



The Eagle's Nest



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Notes from the Principal:



The holidays are upon us and during this busy time of the year, it's important to reflect on all of the blessings in our lives. I thank you for your continued support of our school, our teachers, and most importantly, your child/ren. We couldn't accomplish all that we do without you and your partnership is so very much appreciated.

We know that this time of the year can also be difficult for many families, especially during these difficult financial times. If your family is in need, please call or email Mrs. Shank or Mr. Funkhouser (funkhjam@wcps.k12.md.us) and we will make every effort as a staff and community to support you.

Our students have been doing an amazing job this year. Our discipline rates have dropped significantly this year and we have much to celebrate. All of our students who have not received a referral will have the opportunity to participate in our Eagle Pride school-wide celebration on December 18th. We will be celebrating a Winter Wonderland. Students will create a winter craft, have a winter snack, and participate in a Snowy Singalong with Mr. Funkhouser on guitar. We are looking for donations of the following items for this fun celebration of positive behavior (these can be sent to the Front Office c/o Ms. Poling):

- ◆ 270 baby food jars (preferably cleaned with labels removed)
- ◆ White glitter
- ◆ Fake snow
- ◆ Thin ribbon (red, green, blue, white, or silver)
- ◆ Cheerios
- ◆ Chex Mix
- ◆ Pretzels
- ◆ Regular M&Ms
- ◆ Vanilla Chips
- ◆ Plastic snack size baggies

Our teachers are working to develop integrated unit and lesson plans that tie all curricular areas together seamlessly for students helping them see connections between math, reading, writing, social studies, and science. Teachers are using data from our MAPS assessments and other classroom data to plan targeted small group instruction, focusing on your child's individual areas of strength and need.

We are continuing to work to ensure that all of our students are reading on/above grade level by the end of the year. The more you can read with your child at home, model reading yourself, and encourage a love of text, the more successful we will be at meeting this goal.

I encourage you to "like" our school on Facebook. We post videos, photos, and special announcements. In addition, many of our classrooms and departments maintain pages where you'll find book talks, classroom updates, & resources for working with your child at home.

Enjoy the magic of the holiday season!