone that participated had a great time.  We also completed our 5th grade Table Tennis Tournament.  Congratulations to the following students Dezmond Owens, Ayotunde Olatidoye, James Green, and Taiwo Adelabu who won their class tournament to compete in a final four to determine a school champion.  After a few hard fought games, Taiwo from Mrs. Bloom’s class was declared the champion!!!**

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**Concert Time is fast approaching. The concert is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at Windsor Mill Middle School.  We are looking forward our spring performance! The students are working hard and would love your support.**