

# THE TMPEMS TIMES

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## Principal's Corner

Dear Parents & Guardians,

First, let's begin by saying that I hope that everyone had a very enjoyable Spring Break. Can you believe that we are already a few weeks into the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter? Soon we will be calling our 8<sup>th</sup> graders high school students - Wow!! We are officially finished with state testing and by all early indications; all of our students did a very good job. Now we are anxiously awaiting our results from the state. We expect to receive our Stanford 10 scores some time in late May, but we will have to wait until June or July for our MSA scores.

As we begin to wind down the last months of this school year, I want to remind all of our students and parents that although our weather is becoming warmer, we still expect our students to dress appropriately for school. We will strictly enforce the Baltimore City Dress Code Policy. Students who are inappropriately dressed will be asked to call home for a change of clothes/shoes. If no one from the student's family is able to come to the school to bring a change of clothing/shoes, the student will either be asked to change into a shirt that we provide, go to the ALC, or go home for the day.

Also, with the change in the weather, some students may want to stay home to enjoy the warm temperatures. We have worked very hard to encourage and reward students for coming to school each and every day. We have sent letters home to parents, raffled off \$20 dollars to primary parents, gave certificates to students, offered mediation, and brought parents in for conferences. Although our attendance has been near its highest in the past seven years, we still are diligently working with a few families to improve their attendance. Now, Baltimore City Public Schools has reviewed our attendance data and is asking to meet with some of our families to help us to better explain the attendance laws in the state of Maryland. In the future, we are asking that when parents write a letter to explain their child's absences they make sure that they give the letter directly to one of the secretaries in the office and ask them to make a photo copy for your records. The difference between an excused absence and an unlawful absence is as simple as writing a letter of excuse.

Finally, remember that weather permitting, our cafeteria doors will open for breakfast at 7:20am and the front doors will open at 7:45am to begin the school day.



### Important Dates in the Month of May

May 4<sup>th</sup>

- Community Budget Review: Last opportunity for community to discuss 09-10 SY budget *before* it is submitted.

May 11<sup>th</sup>

- PTA Meeting (6:00pm-7:00pm in the cafeteria)

May 14<sup>th</sup>

- Intermediate Parent Involvement Activity (Funtastic Night)

May 11\* - 15\*

- ~ Parent Conference Week (Afl teachers should contact parents to set up a conference)

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- Early Release (172 Day for students)  
j31:15am Dismissal

May 25<sup>th</sup>

- Memorial Day: School Closed for Students and Staff

May 27<sup>th</sup>

- School Improvement Team Meeting (3:00pm in the Library)

June 4<sup>th</sup>

- PreK and K Closing Ceremony

June 5<sup>th</sup>

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Closing Ceremony

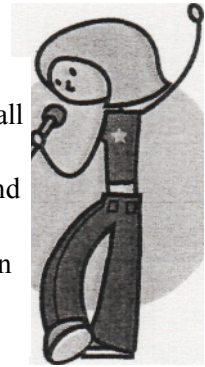
June 12<sup>th</sup>

- Last Day of School for Students

# News from the Crews: find out what's happening at

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With the success of the first Morrell Park Talent Show, the PBIS team has decided to hold its second "Who's Got Talent?" talent show on May 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm-6:00pm. Students ages 4-15 in all grades here at The Morrell Park are eligible to participate. We are encouraging everyone to come sing, dance, or play their hearts out. The PBIS team realizes that our school is full of academic and artistically talented students. The team will select 20 acts to participate in the show on a first come, first serve basis. If you believe that your child has "talent," please encourage him/her to sign up. Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, place winners.



## Who's Got Talent???

### PreK and Kindergarten Notes

The end of the year is drawing near. Pre-K and Kindergarten will be having lots of fun activities. First, we will be having an after school activity to celebrate the arrival of Spring on May 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be planting flowers in our outside flowerbed. Students will also complete an arts and crafts activity.

The next activity will be on May 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be taking a field trip to the Baltimore Zoo to see all the interesting animals.

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be having our Pre-K and K Fun Day! We will celebrate the end of the year with a cookout and lots of fun activities. Information about all of these activities will be sent home as the dates draw near.



### Time Flies in First Grade\*

**Do you believe that it is spring and we have less than 40 days left in the school year? Where did the time go?**

Even though state testing is complete, we are very busy in our classrooms. We are sound machines! We know sounds and the different spellings of them. We understand the parts of a play and are becoming great actors and actresses. We are also becoming poets - check out our great poetry on our bulletin boards in the hallway! At math time, we have been studying different forms of measurement, such as the ruler and clock.

**We are very excited about the new playground being constructed, courtesy of CSX. The new equipment looks awesome!**

We do have some field trips planned for the remainder of the school year. We will be going to the Baltimore Museum of Industry and The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore. More details will be coming soon.

Hope to see you around The MP soon!

## Like new flowers in spring...We're STILL learning new things"

### Updates from the Intermediate Academy

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders did an excellent job on the MSA, but there's still a lot of fun and exciting things to learn. 3rd grade Math is all about MULTIPLICATION!!!! 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is working very hard to master their multiplication facts up to 12. Be on the lookout for more information on a multiplication tournament coming up in May. In Science, the life cycle is in full effect. Life cycles of plants and flowers are being investigated by the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade scientists. 4<sup>th</sup> graders are taking a deeper look into their own lives by creating Autobiographies. This long-term project will include a PowerPoint presentation with the help of Mr. Cox, our technology teacher. In Social Studies we are learning all about the great state of Maryland!

In Math, 2-digit by 2-digit multiplication is helping them prepare for 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and Science is out of this world with the study of our Planets and Solar System!

\*\*Please be on the lookout for notices home about the Intermediate Academy Family Night and end of year field trips. Don't forget to visit the academy Parent Connection Center for more information!

## Coach's Corner

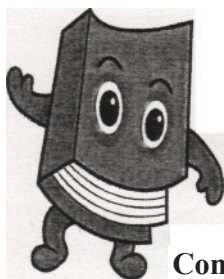
Congratulations to Daniel Greenfield, Hoa Luu and Rickey Baker for winning The President's Physical Fitness Award. The test measures muscular endurance, flexibility, agility, speed and strength through a variety of different tests.

The Eagles Track and Field Team is entering the later stages of its season. We're looking forward to a strong finish. The championships will be held on May 6th. Thanks to all the parents that continue to support our team throughout the year.



Mr. Cox would like to congratulate all the students in grades 5 through 8 who did an excellent job on their Black History Month project. It was a challenging project for all but was a tremendous experience for learning about famous African-Americans. Come see the bulletin board outside of the Tech Lab and check out some of the BEST work!

Tech Club is still going strong on ednesdays after school. If your child is interested, have them see Mr. C. Visit [schoolrack.com/mrmike/to](http://schoolrack.com/mrmike/to) to see some of the activities that your child does during their time /in technology. Each activity strengthens computer skills and provides support for other content areas.



## *The BOOK pair is Back in Town!*

The Spring Scholastic Boob Fair will be held from May 4<sup>th</sup> through May 8<sup>th</sup> in the Library. Students may shop during their Library class or with their parents any day

**Come out and supper\* our Fair becaHte "Reading Make\* Von a Star!!!!"**

after school. The theme of the Boob Fair is "Lights! Camera! Boob Fair!"



## Middle School Happenings...

It is an exciting time in the Middle School Academy! We would like to thank everyone who helped the Middle School with their karaoke night. It was a great success and everyone had a great time. We are planning a field trip for all of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to the Washington, D.C. zoo

on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. We are also in the process of planning the 8<sup>th</sup> grade closing activities. We are going to need everyone's support in providing our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students with memorable closing activities. We will be sending home more specifics on the closing activities shortly.

### **What is Your Personal Bank Account Worth?**

*(It's not just about money!)*

How you feel about yourself can be seen as a "Bank Account." You can make deposits into or withdrawals from you account by the things you think, say, and do. Examples of **POSITIVE** deposits are: speaking up in an appropriate manner, being happy for others' successes, living by principles, and working to improve and build your skills and talents. Examples of **NEGATIVE** withdrawals could be: always going along with the crowd, using drugs or alcohol, not being loyal to anyone or anything. As a personal challenge... Keep track of your POSITIVE deposits and NEGATIVE withdrawals for an hour, a day, a week. See how many deposits you can make to yourself in a week.

# Achievement Award Winners!!!!

Congratulations to the following Principal's Honor Roll and Honor Roll students!

## Principals Honor Roll

Sileya Richardson	William Kidwell
Devin Robbins	Kearstin Johnson
Elijah James	Hieu Dinh
Berne" Boyd	Taylor Hartman
Nicholas Russo	William Lathe
Isaiah Johnson	Daiona Lisbon
Katelynn Johnson	Miranda Burch
Austin Jenkins	Briana Gilliard
Hunter Adams	Kateri Conrad
Evelyn Jones	Arianna Sadler
Malaya Munoz	Cheymarie
Connor Johnson	Santiago-Trinidad
Talia Coe	Alexis Schultz
Georgie Kramer	Kyle Hayes
Morgan Shugars	Brianna Hobbs
Laila Citro	Rachel Joyave
Hoa Luu	Miransa Koethe
Henry Ortiz	David Hernandez
Richard Shields	Emily Munoz
Skyler Snyder	Daisha Wheeler
Michael Warren	Brandon Munoz
Deja Hart	John White
Ambria Haught	Mary Parlier
Krista Thornton	Zachary Schuyler
Michael Paschall	Uyen Nguyen
Savanna Zachau	Kayla Markel
Michelle Nguyen	Tran Quach
Jacob Bellos	Devin Wallace
Glen Hardesty	Uyen Le
Angelia Noratel	Duong Luu
Alexis Hayes	Nhi Nguyen
Kayla Nemece	Matt Prince
Summer Halstead	Nate Sadler
Corrine White	Chau Tran
Samantha Parlier	My Tran
Jeremy Matheny	Annie Danh

## Honor Roll

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James Boisseau	Dean Witt
Teddi Hill	Joeann Kerns
Joseph Cornog	Kelly Saffran
Samantha Ray	Catherine Ammenhauser
Sheena Frampton	Sean Ammenhauser
Skylar Beckner	Dustin Shrout
Alexandra Bruno-Ramos	David Jenkins
Charles Wendter	Prince Marshall
Michael Cornog	Norman Brown
Ashley Molina	Rosemarie Hood
Emily Lovill	Brian Slacum
McKenna Millward	David Dickens
Sophia Hayes	Daniel Greenfield
Olivia Houck	Sara D'Antonio
Chasity Johnson	Nathan Downer
Michael Meredith	My Tran
Lauren Munoz	Amiya Alexander
Jaela Paranilam	Zachary Brackhoff
Carlos Russell	Makenzi Frankowski
Emirra Clark	Ashley Lyman
Cody Biggs	Jasmin Molina
Marissa Catl	Dulce Cortez
Maria Galvez	Andrea Walker
Lakai Ray	Aaron Weaver
Dra'lona Wilson	Dakota Godwin
Kayla Beksinski	Jasmin Walden
Elijah Cegelski	Jamorris Toomer
Aiyssa Deleon	Charlena Thomas
Katelyn Hammonds	Austin Shelton
Arie Holmes	Justin Oxendine
Krista Jacobs	Michael Neal
Cameron Love	Alfonso Bruno
Dominic Navarro	Cuong Danh
Aiyssa Rhodes	Savannah Kline
Frank Snyder	Walid Abed
Jordan Brafford	Mandie Whitcomb
Anthony King	Ryan Hess
Michael Koethe	Morgan Robertson
Carl Paschall	Amanda Blackmon
William Reckline	Amber Hammonds
Jimmy Thomas	Keasia Henderson
Billy Gress	John Parlier
Devon Farfaras	Victoria Southerland
Alexandria Roberts	Timothy Greenfield
Dang Nguyen	Kourtney Johnson
Erika Rodriguez	Joe Kerns
Cache' Taylor	Michelle Noratel
YLuu	Ryan Turner
Scott Bosley	Dustin Whisner
Helen Navarro	Justin Shore
Jason Eisenhardt	Hawa Bashir
Matthew Lovill	Holly Hatfield
Safiya Davis	Megan Stanton
Grace Jones	Brad Travers
Abigail Weaver	Codey Windsor
Russell Gardner	Brandon Garland
James Brand	Victoria Choe
Stacey Phillips	
Nicholas Hammonds	
Trent Hess	

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Mark Trefethen