

# Monarch-In-Motion

Monarch Academy Baltimore Campus Founding Families Weekly Newsletter

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LET GO AND MOVE ON



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## WHAT'S NEW

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following nine 4th grade students for being nominated to become members of the **NATIONAL ELEMENTARY HONOR SOCIETY**:

Darien Brooks  
Aamir Hall  
Kinice Jones

Carmyn Clark  
Samaya Jones  
Kennedi Nelson

Alijah Gates  
Kyree Jones  
Kaylah Waugh

The **National Elementary Honor Society** (NEHS) was established in 2008 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NAESP) in cooperation with the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) to recognize elementary students in both public and non-public elementary schools for their outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated personal responsibility, to provide meaningful service to the school and community, and to develop essential leadership skills in the students of elementary schools. The Monarch Academy Baltimore Campus chapter of NEHS is lead by Mrs. Overstreet, our 4th grade Math & Science teacher. Students were recognized by their school community at our February Schoolwide Community Meeting and will be officially inducted into NEHS during an evening ceremony on Monday, February 27th. Eligibility for NEHS begins in 4th grade.

**READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY is Friday, March 2nd!** Please sign up to be a GUEST READER for the day by returning the flyer enclosed in this week's Tuesday folder to Mr. Bratcher ASAP!

## REMINDERS

Our application deadline for the 2012-2013 school year is **THIS FRIDAY!** Please spread the word to others by sharing information with your neighbors, family, and friends.

## THE AAA CHALLENGE

Please support our schoolwide campaign to improve three key challenges we face as a school community. The **AAA** stands for **ARRIVAL** (on-time), **ATTENDANCE** (at school), and **ATTIRE** (appropriate uniform). This challenge will run from February 1st—29th. This challenge will include daily **shout-outs, surprise guests and treats, and also a GRAND PRIZE to classes with the highest AAA percentages. The GRAND PRIZE will be a class trip for two primary (K-2) and one intermediate (3 and 4) to see The LORAX movie in theaters on Friday, March 2nd in celebration of Dr. Seuss / Read Across America Day. Please support this initiative and help your child's class earn points by bringing your child to school EVERY DAY, ON-TIME, and IN PROPER UNIFORM!**

## 1:00PM EARLY DISMISSAL DATES in FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 15th - TOMORROW

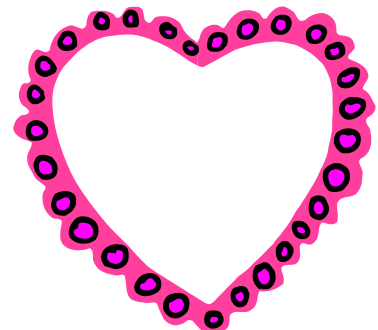
Wednesday, February 29th

## SCHOOL CLOSING DATES in February

Monday, February 20th, 2012—President's Day — THIS COMING MONDAY

## MARYLAND STATE ASSESSMENT DATES in March - GRADES 3 and 4

Monday, March 12th - Wednesday, March 21st, 2012



## General Reminders:

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- **Baltimore City Public Schools prohibits the use of cell phones and other electronic devices at school. Please DO NOT send students to school with cell phones, portable electronic games, and other expensive electronics. Monarch Academy staff will NOT be responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen items.** Please talk to your child about leaving valuable items at home in a safe place. Cell phones and electronics will be confiscated by school staff and will only be released to an adult.
- Please have our Monarch students arrive to school **ON TIME** and in **PROPER UNIFORM EVERY DAY**. Please refer to pages 12-13 of our family handbook for uniform guidelines.
- Please read **ALL** flyers in your child's purple Tuesday folder and initial it **WEEKLY** as correspondence is received.
- Please support our **FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM!** Breakfast is served from 7:50 am –8:10 am.
- **MORNING ARRIVAL — PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF YOUR CHILD BEFORE 7:50AM!** After 8:00am students can go straight to class. Students arriving between 7:50 am and 8:10 am can have breakfast in Discovery Park. Breakfast **ENDS** at 8:10 am. Announcements begin at 8:15 and **students arriving after 8:15 should proceed directly to the desk in Transformation Station to get a late pass.**
- To make **ANY DISMISSAL STATUS CHANGES** please notify Mr. Emilio Williams at [enwilliams@bcps.k12.md.us](mailto:enwilliams@bcps.k12.md.us) or stop by our school office to complete the paperwork. **DO NOT** call the school during dismissal time to make changes. Thank you for assisting us in keeping things moving smoothly at the end of the school day.
- **AFTERCARE** parents arriving after 6pm—Please enter through the **DISCOVERY PARK** entrance.

## Emergency Contact Information, Applications for the 2012-13 School Year, Box Tops, Free Books

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION** – If your contact information (especially if your address or phone number(s) has recently changed please complete a new emergency contact information form. This is extremely important so that we can notify you in case of an emergency regarding your child. An Emergency Contact form is included in your child's Tuesday folder, please complete the form and turn it in immediately.

Please turn in 2012-2013 admissions applications for siblings and 'Intent to Return' forms for current students ASAP! Time is running out! **Our application deadline is THIS FRIDAY!**

**BOX TOPS – WE HAVE 21 DAYS LEFT TO SUBMIT BOX TOPS!** This is our first time participating and we need your help in reaching our goal of \$10,000. Box Tops For Education allows you to earn cash for your child's school through purchases made for participating products. Please visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) for a list of participating products, ways to earn, and to track our school's earnings.

**FREE BOOKS** - Help us earn FREE books/book donations! All YOU need to do to help us is to encourage your child to read free children's books on this website: <http://www.wegivebooks.org/news/earn-free-books-for-your-school>

## Next Two Weeks at a Glance – February 2012

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
13	14 Dance Your Heart Out – Valentine's Day Charity Dance 12:30 pm–2:30 pm	15 Early Dismissal 1:00pm Open House 6:00pm– 7:00pm	16 Coffee Chat w/ Administration 8:15am - 9:15am Board Meeting 6:30 pm –7:30 pm	17 Charter Schools Appli- cation Deadline for 2012-2013 SY (new families ONLY)
20 President's Day - Schools and Offices CLOSED	21	22 Parent Workshop - Rigor and High Quality Work 6:00pm - 7:00pm	23 Monarch Academy SY 2012-2013 Lottery 7:00pm	24