



## Principal's Corner

Dear Families,

As we look forward to the New Year, the administrative team is planning to spend more time in classes to grow our schools' instructional practices. By spending more time in classes, we hope to impact the Classroom Environment and Instruction. Please help support the administrative team by scheduling meetings with administrators afterschool. We want to engage with parents as well as stay focused on our instructional goals as Instructional Leaders.

The Administrative Team would like to wish you and yours a safe and Happy Holiday.

Best regards,  
N. Smith

### Quote of the Week

I believe empathy is the most essential quality of civilization.

*Roger Ebert*

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### School Schedule

Monday - Friday

8:00-8:15: Breakfast

8:15-8:30 am Community Building Circles

8:30 am - 2:40 pm Instructional Day

2:15 pm Cut off for Early Dismissals

8:15 am-4:00 pm Office Hours

### Upcoming Events

December 13<sup>th</sup>: **Basketball Game at Buck Lodge Middle School 6pm**

December 18<sup>th</sup>: **Basketball Game at Hyattsville Middle School 6pm**

December 20<sup>th</sup>: **Imagine Foundations Board Meeting 6:30 pm @ Imagine Leeland Basketball Game at Nicholas Orem 6pm**

December 22<sup>th</sup>: **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Progress Reports Released**

## Parent's Corner

### Academic Growth

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Progress Reports released December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Scholars will begin to revisit their goals set during quarter one. They will use the data from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> administration of STAR along with their grades to check in on their progress towards their goals.

#### Contact Information

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### Character Development

Empathy is our character trait of the month. We will celebrate scholars who exhibit empathy at the end of the month during Block Meetings for each grade band.

On December 5<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated 8<sup>th</sup> grade scholars for demonstrating responsibility and 100% uniform compliance for PSAT. They received a dress down day. We look forward to celebrating and rewarding more of our scholars.

Spirit Week will be next week, December 18<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>. Additional information will be forth coming.

### Economic Sustainability

Approximately 50 scholars have earned the privilege to attend a party hosted by Mid Atlantic, a fund raising company.

Thank you to all our families who showed up for the Annual Barnes and Nobles Book Fair. Morningside was #1 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row.

*A Note from Nurse Riley:*

Dental Services Available: (January 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 2018) Information Packets & Forms will be sent out the first week of December and need to be returned by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

- There is no cost to you if your child is insured with Medicaid or CHIP! Private insurance and affordable self-pay options are also available
- By having your child see the in-school dentist, you can help reduce the risk of:
  - ✓ Early Tooth Loss caused by dental decay
  - ✓ Gum Disease
  - ✓ Heart Disease
  - ✓ Impaired speech development
- Dental services provided Services include:
  - ✓ Complete oral examinations
  - ✓ Cleanings • Sealants
  - ✓ Fluoride treatments
  - ✓ X-rays In most schools, restorative services, such as fillings, are also provided.

**Shout Outs**

PTO for providing snacks for 8<sup>th</sup> grade scholars taking the PSAT.

**Justice**

All the "Cowgirl's" and "Dudes" who shopped the Scholastic Book Fair with their scholars.

**Fun**

Our families who helped us have the top participation at the Barnes and Nobles Book Fair

**Fun**

Parents who volunteered at the Scholastic Book Fair.

**Fun**

**Reminders:**

- ✓ Scholars may only wear solid navy sweats and a gray tee with school logo for PE.
- ✓ **NO boots** are permitted throughout the school.
- ✓ If scholars are wearing long-sleeve shirts under their short-sleeve polo's, the undershirt can be white in color **ONLY**.
- ✓ Scholars can wear a dark navy cardigan that is button down or zip up only - **no hoods and no pullovers are permitted.**
- ✓ Scholars should not be dropped off at school before 8:10 am.
- ✓ Parents **should remain in their vehicles** during drop off and pick-ups.
- ✓ Scholars' tennis shoes should be **ALL black. No other types of shoes.**

**We are IMAGINE!**

**We are Team and Family!**