

(MS)² WEEKLY NEWS

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From the Head of School

As we approach the last week of school before the holiday break and move into 2006, I want to thank each of the students, parents, teachers and staff of (MS)² for all of their hard work and energy in 2005. We are all working with our students to complete their mid-quarter exams and assignments, particularly their social studies reports on countries in Africa. We plan to copy and bind all of the (MS)² Class of 2008 "Countries of Africa" reports and place them in our new library for future students and parents to read and admire. A significant part of this report will be a handwritten summary by the students describing what they learned about their chosen country in Africa. Please encourage your student to turn in the best report possible!

In 2006, we will begin preparing the students for the DC-CAS standardized test in late March; this requires 6th grade students to remain quiet and focused for a 45-minute test session on mathematics and language arts. It is critically important that all of our (MS)² students learn how to take standardized tests and do well on them. Over the holiday break, please have your student spend at least 20-30 minutes/day in quiet reading and study.

* Lastly, please obtain a copy of the book Up From Slavery the autobiography of Booker T. Washington for your student to read over the holiday break. All of the

students will be reading this book in January as part of the Language Arts and Social Studies program.

Thank you....

We would like to thank several parents for their recent donations and special gifts to the school:

- Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Davis for their candy donation for future fund raising.
- Mrs. Theresa De Pass for taking several of our students to see *If This Hat Could Talk*.
- Dr. Jamila Kizuwanda for baking special cupcakes each month to help celebrate our students birthdays.
- Ms. Brenda Cox for her donation of a microwave for the cafeteria.
- The Togans Family for their basket of goodies.

School Forms

Please remember to return the Lunch Form that was sent home in the Parent Pouch several weeks ago. These forms are very important, and it is essential that we receive them to satisfy State Education Office requirements.

Talent Showcase

Due to inclement weather, the first annual "Talent Showcase" will be rescheduled to Tuesday, December 20th at 6pm - 7:15pm.

CALENDAR

Friday, December 23rd
Early Dismissal at 12:30

December 26th-January 6th
School Closed
Winter Holiday

Monday, January 9th
Classes Resume

Saturday, January 14th
Family Workshop

Monday, January 16th
No School
MLK Holiday

Exam Schedule

Monday, December 19th,

Language Arts: vocabulary quiz

Vocabulary Words

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| 1. Conscience | 11. Emigrate |
| 2. Conscious | 12. Immigrate |
| 3. Council | 13. Eminent |
| 4. Counsel | 14. Imminent |
| 5. Credible | 15. Executioner |
| 6. Credulous | 16. Executor |
| 7. Disinterested | 17. Flaunt |
| 8. Uninterested | 18. Flout |
| 9. Elicit | 19. Flounder (v) |
| 10. Illicit | 20. Founder |

Tuesday, December 20th

Science: Test

Thursday, December 22nd

Social Studies: Project due (depending on class)

Website of the Week

www.funschool.com/games.php

Inclement Weather Policy

Please note that our school's weather policies and procedures are located on page 9 of the Parent Handbook. School closings due to snow, DC emergencies, or other weather-related problems will follow the District of Columbia Public Schools System. The School will also be closed in the event that Howard University is closed, and will follow the delay or early dismissal of DCPS and the University. School-related emergencies will be announced through the School's website, answering machine (202-806-7725), and local radio and television stations. The following stations will make the school closing announcements specific to (MS)²:

Radio

WHUR (96.3 FM)

WTOP (1500 AM, 107.7 FM)

Television

Channels 4, 5, 7, and 32

(MS)² assumes all students will depart school the same way they arrived, unless a parent calls to state otherwise.

Uniforms

Starting Monday, December 19th, parents can purchase uniform shirts and sweaters for their students. Long-sleeved polo shirts are \$20 each, and cardigan sweaters are \$40 each.

Birthdays

December birthdays will be celebrated during the lunch hour next Thursday, December 22nd. If you would like to help celebrate your student's birthday, please call the main office to make arrangements.