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School Pictures

This Friday

Feb. 17th, 2012

(Class Pictures must be pre-paid by Fri.)

Questions about the "Macon Miracle"?

the proposed Bibb County Schools Strategic Plan

Two opportunities to ask questions and get answers this Thursday, Feb 16th, 2012

Pastries w/ the Principal @ 7:45-8:30am (Media Center)

Parents Forum @ 6:30-7:30 pm (Gym)

*** see letter from Principal Canova in signed papers ***

Cookie Dough Update

Congratulations! Working together with over 250 students participating, we exceeded our goal of 2 tubs per student bringing in a profit just over \$9,000.00! Our top seller sold 40 tubs, and there were several others selling more than 25 each! Our PTA is already making plans to put our 8 inflatables to good use at this year's ATOMIC BLAST (or, as we sometimes refer to it, the Spring Fling Extreme!)

We expect the orders to come in around March 7th. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available. Outstanding job!

PTA Family Literacy Night:

Tuesday, February 28th @ 6pm

Come join us for a fun family night of *Magical Storytelling* with **Magic Debbie**. Our Program will be: Reading Brings You the World! Through storytelling, comedy, magic & audience participation, Magic Debbie encourages a LIFELONG LOVE of BOOKS & READING!

Character Word of the Week:

Honesty: To be truthful and sincere

Spotlight Employee of the Week: Ms. Sidney Scott:
1st Grade Teacher. (*She was once bitten by an ostrich!*)

Praises & Accolades

Talent Show: A huge "KUDOS" goes out to all our talented students who performed in the Talent Show. Every performer brought his/her very best, and we were so proud of them. And a special 'Thank You' to our teachers & staff that made the show possible. It was a fun, entertaining and positive end to a very long day.

Alex II Math Team added it up at the Bibb County Math 24 Competition last week! Rossman Diaz (*White Ribbon*); Caleb Muhammad, Colin Browning & Nicole Hill (*Red Ribbons*); Chidozie Nwabuebo (*2nd Place Trophy*); Carter Atkinson (*6th Place Trophy*); Micah Hattaway (*2nd Place Trophy*); Cameron Collier (*1st Place Trophy*). Trophy winners will compete at State in the spring.

Alex II Quiz Bowl Congrats team – *still undefeated!*

DID YOU KNOW??? Alexander II has received three awards so far this year for Academic Excellence!

The **State of Georgia School of Excellence Award** – Representing congressional district #8 in the top 10% of schools in Georgia category.

The State of Georgia Governor's Office of **Student Achievement Bronze Award** – Highest percentage of students meeting and exceeding standards category (95% of our students passed the CRCTs with 20% in the exceeds category)

The Georgia Department of Education Title I - 7 years **Distinguished Schools Award** for excellence among all students.

Congratulation to students, parents, and staff of Alexander II! Only by working together can a school show such great achievement!

Welcome to Alex II

If you see a new smiling face in our hallways, it is **Ms. Leah Finneseth-Meyers**. She is our new PEC Parapro. Please take a moment to say hello, introduce yourself, and welcome her to our family!

Test Taking Tips

Watch for negative words like "not," "no," "never."

CRCT Testing: April 9th – 20th, 2012

2011-12 Yearbook – On Sale Now!

Pre-order your 2011-12 'Out of This World' Yearbook now for just \$25. Pre-orders accepted through March 8th. Forms were sent home last week, and are available at the front desk. Cost will be \$30 after March 8th and no orders accepted after April 6th.

Information form REACH

Parents, last week in Signed Papers, Gifted Consent for Evaluation/Biographical Data Sheets were sent home. If you received one for your child(ren), please fill it out completely and return it to school no later than Friday, February 24. Your child's teacher will turn them in to me. Testing for the Gifted Program (REACH) will take place over a two week span from February 27 to March 9. If you have questions, please fill free to contact me.

Thank you. Jennifer McMahan, Alex II REACH Teacher

REACH Students and Parents, All field trip permission forms and money for our trip to the High Museum in Atlanta are **due** to Mrs. Hubbard and Mrs. McMahan by Friday, February 24. If you need another permission form, please see us ASAP! Thank you very much!!

Ongoing Programs:

BOXTOPS: Please turn in BOXTOPS soon! Friday, Feb 24th will be our last collection to mail in for funding this year. Be a BOXTOP detective and let's collect this easy money for Alex II.



Pop-Tabs: Let's continue collecting those Pop-Tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities. Alex II Student Council is monitoring class participation. Who will collect the most?



Height & Weight Super Volunteers

Thanks soooo much to the following volunteers who helped Coach Mills with the weight and height of our students in grades 1-5. *Allyson Timms, Ms. Dishman, Elmo Daniels, and Preeti Masand* were extremely helpful with this endeavor. Our nurse *Brittany Maddox* is to be thanked for heading up this activity.

Jump Rope for Heart Volunteers

Special thanks to the following parents who assisted with the recent Jump Rope for Heart Activity: *Natasha Smith (bookkeeper), Allyson Timms, Amy Hester, Kim Adams, Travis Crawford, Shaquita Walker, N. Ahmed, Michelle Williams, Tommy Flowers, Rachel McInnis, Sonya King, Allen Kendrick, Barbara Brown, Dianna Ivey, Vequita Cordes, Charles Mundy, Susan Stuckey, Candace Reynolds, Rachel Waters, Erica Brown, Lynn Denny, Vicki Lanford, Leslie Walton, Brenda Jones, Rhonda Harris, Jen Frankum, Trish Whitley, and Laura Brooks.* (This list was taken from sign in list and I hope any omissions will forgive me) I truly do appreciate everyone's assistance!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb 16th** ... Pastries with the Principal @ 7:45-8:30am
- Feb 16th** ... Parents Forum @ 6:30-7:30pm in the gym
- Feb 17th** ... PICTURE DAY
- Feb. 20th** ... Presidents' Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Feb. 21st-22nd** ... Winter Break - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Feb. 28th** ... PTA Meeting: Family Literacy Night

Garden Day!

If the rain holds off, we are gathering **THIS Saturday, February 18th** to work in our nature center. We will work on our bog and strawberry patch. Expertise is appreciated, but definitely not necessary. This is a great way to earn those volunteer hours! Even if you can only stay for a while...many hands make light work. We'll start work at **10:00 and end at 2:00**. Please bring any tools you think may help us out. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Cummings (779-2700 or kcummings.alex2@bibb.k12.ga.us)