

PRINCIPAL'S ZONE



As we approach the winter season, please take time to relax and enjoy your family and friends!!

ders that come with this Winter Break with your children and also welcome in 2017 very safely!!



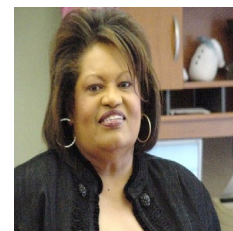
BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Chapel Hill Chatter

Thank you so much for your continued support for the fine work of the Chapel Hill faculty and staff.

Happy Holidays!!

*Best wishes in 2017,
Ms. H*



I sincerely hope that you are able to enjoy the won-

DECEMBER

- 2...Holiday Shoppe/Winter Dance 6:30pm (snow date 12/9/16)
- 6...STEM Fair Parent Night 5:30
- 6...PTA Ex. Bd. Mtg. 7pm
- 7...Kindergarten Winter Concert 7pm (snow date 12/8/16)
- 9...Professional Development Day....schools close at 12:20pm.

- 14...Kindergarten Reading Night 6:30pm
- 16...School Spirit Day- Pajama Day (students must wear regular shoes to school)
- 19-22...School Spirit Week-- Holiday Wear
- 23-Jan. 2...Winter Break-- Schools are Closed

- Jan. 3...Schools Reopen
- Jan. 3...PTA Ex. Bd. Mtg. 7pm



Thanks so much to the military troops and their families during this Holiday Season!! We send you great tidings with much joy for the many daily sacrifices that you make each day to keep us safe! Thank you to our many American heroes!!!!

Volunteering at CHE

Parents must sign up to volunteer online at www.bcps.org annually. **Your volunteer status does not roll over from year to year.**

Volunteers must have a **completed volunteer application and certificate** on file in the office **to work in the classrooms, chaperone field trips, and work directly with children in groups, pairs, or individually.**

Parents may sign up to volunteer on-line at www.bcps.org under the Community tab on the BCPS Web site that states Volunteer with BCPS. Once parents are on the Community tab, they can follow the directions in the "Get Involved" box on the right-hand side.

If you have any questions about volunteering at CHE, please contact Mrs. Nicole Harmel at:

nharmel@bcps.org.



Pajama Day 2016

On Friday, December 16, 2016 we will be showing our school spirit once again! This day's theme is Pajama Day. Our administrators, teachers, staff, and students are encouraged to join in the

fun by wearing your favorite pajamas. **Please make sure that your kids wear shoes to school!!** Let's go for 100% participation. Mark your calendar to be in on all the fun!!!!



Toys at Chapel Hill Reminder

Every year at this time, we start to experience an influx of students bringing their holiday toys and/or electronic equipment to school. These toys are expensive and **if lost cannot be replaced by Chapel Hill Elementary School.** In the past, students have had their toys missing

from their desks, lockers, and backpacks. Please know that our school has no real way to track down missing toys, although they are important to students and their parents. To insure that your child has their favorite toys, please stress to them the importance of leaving their toys at home so that they can be en-

joyed after school and on weekends. Thanks for your cooperation with this request!!!





There are occasions when families have the opportunity to take a vacation during the school year. Helping children keep up with the schoolwork they will miss is a challenge for parents and teachers alike. While teachers plan in advance according to a long-range scope, planning for daily instruction is an ongoing process that requires frequent adjustments due to daily assessment of student needs.

Therefore, instruction and learning that was planned is often rearranged or revisited. Please keep in mind that there is a great deal of learning that takes place in the classroom through discussion and other activities that cannot be made up in the form of a worksheet or textbook pages. **If your child will miss school because of a vacation, your child's teacher will collect the work he/she misses and give it to him/her upon returning to school.**

Our teachers are giving the missing work as a courtesy and are not obligated to use the returned work for make-up grading purposes. Thus, a child's overall grades may be impacted for missing class work due to vacations, which are unlawful absences. For more information, please visit Board Policy and Rule 5120 on the BCPS Website.



While we are excited for children when they have their birthdays, we need to make sure that celebrations do not impact upon our instructional day. Please know that individually wrapped small treats are preferred for birthday celebrations and must be eaten in the cafeteria during lunchtime.

Please don't forget that healthy snacks are also a wise choice for birthday celebrations. Individually packaged bags of baked chips, pretzels, and snack crackers are also preferred. Please do not send any nut products that may be included in the baking of cookies, cupcakes, and granola bars as several children are highly allergic due to nut allergies.

NO HOMEMADE treats are allowed; we need items where the FDA nutritional label can be located so that allergens can be easily identified.

If you have any questions about the most desired treats to send for your child, feel free to contact Nurse Fricker.