

# Northwest Middle School

*Every day, everyone at Northwest Middle School will experience success!*

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

The staff and students at Northwest Middle closed out 2011 with a multitude of successes. We hosted our first ever Veteran's Day celebration, in which our band and choral groups honored approximately 30 veterans from our community. Once again Mrs. Guynn put on an outstanding musical, *Once on this Island*, which highlighted the many talents of our students. Finally, Mr. Kessell and the 200 members of our band delivered a top-notch performance. Congratulations to those students who made All-County Band/Orchestra.

The year opens with our MSA Kick-Off in which staff and students will be working together in various activities to prepare for the April MSA tests. We will be working on goal setting, test taking strategies, and taking a mock MSA test in preparation for the final test administration.

Regional Night at Francis Scott Key High School will be held on January 19, 2012. Sessions vary from, an introduction to the new Maryland State Common Core Curriculum to grade transitioning. We hope to see you there!

### Upcoming Events

#### January

Schools Closed	12
Parent Conferences @ 4:30	18
Regional Night @ FSK	19
School Dance	26
Schools Closed for Students	27

#### February

Report Card Distribution	2
Schools Closed	20
Schools Closed for Students	21
School Dance	24

## PTO—GET INVOLVED!

The PTO would like to thank everyone who has participated in the Shultz's sub-sale and the Innisbrook fundraiser. With these two events, we were able to raise just over \$5,200. The monies raised by the PTO directly benefit our students. In August, the PTO funded the purchase of the agenda books for each student, at a cost of \$2,000. In October, Mrs. Wisner held her annual bookfair. The PTO spent \$3,780 in order to provide each student with a coupon good toward the purchase of a book.

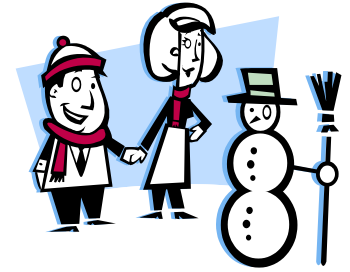
### **Upcoming PTO sponsored events & fund-raisers:**

In **February** we will be holding another Shultz's sub-sale. Information will come home with report cards. In **April** the PTO will be sponsoring the Maryland Science Center Arcs & Sparks assembly for all 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.

In June, the PTO will host the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance & picnic. The rest of the year is shaping up to be quite busy and there will be lots of opportunities to help out and volunteer. We truly appreciate the support and participation of our families in helping to give our students at Northwest Middle experiences that they might not otherwise have the opportunity to encounter.

## LOOKING AHEAD: CHANGES FOR 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR

One of the big changes for the 2012-13 school year will be the change in school opening/closing times. Next year our school day will begin at 8:30 am and end at 3:05 pm. Again, this change will begin at the start of next school year. Please visit <http://www.carrollk12.org/admin/transportation/default.asp> for a complete listing of instructional start times and frequently asked questions.



Another change for Carroll County Public Schools will be the new Common Core Curriculum that the Maryland State Department of Education adopted. Middle Schools have developed plans to implement pieces of the new curriculum, beginning later this year, which include argumentative writing and STEM projects. Implementation of the curriculum will be phased in over the next several years.

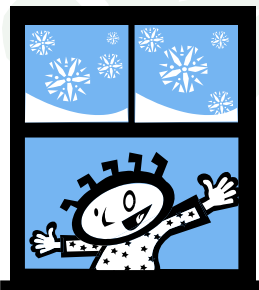
## HOME ACCESS CENTER

Students can now login to their account on the Home Access Center (HAC). Visit the Carroll County Public Schools home page, and click on the Home Access link. Students will then login using their Active Directory user name and password to login.

## KENNIES—PARTNERS IN LEARNING

Sign up for Kennie's Market's "Partners in Learning" program. Purchases made through 4/1/12 will receive a 1% rebate to Northwest Middle School from Kennie's Market. Visit Kennie's Market to sign up, or use the link below to register.

<http://kenniesmarket.com/partnerslearning.php>



## EARLY RELEASES

Please be reminded that any student who has an early dismissal for any reason must provide the main office with written permission from the parent/guardian listed on his or her emergency card. Requests made via telephone will not be accepted in order to maintain the

## NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ancestry or national origin, religion, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The CCPS provides nondiscriminatory access to school facilities in accordance with its policies and regulations regarding the community use of schools (including, but not limited to, the Boy Scouts). The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

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## CARROLL COMMUNITY COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM

### Summer Kids@Carroll and NEW! Teen College

Exciting enrichment summer programs at Carroll Community College capture children's attention and engage teens with a camp-like environment. Half-day programs for ages 3 – 15 will be held June 25 thru August 10. Registrations are being taken now!

For course details go to [www.carrollcc.edu/summerkids](http://www.carrollcc.edu/summerkids) or call Continuing Education & Training at 410-386-8100.

### Sneak a Peek at Summer 2012!

February 25

9:30 am – 12 Noon

Great Hall at Carroll Community College

Learn about the NEW! Summer Teen College

- Meet and talk with camp instructors and learn about specific camps

- See demonstrations and exhibits for selected upcoming programs

- Meet college staff

- Register early for popular camps

Hot program areas include:

- Preschool Curiosity Shop

- Careers

- Cooking

- Creativity

- Digital Design & Video Games

- Fitness

- Performance

- Reading, Writing & History

- Science & Technology

- Woodworking

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