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**Winfield Elementary School**

**Mammoth News**

**May 2017**

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**Snapshot of May Activities at Winfield**

**May 4, 5:30PM STEM Fair**

**May 5, 6:30PM PTA Father/Daughter Dance**

**May 9, 6:30PM PTA Meeting 6:30 PM**

**May 10 Picture Day for Pre K – 2nd Grade**

**May 11 Picture Day for 3rd – 5th Grades**

**May 19, 7:00PM Winfield Spirit Night at Camden Yards**

**May 20, 11AM-4PM Winfield Spring Carnival**

**May 23, 6:30PM Spring Concert**

**May 25, 6:00PM Summer Bridge Parent Workshop**

**May 29, Memorial Day, School Closed**

**Grade Level News**

**Kindergarten**

**Hello Kindergarten Families!!**

**Please make sure you have scheduled your conference with your child's teacher for kindergarten conferences!! Thank you!!**

**Kristine Kuehn
Kindergarten Teacher
Winfield Elementary School**

**3rd Grade**

**We are so proud of the Eggperts team that will represent Winfield at the Baltimore County S.T.E.M. fair on May 13th. They went a school record distance of 1560 cm. We wish them good luck! Congratulations to all the teams for building cars that were successful in rolling down the ramp to go as far as they could and surviving crash tests.**

**In math, 3rd grade students will be continuing to work on two step word problems. They will also be talking about similarities and differences between quadrilaterals (squares, rectangles, rhombuses, kites, and trapezoids). In ELA, third grade students will be working on poetry. They will be analyzing poetry to determine meaning. They also are constructing their own poems. At the end of the year, the students will be reading about Roald Dahl.**

**Third graders are working hard to end out the year!**

**Special Areas News**

**From the Winfield Library:**

**Please send all library books back to our library as soon as possible. There are over 200 overdue books that need to be returned. If you have library books from another Baltimore County school, send those as well and I will mail them to their proper schools.**

**Thanks!**

**Laurie Precht**

**School Library Media Specialist**

**Winfield Elementary School**

**On May the 23rd the Winfield Mammoth Choir and Mammoth Band will be performing their evening concert at Windsor Mill Middle School at 6:30 pm. We are looking forward to performing for you.**

Mercury Morris, Vocal Music Teacher

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***Water Safety Month* *May 2017***

**The Importance of Water Safety**

**1.    Drowning is the #1 cause of unintentional injury death for children between the ages of 1 and 4.** **Drowning is the #5 cause of unintentional injury overall.  Children on the Autism Spectrum are drawn to water. Drowning accounts for 90% of total U.S deaths reported in children with autism.**

**2.    Every year more than 1,000 children 14 years and younger drown in pools and spas. Thousands more are hospitalized.**

**3.   Drowning is fast and silent. Drowning can happen in the time it takes to text a friend.**

**4.   It only takes an inch of water for children to drown. It is not just pools, lakes, and oceans. It is also bathtubs and buckets.**

**5.  Fatal and non-fatal drownings are 8 times more likely to happen to children who do not know how to swim.**

**6. Knowing how to swim does not make a child drown – proof. Children still need adequate supervision.**

**Water safety is a year round topic. May is designated a special Water Safety month as we get ready for a fun summer with more exposure to water. Drowning is a serious topic and not a very pleasant topic to think about …but we must.**

**Drowning is preventable. Talk to your children about the importance of safety around water.**

**      Never leave your children unattended around water. We know it sounds strict and harsh, but there is no room for compromise. Babies can drown in as little as one inch of water.**

**      Please put your cell phone away, forget about the other things you need to do, and give your children 100% of your attention when they are near or around water.**

**     If your child is invited to a swim party…ASK about the lifeguards and parental involvement.**

**Safety Tips**

**1. Learn to swim**

**2.    Look Before You Leap**

**3.    Never Swim Alone**

**4.    Safety on the Pool Deck and around Open Water**

**5.    Always use a certified life preserver on boats and around lakes, rivers and oceans**

**6.    Have an emergency action plan**

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