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Greetings From the Principal

Dear Students and Families of (MS)²,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful Winter Break and enjoyed the time spent with your family and friends. Being able to take time off from our daily lives affords an opportunity to reflect and look ahead to the coming year. As we celebrate New Year and the beginning of 2012, it is not only a time to make "New Year's Resolutions," but we also have the opportunity to renew and refresh our "perspectives," or "view points," on important aspects within our lives.

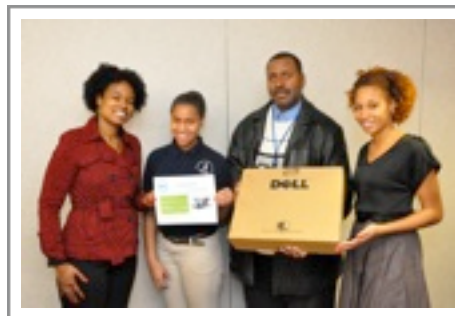
The second half of the year is an important time to re-connect with your child's teachers to ensure that skills are being mastered and assignments are being submitted. Work with your child to develop academic goals that will foster excellence as he or she strives to achieve success.

This month, the entire school will participate in a Service Learning Day, during which we will discuss the importance of providing service to those in need in tangible ways as well as in abstract ways. Report cards will be issued toward the end of the month. Remember to check Studywiz and PowerSchool consistently to monitor the progress of your child.

Working together as a community to provide structure and support will cultivate a positive environment that encourages success!

Ms. Allison L Artis

(MS)² Student Wins New Laptop



Several students from Howard University Middle School attended a workshop targeted toward high school students. This interactive workshop at the National Archives featured activities from an Anti-Apartheid Act Lesson Unit available through the Avoice Virtual Library Project. The focus of this workshop was to provide high school students and teachers with the opportunity to learn about the history of South Africa's former apartheid government and the role the Congressional Black Caucus played in passing US legislation to oppose it. Seventh grader Nia Johnson was one of the (MS)² students who participated in the workshop. Based on how she responded on a survey at the end of the workshop, she was later surprised with a brand new laptop.



"I was really excited, surprised, and happy I won. I would like to thank the teachers from the National Archives, and I love my new laptop."

— Nia Johnson

"I'm
the queen of the jungle
yeeaaahhhhhh!!!"

The Wiz

The (MS)² Young Voices and Performing Arts Extended Enrichment Clubs put on an amazing rendition of the 1978 classic "The Wiz." Selling out the first two scheduled shows, and then selling out a needed third show, (MS)² students & staff showed just how extraordinary they really are. In this issue, you can find an interview with several cast members by 8th grader, Moreena Hashim on page 3. There is also an extensive spread of photos from the play on page 6. Congratulations to the entire cast and production team.

You all are EXTRAORDINARY!

"(MS)²'s production of "The Wiz" was a dream come true for all us. It was a chance to show that our students are not only academically sound, but also well-rounded when it comes to the arts. We couldn't have been more proud to be apart of the (MS)² Family."

— Ms. Kendall N. Isadore



(MS)² Department Updates

Department of Instruction

Midterm Examination Schedule School Year 2011-2012

Note: Midterm exams assess information covered in Quarters 1 & 2.

January 9th	PE/Health, Music, Spanish, Mathematics
January 10th	PE/Health, Music, Spanish, Mathematics
January 11th	Science, English, Social Studies
January 12th	Science, English, Social Studies



Congratulations!!!

Ms. Florentia Spires was selected to become a NASA Endeavor Fellow.

You are extraordinary!

Department of Student Services

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! I hope you enjoyed your Winter Break, and you are ready and focused for the remainder of the school year. The next few months are going to be extremely busy, and all of us must continue to work hard. As many of you know we will be taking DC CAS in April. Although the preparation for the test started the first day of class, we must increase our preparation efforts.

Over the next few months you will see new programs being introduced. One such program is Service-learning. It is important for all of us to be exposed to Service-learning and how much of an impact we can have on our communities. The first Service-learning project will kick off on Friday, January 13, 2012. During this time, students, faculty and staff will participate in a number of projects that will impact our community. Stay tuned for more information.

Always remember to do something extraordinary!

Kenneth Caesar
Dean of Students

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Updates from The "D"

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The Department of Supplemental Programs

"The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives."
- Robert M. Hutchins

December Interns of the Month

Danielle Alexander
Christin Roby

November Interns of the Month

Chirece Jones
Earl King
Ariel Pierson-Tabron

October Interns of the Month

Shanice Butler
Cassandra Hill
Sadia Thomas
Sheneese Thompson

(MS)² Saturday Academy Program January Schedule

Middle School Academy

January 7th & 21st
8:30 am - Breakfast
9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Instruction
12:00 pm - Dismissal

Elementary Academy

January 7th - Blue Group
8:30 am - Breakfast
9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Instruction
12:00 pm - Dismissal

January 21st - Red Group

8:30 am - Breakfast
9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Instruction
12:00 pm - Dismissal

(MS)² Local Spelling Bee Results

1st Place - Deanna Moore
2nd Place - Ariyon Lee
3rd Place - Michaela Knox

Interview with 1st Place winner on page 3

"You can't win. You can't break even and you can't get out of the game..."



(MS)² Spelling Bee Results

By: Emauni Hill, 8th grade

The 2012 Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science Spelling Bee was held January 9, 2012. There were about five participants. 8th grader, Deanna Moore won the competition. This was her first spelling bee. I had the pleasure of interviewing Deanna on how she was prepared and coached for her first competition.



Emauni : "How does it feel to win the (MS)² spelling bee competition?"

Deanna : "It feels exciting because it's my first competition and I'm excited for the next round."

Emauni: "Were you prepared for this spelling bee competition?"

Deanna : "Yeah, we studied words from different languages for the competition."

Emauni : "What grade are you in ?"

Deanna : "I'm in the 8th grade."

Emauni : "What words do you like to spell?"

Deanna : "I like to spell phenomenon."

Emauni : "Would you like to be in a national spelling bee?"

Deanna : "It will be nice to be in the national spelling bee."

Emauni : "Do you have fun in spelling bee?"

Deanna : "Yes, in spelling bee we tell a lot of funny stories."

American Mathematics Competition 8

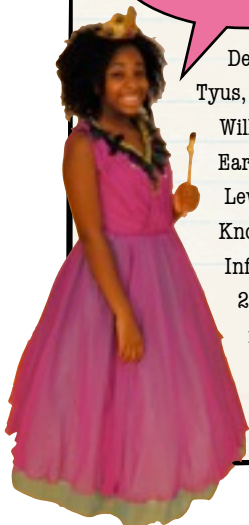
By: Chasity Frazier, 8th grade

On Tuesday, November 15, 2011, the American Mathematics Competition 8 was held at the University of the District of Columbia. The American Mathematics Competition 8 is a 40-minute 25 question, multiple choice examination for middle school students. The following (MS)² students participated: Kevin Anita , Lyric Barabarin , Justin Brannon, Miya Brown , Kevron Clarke,

Joshua Cooper, Tianna Cox, Djani Davis, Lauryn Hall, Shaunae Hines, Kiara Hughes , Ashley Johnson , Matthew McAllister, Ahja McDaniel,

Deanna Moore, Josue Romero, Faith Slaughter , Afa Tyus, Michael White , Kevron Williams , and Najya Williams , Michaela Flippings , Courtney Brown – Lewis , Eartha West, Leah Proctor , Raven Bluford , Morgan Lewis , Hanna Endrias , Anninah Henry , Michaela Knox , Deon Williams , Alicia Hughes , Miles Tierney , and Infunanya Azikiwe. Djani Davis and Faith Slaughter won 2nd and 3rd place in the District . What an achievement for Howard University Middle School of Math and Science.

"Click
you heels 3 times if you
believe."



The Wiz Interviews

By: Moreena Hashim, 8th grade

Hashim: Tell us about what you were in The Wiz.

Shaina: I was Dorothy, the girl who lived in New York City with her dog Toto. She was a teacher.

Destiny: I was a muchkin and Evillene. My character is mean and ugly, and my muchkin is silly and playful.

Jahkira: I was Miss One. I was also an Emerald City dancer, tornado dancer, and I was a muchkin.

India: I was the lion. My character is scared to do everything and doesn't have courage but wants to save people from getting hurt.

Hashim: What was your favorite part about participating in the play?

Shaina: My favorite part was the experience and everything it took to put it together, the rehearsals, and just seeing it all come to life in (MS)² version of the production.

Destiny: I just like to sing, and I like to be in dramas and plays.

Jahkira: My favorite part was being with my friends and acting out my script.

India: My favorite part about The Wiz was when I sung my song.

Hashim: After the last performance was finished, how did you feel?

Shaina: I wanted to keep going and perform some more. I felt like I tried my best, and I hope that people enjoyed it.

Destiny: I felt like I was doing very well because of a lot of people complimented me.

Jahkira: I felt good because I was excited that I could finally go home and rest.

India: Relieved because practice was every Saturday and we sold out all three shows

Hashim: How did your character affect you own personality?

Shaina: Sometimes I'm scared of new experiences but in the end I find out that they were either better or worse for me.

Destiny: I'm not mean and I'm not ugly for sure.

Jahkira: Well it affected my personality because my personality is shy and because of The Wiz, I'm allowed to be myself.

India: I'm not scared to do anything and my character is scared to do everything.

Hashim: What was the hardest part about being in the play?

Shaina: The hardest part was staying in character.

Destiny: For me, my song, because I couldn't get the words right and my song was too fast

Jahkira: The scheduling because I wasn't allowed to have fun with my friends and family

India: The hardest part was remembering my lines.

Artistic Corner



Michael Cruz, 7th grade



Tyah Wright, 6th grade



Demi Tate, 6th grade

PiA Acknowledges Mrs. Prudence Bushnell Boyer for her Outstanding Volunteerism

If you attended the PiA-sponsored Back-to-School Costume Dance, then you were captivated by the massive decorations and atmosphere that presented an entertaining environment. While all the decorations were provided courtesy of Mrs. Bushnell Boyer (Jordan Boyer's mom), what you do not know is that they all came from out of her home. Mrs. Bushnell Boyer assisted in shopping for some of the food items, setup, chaperone assisted the (MS)² interns in cleaning up and ensuring that everything was back in its rightful place. For this effort we say "Thank You" for your outstanding support and guidance to the PiA.

"FAMILY
first above all things"
- Mr. Walker



PiA General Meeting (Potluck)

January 19th: The 5th General Meeting of the PiA. This meeting will be a Potluck. Check your PiA Calendar or contact the PiA at piaparents@yahoo.com for additional information.

Watch D.O.G.S. Update!

- Volunteer Calendar for Watch D.O.G.S. with opportunities/time requirements will be available on or before January 27th.
- Top Dog launch February 1st.

Volunteers Are Always Needed!

The PiA continues to encourage parents, teachers and the administration to volunteer in any capacity. PiA-sponsored events can only be successful when many people volunteer to help! Volunteering with the PiA constitutes as mandatory (MS)² hours for parents. To ensure that your PiA volunteer hours have been recorded, contact the PiA at piaparents@yahoo.com.

November Students Of The Month

Students interviewed by 8th graders Diana Briceno & Emauni Hill, and 6th grader Ryon Henderson.

Shaunae Hines, 8th grade



Shaunae said being nominated makes her feel like an excellent scholar. Some of her hobbies include dancing, singing, and playing the piano. She said she is pretty, funny, and smart. She wants to be an attorney when she grows up. Benjamin Banneker is one of Shaunae's high school choices and Spellman is a college choice. Shaunae said that the best part of being an (MS)² student is the learning experience. She also said that if she could travel anywhere in the world she would go to Paris, France.

Bayyinah Goss, 8th grade



Bayyinah is excited to be Student of the Month. Some of Bayyinah's hobbies include writing, dancing, and modeling. She describes herself as energetic, funny, and talented. She wants to be a journalist, model, or an entrepreneur when she grows up. Duke Ellington School of the Arts is one of Bayyinah's high school choices and Bowie State University is a college choice. She said the best part of being a student at (MS)² is being exposed to different opportunities. She also said that if she could travel anywhere in the world she would go to Paris, France.

Matthew McAllister, 8th grade



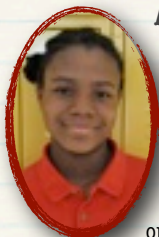
Matthew is an 8th grader who is proud of himself for being nominated for Student of the Month. Some of Matthew's hobbies include reading, and soccer. He said he is smart, energetic, and thoughtful. He wants to be an architect when he grows up. School Without Walls is one of Matthew's high school choices and UMC is a college choice. Matthew said that his favorite subject is Social Studies. He also said that his favorite teacher is Mr. Ellis.

Ayanna Agee, 7th grade



Ayanna feels good about being Student of the Month. Some of her hobbies include playing basketball and cheerleading. Three words to describe her are pretty, talented, and smart. Ayanna wants to be a business manager when she grows up. Woodrow Wilson is one of her high school choices and Connecticut State is one of her college choices. If she could travel anywhere in the world she would go to Hawaii. She's in the 7th grade and her favorite teacher is Mr. McNeil.

Aliza Bolling, 7th grade



Aliza feels great, honored, and caught off guard by being named Student of the Month. Some of Aliza's hobbies are swimming and playing all other sports. Three words to describe her are athletic, smart, and fun loving. She wants to be a patent attorney when she grows up and a pro athlete. Sidwell Friends is one of her high school choices and Howard is one of her college choices. If she could go anywhere in the world she would go to Paris. Aliza is in the 7th grade.

Dayell Preston, 7th grade



Dayell says he feels good about being Student of the Month, and that this is bringing his self esteem up more. Some of his hobbies include playing basketball and football. He said he wants to be an aerospace engineer when he grows up. Howard University is one of his college choices. He says the best part of being a (MS)² student is the fact that he gets to take classes in math and science. Lastly his favorite teacher is Mr. O.

Lonell Johnson, 6th grade



Lonell is surprised to be Student of the Month. Some of Lonell's hobbies include playing instruments such as the piano. Lonell wants to be in a band when he grows up. Duke Ellington School of the Arts is one of Lonell's high school choices and Howard University is a college choice. Lonell described himself as talented, sneaky, and quiet. Lonell feels that the best part of attending (MS)² is that he gets to learn a lot.

Ramon McCombs, 6th grade



Ramon is excited to be Student of the Month. His favorite subject is Math and his favorite teacher is Dr. Williams. He enjoys playing football, basketball and videogames. Ramon describes himself as smart, nice and shy. He would like to attend McKinley Technology High School and possibly Louisiana State University, University of Alabama or University of Florida for his higher education. Ramon would like to visit Thailand because his father says the people eat cockroaches, which are very nutritious. He would like to become a movie star an act in action and comedy movies.

"Slide
some oil to me..."

Corey Ware, 6th grade



Corey feels smart and honored to be student of the month. Some of Corey's hobbies include playing sports, doing math problems, and playing video games. Corey describes himself as handsome, a good friend, and smart. Mr. Ware wants to be a businessman or Chief of Federal Reserved when he grows up. Dunbar and Benjamin Bannker are a few of Corey's choices for high school. He wants to attend Virginia Tech as a college since some of his relatives go there or Chicago State. If Corey could travel any where in the world, he would travel to Africa.

*(MS)² Young Voices
&
Performing Arts
present*

THE WIZ



(MS)² Students

Participate in Regional Debate

Contributions by: Yohance Maqubela, Executive Director

Allow me to take a moment to recognize the hard work of the Debate team led by intern Shanise Butler and Mr. Ronald Allen from Martha's Table. On Saturday, December 10, 2011, after just a couple of months, they participated in a Regional debate where over 80 public and private schools competed. While as a brand new team we have some work to do, the judges were very impressed with our kids with this being their first time out.

Also, I was extremely impressed with the effort of everyone. First, it was an entire day long event (from 8 am - 6 pm), and it wasn't all fun and games as our kids were working. Hats off to the parents who stayed the whole day, as well as or colleagues. In addition to Ms. Butler and myself, Ms. Redford, James Sims, and Mr. Vason all came out. The following is the list of student participants, so when you see them please give them encouragement to keep up the good work as their next competition is in February.

- Aliza Bolling
- Tariq Gore
- Demetrius Saddler
- Porter Crumpton
- Titiana Crump
- Asya Hemsley





**Parent
Technology Training Workshop**

**Wednesday, January 11, 2012
&
Wednesday, January 18, 2012**

6:00pm - 7:30pm

RSVP to:
kofi.handon@universitymiddleschool.org

Please identify which day(s) you will be attending when you RSVP.

Parents may attend both sessions if necessary.

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A New Year

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