



THE JENIFER EXPRESS

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Newsletter

JENIFER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

We would like to thank all of the wonderful students and families who generously donated food, baby supplies, hats and gloves for our Food & Clothing Drive during the holiday season. The Southern Maryland Food bank recently informed us that our donation totaled over 525 pounds of food/clothing which was used to help 30 families through December and January. Truly we are a school filled with kind and compassionate people.

To stay informed about the happenings throughout the Charles County School system, please consider becoming a subscriber to the CCPS Press Release service. This wonderful service will send email notifications about student accomplishments, staff news, and weather alert information. Log onto the press releases section of the school system web site at www.ccboe.com/pr to subscribe. It is always great to be in the know!



During the month of February we will focus on "fairness" as the character trait of the month. Students are asked to show fairness by being tolerant, respectful, following rules, playing fair, and showing good sportsmanship. They are asked to do what their parents and teachers ask them to do even if they don't agree.

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Want quick access to closing information?

- Call the 24-hour information line at 301-932-6656
- Receive email notification from www.schoolsout.com
- Check the web site at www.ccboe.com



School Closures

February 4th - 2 Hour Early
Dismissal
PM Pre-K Attends

February 16th - School Closed
President's Day

Yearbook Sales are underway!

The yearbook is a keepsake that will be cherished for a lifetime. The yearbook will include lots of color pages of grades Pre-K thru 5th, candid shots for the year, a sturdy soft cover with coating and a custom design created by one of our students. Hurry and reserve your copy. The yearbook is being sold for \$16.00 each and please make checks payable to **Jenifer Elementary School**. Please note there is a \$10.00 return check fee on all returned checks.

- Winter months often lead to indoor recess days. If your family has any "gently" used board games or puzzles that they are no longer using, please consider donating them to your child's classroom for indoor recess enjoyment.

Lost and Found

Parents are encouraged to label your child's belongings with a permanent marker on the inside of their coat, jackets, sweaters, lunchboxes, book bags and other belongings that may be lost or misplaced. This is so that items could be easily recognized and returned to the owner. This also helps in identifying belongings that have been in the lost and found over a period of time. The lost and found is located in the cafeteria.



The Reading Corner

by Tammy Barnes
Reading Resource Teacher



Read Across Charles County

Volunteers Needed

On Friday, February 27th, Jenifer Elementary will celebrate Read Across Charles County along with Dr. Seuss' birthday. Each year this day is filled with exciting reading activities that involve all the students. As part of the celebration each class will have a guest reader share a favorite piece of children's literature. We are looking for volunteers to be readers on Friday February 27th. Please bring a book you would like to share or you may borrow one to read aloud. If you would like to volunteer please indicate your interest on the form below and return it to your child's classroom teacher by February 13th. Thank you for helping to make this day a success!

Dr. Seuss Hat Contest

Celebrate Read Across Charles County by creating a hat in honor of Dr. Seuss. On Friday, February 27th, Jenifer classrooms will participate in different activities to celebrate reading and Dr. Seuss' birthday. Students can create a hat that symbolizes the contributions Dr. Seuss has made to literature.



Students will be permitted to wear their "Seuss" hats during school on Friday. A winner from each grade level will be selected. Hats will be judged on originality, appearance, and connection to Dr. Seuss.

Begin reading your favorite Dr. Seuss books, start designing, and create a fantastic, *seussical* hat for our Reading celebration!

We look forward to seeing what you will be wearing on Friday, February 27th !

-----please return to your child's classroom teacher by February 13th-----

Volunteer's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

- Yes! I would like to read aloud to my child's class on February 27th. My child's classroom teacher will contact me to set up a time.

January's Artists of the Month

Kindergarten "Winter Snowmen"

**Kristopher Caine
Emma Foraci
Alicia Nelson**

**Sole Denton
Christopher Jurew
Eden Wolfenden**

1st Grade "Snowy Reindeer"

**Connor Badcock
Joseph Mahoney**

**Terrence Butler
Mia Reyes-Spellers**

2nd Grade "Playful Penguins"

**Ian Dunham
Christian Frazier
Anna Jones**

**Alexander Frazier
Phong Huynh**

3rd Grade "Japanese Kokeshi Dolls"

Rian Crump

Kiara Daniels

Kelechi Nwachuku

4th Grade "Cubist Self-Portraits"

Artist's work is still under creation. Holiday Picture Frames were not judged for Artist of the Month.

5th Grade "3D Self-Portraits"

**Naomi Armstrong
Ayah Debruhl
Jerod Neal
Kwame Truesdale-Delgiudice
Tayah White**

**Kory Cave
Alejandra Martinez-Rojas
Sarah Rausch
Zobia Qureshi**