

General Wolfe Community News

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Education with Intelligence and Integrity

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Kitzia Martinez shows off her General Wolfe pride next to a turtle during the 1st grade & special education trip to Baltimore's National Aquarium

April Important Dates

- Thursday, April 26th, 5pm
BOOST Program Family Night
*Presentation: Summer Learning—
A Guide for Parents*
- Friday, April 27th
Parent/Teacher Conferences
12pm—2:40pm
School lets out at 11:45
- Saturday, April 28th, 1-3pm
*Small Park Celebration: Patterson
Park East of Linwood Street*

From the Principal's Desk...

Great things continue to happen at General Wolfe Elementary. The end of March and the beginning of April have seen the successful completion of the Maryland School Assessment, the Stanford 10 Assessment, near perfect attendance for two weeks by all students during testing, and the identification of two General Wolfe students with three years of perfect attendance. It is this type of dedication on the part of the students, families and teachers that make a successful and strong school.

But great things are still to come! Here are just a few...

- Save the Date: Saturday, July 14, 2007 - The 1st Annual Wolfest! On Saturday, July 14th we will be celebrating the grand opening of Wolfe Street Academy. Look for details as we get closer to the summer, but save the date now!
- Wolfe Street Academy will be a uniform school next year. All students will need to wear a navy blue shirt and tan or khaki pants or skirts. Look for the new Wolfe Street Academy parent handbook over the summer for details.
- Registration for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten has begun. To be eligible for Pre-K your child must be 4 years old by September 1, 2007. To be eligible for Kindergarten your child must be 5 by September 1, 2007. Please call the school to schedule an appointment to enroll him or her in our program. Spread the word!

The Teachers Tell You...

Pre-K: Ms. Poyer

In March, we celebrated St. Patrick's day by tasting mashed potatoes, potato chips and french fries and graphing our favorite potato food. On 3/16 we wore green and had green cake!

We are learning about Spring! We watched a video about the signs of Spring. The students created a spring-time tree. Come see them on our bulletin board. In math, we learned about triangles, circles, and squares. We are now learning about heavy and light and more and less.

Kindergarten: Ms. Commins & Ms. Sneeringer

Kindergarten has had a wonderful start to the Spring season. We've been discussing all of the new things that Spring will bring—flowers, butterflies, and warm weather! We also celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a lot of excitement in each of the Kindergarten classes.

We are continuing to learn new things every day in Kindergarten. In Science we have been learning about magnets and dinosaurs. Fractions and geometric shapes have been our topics in math this month. The children are continuing to learn new sounds and read stories every day in reading. Our learning has come a long way since August. Look for permission slips for our April 17th field trip to Patterson Park and parent-teacher conferences on April 27th.

1st Grade: Ms. Shock

The first grade had a very busy month. They continued to work on projects pertaining to their trip to the Aquarium. They also made it through the Stanford 10 and ESOL testing. The Students were very excited for Spring Break.

2nd Grade: Ms. Hanford—Nobles

Even though the second graders have persevered through the Stanford 10, there is still more work to be done. Students need assistance with following oral and written instructions and adding two digit numbers using mental math only. Please encourage your child to read non-fiction information passages in addition to fiction/make-believe stories.

Chess Club

We wish to welcome back one of our esteemed chess players, Noe Villalobos. We are preparing to send four players to the city-wide chess tournament in May. If you would like to assist our team or its members in any way, please do not hesitate to call us at 410-396-9232. Also, be sure to check out some of our players at the *Small Park Celebration* in Patterson Park East on April 28th, 1-3pm.

-Ms. Hanford—Nobles, Chess Team Coach

"We cannot hold a torch to light another's path without brightening our own"

- Ben Sweetland, Author

3rd Grade: Ms. Davin

On the MSA, the third graders applied themselves and showed what they know on the test of reading and math skills. Students earned tickets for behavior and academics. They used these tickets to win prizes in raffles for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. In the month of April, we are working on going over any math skills that are still challenging for students. We are practicing our multiplication facts and doing basic division. In reading, we are continuing to work on reading strategies such as *summarize*, *make predictions*, and *visualize* what is happening in the story. We are also reading fiction and non-fiction materials to expose students to a variety of texts. Students are almost finished with reading *Charlotte's Web*. We have discussed and learned about the theme of friendship in the story.

4th Grade: Ms. Apple

Fourth grade has been very busy this past month as we prepared for and took the MSA (Maryland School Assessment). To prepare for the reading assessments, students spent extra time practicing reading plays and poems. We've also completed a geometry unit in math and are currently working on a measurement unit. Students spent a wonderful day at Johns Hopkins University participating in science activities on Thursday, March 29th.

5th grade: Ms. Frias

Fifth grade is pleased to be finished with our MSA testing for the year, but we are certainly still working hard. We have just finished reading a biography of Jackie Robinson, and are using the internet to find more information about his life and career. In language arts, students will be writing a brief research paper about their favorite sport to coincide with our study of this famous athlete. We will also be learning how Jackie Robinson was an important player in the civil rights movement and reading some of his original documents and letters.

In math, we are continuing to practice our 5th grade skills: adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers; measuring area and perimeter; graphing; and solving equations with one variable.

ESOL: Ms. Hwang & Ms. Goldfarb

ESOL has begun administering an ESOL placement test, LAS Links. This test will determine whether current ESOL students remain in ESOL or if proficient enough to exit the program.

As ESOL teachers, we encourage parents to contribute in our students' native language and cultures. We currently have 60 students in our program. We work on four receptive areas: reading, writing, listening, and speaking, as a means to promote and encourage basic communication skills and eventually academic language skills.

Your General Wolfe Elementary Community School

"We envision a life for our children where hope is plentiful, resources are available, communities are engaged and success is expected."

- Baltimore Community School Connections

SPORTS4KIDS IS RUNNING OUR WAY...

Starting next September, the national non-profit Sports4Kids will place a full-time sports instructor at our school. As stated on the website, the Sports4Kids program "addresses the physical, emotional, and cognitive needs of children by coordinating full day play and physical activity programming ...from a framework of youth development." Sports4Kids also runs girls basketball and co-ed volleyball tournaments among its participating Baltimore schools. Over 60% of the cost of the program is covered by money raised by the Sports4Kids organization.

PLEASE JOIN US!

General Wolfe will have a booth at the *Small Park Celebration* in Patterson Park East on Saturday, April 28th from 1-3pm. This is a community fair which will feature sports activities, face painting, music and lots of fun.



Look what I made! Manuel, 2 1/2, shows off the block tower that he built in Playgroup while his care provider, Reyna, attended General Wolfe's adult English classes.

YMCA/BOOST AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM: MS. BARNES, SITE DIRECTOR

Our students enjoyed a dinner banquet held at the Forum on March 30th. They were able to practice the table manners and conversational skills learned through the International School of Protocol. Ms. Apple's dance group provided entertainment for the evening (they were adorable!) The following students received awards for perfect attendance to the SES small—group tutoring provided after school:

Faustino Cano
Amber Yox
Rey David Lopez
Jose Cano
Elvin Amaya
Fabian Aguilar

Edson Morales
Ivonne Aguilar
Jessica Martinez
Maria Cano
Stephanie Gandara
Jose Covarrubias

William Gonzales
Ana Cano
Martin Orellana
Zakiya Dunn
Eder Garcia
James Sheppard

The BOOST April Calendar will be filled with many fun activities for the students to enjoy and incentives for them to learn. Our new sports and fitness instructor, Eddie Timmons, is majoring in Physical Education at Towson University. Please give him a warm General Wolfe welcome when you see him!