



The Bobcat Bulletin

February 2, 2017

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Happy Groundhog Day! Did the groundhog see his shadow or are we in for an early spring? Whatever the prognostication, I am confident that the activities we have planned for this month will be sure to put a "spring" in the step of our students!

First off, after taking a break for the month of January our monthly PTA meetings will resume on Monday, February 6th at 7:00 PM. We hope you can join us as we continue planning for our Spring Social, spring book fair, and upcoming drama production! Speaking of drama, the students are off to a great start under the leadership of Dawn Gross. If anyone is interested in serving as a parent volunteer, please reach out to Dawn directly at disneydowntours@aol.com.

On Wednesday, February 8th, the Dixie Power Trio will be performing for our students. They perform various styles of music from New Orleans, including Zydeco, blues, traditional jazz, and Dixieland. A flyer is in today's folder describing the event.

Finally, thanks to your generosity and our growing membership we were able to purchase a literacy intervention program that will benefit MES students.

I hope to see you all soon! Best, Jennifer Bowen

BOXTOP\$ FOR EDUCATION; GROCERY STORE REWARDS; AMAZON SMILE

The BoxTop\$ for Education program is one of our continuing fundraising activities. Simply cut out the BoxTop\$ label found on many of the food products that you are already purchasing and send them in with your child. Each month our coordinator will tally up submissions and, at the end of the year, the class with the most box tops wins a class ice cream party! This month's box tops are due by 2/27/2017

Don't forget to link you're Harris Teeter (#6309) and Giant Foods (#40446) bonus cards to MES.

When shopping on Amazon be sure to use www.smile.amazon.com and link to: PTA Maryland Congress Monocacy Elementary



COME JOIN THE FUN! MES PTA VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE PARTY!

Friday, February 10th

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm in the MES gym

- \$5.00/child; adults and chaperones are free
- Parent or guardian must accompany all children
- Pizza and drinks available for sale
- Sign up to volunteer at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054eacad2fa0fb6-february>

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 6 – Monthly PTA meeting

February 8 - Cultural Arts Event

February 10 – Valentine's Day Dance Party

February 20 – No school

Update on curriculum supports

The Fountas & Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention System (LLI) is an intensive, small-group, supplementary literacy intervention for students who find reading and writing difficult. The goal of LLI is to lift the literacy achievement of students who are not achieving grade-level expectations in reading. Because the LLI books are high-quality leveled books that captivate and engage students they are used with a variety of students at Monocacy, not just those students who are having difficulty. There are 144 different titles in an individual kit. MES had one kit already, but because the students were making such gains, there was a critical need for the second kit. Thank you for helping to make this investment possible.