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Principal's Message

Dear Families and Friends,

Happy New Year! Our children are working as hard as ever. We do not think they even missed a beat over winter vacation. We can tell that you encouraged reading and provided activities for your child that enables them to make connections from home experiences to school experiences. Thank you for all of your support.

January 24th marks the end of the second quarter. Please be sure to contact your child's teacher if you should have questions or concerns. There are several other events that we would like to highlight such as our Winter Concert. The concert will be held next Wednesday, January 16th at 2:00 PM and 6:30 PM in Mount Eagle's gym. We hope to see you there to show support for our band, strings orchestra, and chorus. We will also have our next PTO meeting on Monday, January 14th, at 6 PM in Library. Our PTO has planned guest speakers and is working hard to contribute to our school. Your participation and involvement is both needed and encouraged. Remember we can not be successful without you, your child's first teacher. Lastly, we will have After School Remediation for selected students in grades 4, 5, and 6 beginning in February. This program will focus on math and reading skills.

Please feel free to call or schedule a visit with your child's teacher or the administration, if you have anything you would like to share.

Sincerely,

Brian K. Butler, Principal
Dawn M. Hendrick, Assistant Principal

Check us out on Red Apple 21 **After School Enrichment Program** **at Mount Eagle**

Insight #9 will air for two weeks on Red Apple 21 beginning January 7th through January 20th, everyday at 6:30 PM on Cox Cable and Comcast Cable in Reston and Verizon FiOS TV. Insight also airs up to 3 additional times each day (usually 1:30 PM and 10:30 PM). For exact times visit the Cable TV web page <http://www.fcps.edu/cable.htm> and click on Programming Guide. Library Media Specialists also receive electronic versions of our TV guide; look for Insight in *Fine Tuning*.

January 2008

National Mentoring Month

- 14 PTO Meeting 6:30 PM
- 16 Band & Strings Concert 2 PM & 6 PM
- 17 McDonald's Spirit Night 5-8 PM
- 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. **HOLIDAY**
- 24 2nd Grading period ends
- 25 Student **HOLIDAY**
- 28 Student **HOLIDAY**
- 29 3rd Grading period begins

December Book Fair a Success!

The Mount Eagle Book Fair which was held the second week of December in the library was a success. For this book fair we used the company, Bedford Falls. Students, staff and parents all commented positively on the selection of books and almost all students found something they wanted to purchase.



With our profit, we were able to purchase over 60 books directly from Bedford Falls and also take almost \$600 in cash. This profit, together with profit from the previous three book fairs will enable us to purchase a SMART Board for the library.

A special thank you to Mrs. Bonnie Walker, Ms. Lena Spence, Mrs. Mae Pattison, Mrs. Linda Layton, Mrs. Elisa Alexander, Mr. Marcus Ferguson, Ms. Lovelace Tawiah and Mr. Brian Butler for their help with setting up and staffing the book fair. Thank you to the PTO for coordinating the raffle drawing with our evening event. And thank you to all of you who supported the book fair by shopping and allowing your children to shop.



Spotlight on Third Grade

Third Graders are beginning to learn their multiplication facts. We started right after the holiday break. We are going over multiplication with arrays and groupings. Students will need to review their facts nightly!!! Continue reading with your child every day, either two short books or for 20 minutes. Ask your child where the story takes place, who the characters are, and can they make a text-to-text or a text-to-self connection. Homework that comes home nightly is a review of what your child did in class. They should be able to complete the work without help. Please let us know if they are spending more than 30 minutes doing the homework. It should not take them that long. Please continue to sign agenda books, only if your child did the work. Do not sign them if you have not checked the work. Also, please have your child wear a proper hat, coat and gloves daily. We go outside for recess daily unless it is raining. The third grade teachers plan on holding mid-year conferences during the month of January. Since our class size is so small we are able to accomplish this in about a 15 minute time frame! We will contact you soon to set up conference times. If you have any questions about your child please do not hesitate to call the school to speak with us!!

Thank you for being a partner in your child's education.

Mrs. Schorr and Mrs. Stoffel



You are invited to join us
Band and Strings Concert
Wednesday, January 16, 2008
Day performance 2 PM
Evening performance 6 PM

Mount Eagle Spirit Night

at

McDonald's



*McDonald's is located at
6239 Richmond Highway*

Bring your family and friends!

Thursday, January 17th

5 to 8 PM

Proceeds benefit the Mt Eagle PTO

☺ January is National Mentoring Month ☺

To children, mentoring means having a trusted friend who cares about them and listens to them, a role model they can look up to, who will help them achieve their dreams. Mentors are individuals with a high level of caring for others and a keen interest in having others succeed. The responsibilities of a mentor are awesome!!! First and foremost, the mentor must be a positive role model, someone with whom the mentee can identify. The mentor must display a very positive image, one that can guide the mentee's behaviors and actions.

Research has shown that introducing a mentor into a child's life can have a powerful impact, preventing drug abuse and youth violence while greatly enhancing a young person's prospects for leading a fulfilling and productive life. A study conducted by Public/Private Ventures that measured the impact of mentoring found those children with mentors:

- Were 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs
- Were 27% less likely to begin using alcohol
- Were 53% less likely to skip school
- Were 33% less likely to engage in school violence
- Had improved school attendance and performance, and better attitudes toward completing school work
- Had improved peer and family relationships

Were there people in your life who encouraged you and helped you become who you are today? Thank them during National Mentoring Month and "pass it on..."

Currently Mount Eagle has twenty three mentors comprised of teachers and community members. If you or someone you know would like more information about becoming a mentor please contact Mrs. Christy Land, School Counselor, at 703-721-2100.