

Cheetah Chatter

12-8-17

Calendar

Dec. 11 – Advanced Band & Strings Concert

Dec. 12 – Math Olympiad
5th – 11: 30 AM

Dec. 15 – Purple Friday

Dec. 21 – 5th grade Gingerbread House Making

Dec. 22 – PJ Day

Dec. 23 – Jan. 1 – Winter Break
No School for students

Jan. 2 – School Reopens

Jan. 10 – 4th Grade Chorus Concert

Jan. 12 – Twin Day



From the Principal

Helping our children understand that providing service to others in their community, ultimately helps them. Volunteering has a positive effect on our community — and it's good for children, too. They can feel good because they're helping others, and the others feel good because they're getting help. Giving back to your community is valuable in itself, but helping others also offers many benefits.

Service to Others can provide our children with valuable life experiences and skills. Whether you help build houses for the homeless or collect pet supplies for an animal shelter, children can experience the real world through hands-on work. They can learn that both the people they are helping and their fellow volunteers can provide insight and broaden their scope of understanding and impact on their community.

To help our children get the most out of their experience, ask them these questions before you help them get started:

- What have you done in the past that you've enjoyed?
- What do you want to do as a volunteer?
- How much time can you commit?
- What talents or skills can you offer?
- What kinds of people do you want to work with?
- What would you most like to learn by volunteering?

Together, think of 10 ways your family can serve others. Choose one idea. Pick a date to do the activity. Afterward, talk about your experience.

Joy B. Smith

Attention: Aftercare Parents

Please remember to notify AFTERCARE when your child will have a change in dismissal. Aftercare operates independently of the school and needs to be notified separately of any dismissal changes. Please inform the HC Parks and Recreation staff when dropping off in the morning or send a note marked [ATTN: Aftercare](#)

Thank you!

SoMIRAC's 2017 – 2018

Young Authors' Contest
Grades 2 – 5

Who: Students in Grades 2 – 5

What: Write a poem or short story!

- Entries must be original work.
- All entries must use no smaller than 12 point font in Times New Roman or Comic Sans.
- Short story entry may range from a minimum of 300 words to no more than 800 words.
- Poem entry will consist of a single poem, any style from a minimum of 25 words to no more than 150 words.
- Entries must not include graphics.
- Each entry must include a completed typed cover sheet signed by the student author and sponsoring teacher.

DIGITAL RULES: Save the WORD document of your entry. Also save the typed cover sheet electronically. School winners will need to submit these to the county level contest.

For additional details and guidelines, contact your local reading council

Entries due: December 15, 2017



Helping for the Holidays.....

Looking for a great way to support a local cause this Holiday season? If you would like to coordinate a drop off before the Holidays with your family please contact Ms. Muriel Gates 443-610-1248. (located 5 min down the road from Security Mall) Feel free to drop off items to IES to the attention of Angela McLean office #: 206 no later than December 21st.

We are looking for the following donations to support the Nite of Peace Shelter:

1. Toilet paper
2. Paper towels
3. Laundry detergent
4. Disinfectant wipes
5. 45-gallon trash bags
6. Fabuloso
7. Non-dairy creamer
8. Sandwich bags
9. Washcloths
10. Blankets
11. Towels
12. Twin bed sheets (cover and fitted)
13. Hand sanitizer
14. Bus tokens

Check out this site for more information: <http://www.nightofpeace.org/wish-list/>

Here is another option for service over the Holidays:

Support Small Miracles Rescue Center located in Ellicott City MD

Looking to support local rescue puppies this year with your family? Small Miracles is a fantastic local program to collect donations for! If you are interested in dropping off your items to the Small Miracles building please coordinate with Kelsey Bennet: 443-900-0220. If you'd like to drop off items to Ms. Angela McLean at IES we'd love your donations to the attention of Angela McLean in office # 206 no later than December 21st.

- Puppy toys
- Old recycled newspapers
- Puppy pads
- Puppy treats- Science Diet
- Puppy Dog food Science diet canned and solid
- Dish detergent
- Cleaning supplies
- Paper towels in bulk
- Walmart/Amazon/Target gift cards any denomination

Here is the site for the wish list: <https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/37HOAXMCM62U>

