



Calendar, News and Events of

The John Archer Soaring Eagles

"Where all Students Experience Success"



January and February
2011



New Year Wishes: Best wishes to all John Archer students, staff,

John Archer PTA Updates

January/February Calendar

1/21	Early Dismissal – 12:30pm
1/24 & 1/25	Schools Closed – Teacher Staff Development
1/26	PTA/May Day Meeting – 6:30pm & 7:00pm
2/4	IEP Progress Reports Distributed
2/18	Early Dismissal – 12:30pm
2/19	2 nd Annual Bull & Shrimp Roast
2/21	Schools Closed – President's Day

From the Principal

To All of Our John Archer Families,

Happy New Year! We hope you and your family had a safe and enjoyable winter break. We closed the year 2010 with many exciting activities for students, staff and community members. During the month of December, our students, staff and community members enjoyed a holiday sing-along at Oak Grove Church; We hosted several seasonal programs that allowed students from other schools and John Archer to share their musical talents; We were fortunate to be recipients of donations from Toys for Tots that allowed us to provide every student with a holiday gift; As a school community and through community partnerships, we were able to assist many families with having a happy holiday season; and much more. We were happy to see so many of our parents and community members participating in all of these exciting activities and we look forward to your continued participation during the rest of the school year.

Best Wishes,
Deborea Montgomery



families, and friends for a happy and healthy 2011.

School Spirit Campaign: In December, using some of the proceeds from Basket/Purse Bingo, the PTA purchased John Archer Logo shirts for all our students. Parents please remember to have your child wear their shirts to assemblies, school spirit days, field trips, etc. to show their pride in our school. Also in December, the PTA provided a Holiday Breakfast to all our John Archer teachers and staff. We appreciate all they do for our students and school.

May Day Planning: Believe it or not we are only a few short months away from our annual May Day celebration. This year it is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th. Mark your calendars as we hope you will be a part of this fun day! Reminder if you want to be a part of our May Day planning, but could not make our meeting on January 26th, please send us your name and e-mail in an envelope marked "May Day Planning".

Family Fun Night: Family Fun Night will be held Thursday, February 24th at the school. This event will include a pizza party, games and more for a nice family event out of the house. More information will be sent home in February on this event. Hope to see you!

Teacher Appreciation Week: Planning for this premier event will begin in mid February. It's one of the ways we recognize all the efforts of our hard working teachers and staff. Volunteers are needed. Please watch for and then return the flier.

Board Members: If you have any ideas, questions, or concerns, please send it to one of the following board members listed below

President, Kim Holcomb
 Vice President, Arlene Klapproth
 Treasurer, Beth Bayer
 Secretary, Debbie Chapman
 Fundraising Chair, Wendy Leonard
 Membership Coordinator, Beth Janczek
 Newsletter Coordinator, Lisa Dee
 Hospitality Committee, Janice Wright, Mary Anne O'Keefe, Ruth Good
 Faculty Representative, Rebecca Brown-Donohue
 Principal, Dr. Deborea Montgomery
 Vice Principal, Dr. Jerry Horn

If you ever have any PTA questions or concerns or if you would like to volunteer to help out, feel free to send me a note.

Kim Holcomb
John Archer PTA, President

Happy New Year From The Nurses

Let's start this New Year with changing our habits and improving our health. Good health habits are the keys to a longer life. Controlling your weight, eating a balanced diet, exercising regularly and getting rid of tobacco products can be lifesavers.

Many of us are sleep deprived, getting less than the recommended 7-8 hours of sleep a night. When we are adequately rested, our immune systems ward off illnesses and injuries are fewer. Avoiding stimulants such as coffee, chocolate, alcohol and spicy foods late in the day will help you keep a regular sleep schedule.

As we get older, we forget to maintain our own immunizations. We are good at keeping our children's immunizations current, but what about us? Flu, pneumonia, hepatitis A and B, tetanus and whooping cough vaccines are readily available to us as adults, and they are so important in maintaining our good health status.

Many studies have been done proving the value of hand washing with soap and water before cooking and eating, after using the bathroom and multiple times during the day. The many viruses and bacteria in our environment can be kept from infecting us just by our diligent hand washing.

If you feel depressed or emotionally distraught for an extended period of time, effective counseling and/or medical treatment are available and you should take advantage of these services. We are quick to take care of our physical problems, but tend to overlook our mental well being. Life is too short to be miserable when there are healthy alternatives.

Pathfinders for Autism **Easy as 1 - 2 - 3 to borrow from our Resource Library!**

**Looking for a book on Siblings, Sleep Issues
or Intervention Strategies? How about?**

**"Sibshops: Workshops for Siblings of
Children with Special Needs"
Author: Meyer and Vadasy**

**"Sleep Better: A guide to improving sleep for
children with special needs"
Author: Durand**

**"Beyond the Autism Diagnosis: A
Professional's Guide to Helping Families"
Author: O'Brien and Daggett**

**Simply call our Resource Center at 443-330-5341
or email tkane@pathfindersforautism.org**

Wednesday Night at the Movies

Everyone is invited Wednesday Nights to a family oriented movie shown in the cafeteria of John Archer School.

It starts at 6:30pm until approx. 8:30pm.
Doors open at 6:10pm.
The cost is absolutely FREE.

The following movies will be shown during the months of January & February:

1/26 Planet 51

2/2 Brother Bear

2/9 Jack and the Beanstalk

2/16 The Princess and the Frog

2/23 Hannah Montana: The Movie

This program is sponsored by Harford County Parks & Recreation – Therapeutic Recreation Division
* All movies are subject to change due to their availability*



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DATE: 01/21/11

TIME: 12pm to 4pm