

(MS)² WEEKLY NEWS

End of Quarter Test Schedule

The first quarter ends on November 11th, so our students will have a number of tests next week. The test Schedule will be as follows:

- Monday, November 7th
Vocabulary (see words below)
 Tuesday, November 8th
Math and English/Language Arts
 Wednesday, November 9th
Science and Spanish
 Thursday, November 10th
History

Please remember to check the Math Website for any math homework and/or questions you may have:

<http://homepage.mac.com/bensinwell>

Vocabulary Words

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| 1. Concur | 15. Wont (NO apostrophe) |
| 2. Adhere | 16. Tantalize |
| 3. Bleak (adj) | 17. Scrupulous |
| 4. Congenial | 18. Nostalgia |
| 5. Flourish | 19. Overt |
| 6. Feign | 20. Lavish (adj) |
| 7. Quell | |
| 8. Revise | |
| 9. Statue | |
| 10. Infamous | |
| 11. Acclimate | |
| 12. Chary | |
| 13. Avarice | |
| 14. Pugnacious | |

Emergency Contact Forms

We are still missing Emergency Contact forms for some of our students. If your student is one for whom we are missing a form it is included in your pouch. Please fill it out and have your child bring it to the office on Monday morning and give it directly to Miss Andrea. It may be that you have already filled out the form and if so we apologize for the inconvenience but ask that you please do so again. These forms are necessary so that we can quickly access your child's information should an emergency arise.

Early Dismissal

If you know that you will be picking up your child earlier than the regular dismissal time, please either call the school office that morning or send a note with your child so that the administration is aware. We will have your child waiting for you in the office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Verizon DSL

Arrangements are being finalized to install DSL lines in every home. Watch your (MS)² Newsletter for an update.

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(MS)² Parent Association

The second (MS)² Parent Association meeting will take place on November 7th in the Howard University Blackburn Center, room 142. Please remember that officers will be chosen, and several other important issues will be discussed.

School Closed

Please remember that school will be closed on Friday, November 11th for Veteran's Day.

Family Workshop

The next family workshop will take place on Saturday, November 12th from 9AM to 1 PM in the University's Blackburn Center. Please watch the (MS)² Weekly News for more updates.

Lost and Found

The lost and found box in the office is OVERFLOWING with students' belongings. There are notebooks, umbrellas, backpacks and many, many coats and jackets. Parents, please remind your child to retrieve any items he/she has forgotten to bring home.

New School Menu

Included in this week's Parent Pouch are copies of the Breakfast/Lunch/Snack menus for the month of November.

Congratulations to Writing Contest Winners!!!

In October (MS)² students were invited to participate in a writing contest sponsored by the Howard University School of Education Student Council. Students could choose to compose either an autumn-themed poem or a spooky short story. The first place winner in the poetry category was **Autumn Campbell**, with her poem "Autumn Is Almost Over". Taking first place with his short story "The Mystery Of The Spooky Vine" was **David Atkinson**. Honorable Mentions were given in both categories; to **Sheridan Fantroy** for her poem "Autumn" and **Maxine Davis** with the short story "The Creepy Man On Scary Place." The winners each received a \$15 gift certificate to Borders Bookstore, and all participants were invited to an Autumn Writing Celebration and pizza party on Friday, October 28th.

Winning Poem

"Autumn Is Almost Over"

by Autumn Campbell

Once again it's the sad time of year,
The time of year when winter is near,
The leaves on the trees are slowly changing,
Those colors are slowly fading.
People and animals preparing for winter,
Getting firewood, be careful don't get a
splinter,
Animals harvesting food for hibernation,
Going back to their secret location.

Winning Short Story

"The Mystery Of The Spooky Vine" By David Atkinson.

One day there was a little boy named Jimmy, who went to school in Virginia. Jimmy was an 8th grade student and had a lot of friends that were very close to him. Jimmy and his friends shared mystery stories with one another. His friend Tommy shared a mystery story based on true facts. The story was about a tree that Tommy passed by everyday on his way home from school. The tree was tall and dark with one extremely long creepy vine that had no end. It was told that this vine was so long that no one could tell where it ended. People called it the mystery spooky vine! All the leaves on the tree branches changed colors in the fall and spring. But the leaves that were on this vine stayed black all year long.

Tommy noticed that something very strange happened with the vine during the autumn season that made it very spooky. The vine got darker, it turned downward, and the black leaves never fell off the tree.

One morning Tommy and his brothers climbed the vine of the tree for hours and it kept going and going and going. Finally, they reached almost to the end of the vine and saw that there was another land on the other side. Tommy told his friends that the land was very dark and spooky and it appeared that it was a big Halloween party, but it was not people dressed in costumes, they all looked real. They were so afraid they climbed back down the vine as fast as they could but the vine began to move upward pushing them back towards the people. Tommy and his brothers had no choice but to let go of the vine and it seemed like they would never stop falling. They landed to safety, got up and ran all the way home. Tommy said that he would never climb this tree again. Jimmy believed Tommy's story. But Sam and Larry did not. So they decided to climb the tree and now their faces are on the back of a milk carton with bold letters above their pictures that say "Have you seen my child, last seen passing near a large tree in the park."