

CRADLEROCK ELEMENTARY

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March 6, 2015

IMPORTANT DATES

Dates and times are subject to change

3/9 PreK registration begins for 2015-2016 school year

3/10 Read, Write, Talk - 1st Grade Families

3/11 PTA meeting - 7pm

3/19 Coffee & Conversation with Board of Education members
Lake Elkhorn cafeteria - 7:30 - 9 pm

3/23 Jump Rope for Heart

3/26 Game Day - 3rd quarter incentive
March Madness - CRES Staff vs LEMS Staff at Oakland Mills HS

3/27 End of 3rd Quarter
Schools close 3 hours early

3/30 - 4/6 SPRING BREAK

Schools Closed

4/8 PTA Meeting - 7 pm

4/14 Report Cards issued

4/17 Class pictures

GIRLS ON THE RUN

Registration opens

February 22nd at 12:00 noon!

The 2015 Spring Season will begin the week of March 15th and will end the week of May 31st, with our culminating 5k event on May 30th, 2015 at 8:00 am.

****For any questions regarding registration please call Susan at**

443-864-8593.

****Please be advised that all programs are subject to change due to availability of coaches. In the event we have to cancel a program, we will give you a refund. If you would like to volunteer, email us**

at volunteer@gotrcentralmd.org for more information.

PARCC PBA TEST - GRADES 3,4 AND 5

The PARCC PBA test will be given in grades 3, 4 and 5 in March for both English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. It is important that students are prepared and on time for

testing. Help your student get a good night's rest and a healthy breakfast. Be mindful of these dates when making appointments. Please contact the front office if you know your child will be absent on any testing date. The schedule for testing is:

Grade 3 March 11, 12, 13 (ELA) 23, 24 (Math)

Grade 4 March 9, 10, **18** (ELA) **19**, 20 (Math)

Grade 5 March 3, 4, **12** (ELA) 16, 17 (Math)

***date changes are bolded**

For more information about the PARCC PBA test , follow the link below:

<http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/programs/parcc>

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Scouting for Food will be held on Saturday, March 14. Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts who attend this school will be out in your neighborhood on that day to collect your donations which will go to one of 25 food pantries we service in the county. A bag will be dropped off at your home a few days before. Please remember to put your donations by your front door or your mailbox by 8 a.m. on March 14. Thanks for your generous donations. For more information, go to <http://tinyurl.com/npdsff4u>.

MARCH MADNESS

The staff of Cradlerock Elementary School will take on the

staff of Lake Elkhorn Middle School in a fun game of basketball. The game will take place at Oakland Mills High School gym on Thursday, March 26 beginning at 6 pm. There will be activities and fun for all. Please join us!

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS AT **CRADLEROCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

RECC PRESCHOOL PEER PROGRAM

The Cradlerock Regional Early Childhood Center (RECC) preschool program is now accepting Peer applications for the 2015-2016 school year. This class includes children with and without disabilities. The program's focus is helping all children develop communication, literacy, math, problem solving, motor, and social skills. Parents of children who will be 3 and 4 years of age by September 1, 2015 may see

Donna Blackwell or Brandy Fowler @ Cradlerock Elementary School for an application package beginning **March 9, 2015.**

All applications must be returned by April 1, 2015. A limited number of openings are available for children without disabilities. Children are selected based upon screening information given on the application form and the "Ages and Stages Questionnaire," as well as observations of the child's participation in a playgroup. If

necessary, a lottery process is conducted. **PLEASE NOTE:** The RECC Preschool Peer Program is a fee- based program and transportation is not provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Blackwell or Brandy Fowler at 410-313-7610.

PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

The PreKindergarten program @ Cradlerock Elementary School is a state and locally funded program for four-year-old students. Students must be four years old by September 1, 2015 to be considered for the program. The main purpose of the program is to provide a high quality preschool experience for identified youngsters.

The Maryland State Department of Education requires that we make the Prekindergarten program available first for targeted students. Therefore, eligibility requirements are used to determine which students are offered the program. **The first eligibility requirement is economic status.** Children who do not qualify based on income may be put on a wait list. Please be aware that children will not be contacted from the wait list until October 1, 2015 at the earliest.

PreK application packets will be available beginning March 9, 2015. If you have questions or would like to pick up an application, please contact Terri Parker in the Cradlerock

Elementary School Front Office @ 410-313-7610.

EVENING OF EXCELLENCE/ SCIENCE FAIR INFORMATION

The Evening of Excellence will be held on Tuesday, May 12. Science Fair and Invention Convention information can be found on our Evening of Excellence Website. Students can sign up to participate in this year's Science Fair or Invention Convention on the site. Please go to schoolfairexpo.weebly.com to sign up for the Science Fair and more information about the Evening of Excellence.

NOTE FROM THE NURSE

As we enter into flu season, this is a reminder that good hand washing and covering sneezes and coughs with tissues and sleeves are essential steps to preventing the spread of "germs." Also, remember that despite concerns about school attendance, your children's health (and the health of other children) is most important of all. For this reason, we ask you to please:

- Call the school nurse to let us know if your child is absent with a contagious illness such as strep throat, or the flu etc. Please provide any documentation from your physician about diagnosis and release to return to school. (Ear and sinus infections, while often a reason for keeping a child home, are usually not contagious.)

- Keep your child home if he/she has a fever of over 100.0. A fever indicates that your child has an infection that could be passed to other students. If you give your child Motrin or Tylenol, the fever will, of course, disappear but he/she will still be contagious to others. Children must be fever-free for 24 hours (without medication) before returning to school!
- Have your child wash hands properly after using the restroom and prior to eating.
- If the doctor prescribes medication for your child, please make sure he/she takes it as directed-which means the right amount at the right time and without missing doses. Thank you very much for helping keep all our students healthy!

GETTING TO SCHOOL ON TIME

We want all of our students to be to school on time. Our tardy policy as outlined below is in

effect .Students may begin to line up at 7:55 am.Students may enter the building at 8:03 am The late bell rings at 8:15 am. Students are considered late if they are not in their classrooms by 8:15 am.

Students that are late to school will have the following consequences:

1st Time - Reminder to student and parent

2nd Time - Conference with student during lunch

3rd Time - Lunch Detention

4th Time - Parent Conference

Thank you for your support.

FROM YOUR PTA...

“Every child, one voice...”

I hope everyone has enjoyed the snow and is staying warm. Thank you to everyone who came out for the Sweetheart Dance this past Friday. We had a great turnout and everyone who was there danced the night away. If you missed this event, be sure to come and have fun at our next event, **“March Madness” on Thursday, March 26th at Oakland Mills High School.** Be on the lookout for more information to follow.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you are interested in seeking a position on the 2015-2016 Executive Board, please let us know that as well. Please email ptaofcradlerock@gmail.com with your contact information. The deadline to let us know is March 27th.

Upcoming Dates:

March 11, 2015, 7pm in the Media Center – PTA Meeting

March 26, 2015, Oakland Mills High School – March Madness Basketball Game

Please be sure to check your child’s take home folder for more information.

Thoughts, ideas, concerns...please let us know by sending us an email at ptaofcradlerock@gmail.com and we will get back to you as soon as we can. To keep up with all PTA happenings, you can like us on Facebook at Cradlerock Elementary School PTA.

JUDY CENTER HAPPENINGS - MARCH 2015

(Free events for families with children ages birth through Kindergarten)

Learning Parties: Mondays 3/9, 3/16, 3/23 from 6:00-7:45 p.m. at Cradlerock Elementary School.

Terrific Tots (playgroup age 2-4 years): Tuesdays and Thursdays 3/10, 3/12, 3/17, 3/19, 3/24, 3/26 from 9:30-10:15 a.m. and 11:00-11:45 a.m. at the Judy Center Learning Cottage.

Wiggles and Giggles (playgroup 12-23 months): Wednesdays 3/11, 3/18, 3/25 from 9:30-10:15 a.m. at the Judy Center Learning Cottage.

Adult Education Conversational English Classes: 3/11, 3/18, 3/25 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Fourth Grade Pod, Cradlerock Elementary School.

Adult Low Impact Exercise Classes: 3/11, 3/18, 3/25 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Fourth Grade Pod, Cradlerock Elementary School.

Parenting Workshop 1, 2, 3-Magic: Thursday 3/12

from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Owen Brown Community Center.
Family Together Night Dinner and Show: Thursday
3/26 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria, Cradlerock
Elementary School.

Register to attend by calling 410-381-9407 or
www.judycenteratcradlerock.com

TITLE 1 CORNER

Reading stamina is the ability to read independently for a prolonged period of time without being distracted or distracting others. This is an important reading concept taught in all of the elementary grades (K-5).

It is essential for your child to build their reading stamina to become a proficient reader. Furthermore, the longer your child is able to read independently the better reader he/she becomes, their vocabulary expands, and they develop a love for reading as well as learning overall! The two links below explain the importance of reading stamina for your child in addition to ways that you can help to support this reading strategy at home.

<http://www.rocketreader.com/newsletter/newsletter11.html>

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/building-reading-stamina>

First Grade Families: If you want to learn more reading

strategies to work on at home with your child please attend **Read Write Talk on March 10 from 5:30 – 7:00**. At this event you and your child will work on reading strategies used in the classroom, learn how you can work with these strategies at home, as well as be able to take home materials to support these strategies. **A flyer has been sent home, please be sure to fill out the information on the bottom of the flyer and send it back to school with your child.**

If you have any questions about Title I please call Denise Bogart or Alexcia Redd at 410-313-7610.