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Principal's Weekly Update

March 22, 2024

Dear Families and Caregivers,

Today, our 5th graders had a visit from a high school sophomore who is a former CHB student. Sol shared the story of his great-grandfather who started a school in Tchoutsi, a village in the western African country of Cameroon in the early 20th century. He shared this story because he has been on a mission to collect much needed school supplies for the school. Another fun fact is we discovered that he was the 5th grade book buddy to one of our current 5th graders. We would like to support his efforts and have set up a collection bin in the lobby. You can visit [School 2 School](#) for more information.

More amazing work being done by our 2nd graders. This week, they celebrated their opinion writing pieces and shared them with families. Everything from what's the best pet, why we should have more recess and gym, why sharks are important, to what the best season is; you name it, our students have an opinion. In this writing unit, students learned how to support their opinions with facts as well as using compelling language.

CHB PTA's Spring Fling - Is tomorrow! You can still get your tickets to join us. Throw on your favorite disco gear and join us for a 'Party with a Purpose'!

When: March 23, 2024 6pm-11pm

Where: Upstairs at Porta in Montclair

Why: to put the FUN in FUNdraising

You can learn more and buy your tickets, here:

<https://app.memberhub.gives/chb24/Campaign/Details>

Spring Mini ASE: CHB PTA's ASE coordinators are thrilled to announce a mini ASE session for the spring. Classes will run from Tuesday, April 23 through Monday, June 3 (once a week on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 3:25 to 4:25 PM; held on days when school is in session for a full day.) **Mark your calendars! Registration opens this Sunday, March 24 at 8:00 PM** via the online platform Homeroom and runs through Thursday, March 28 at 11:59 PM.

The program is first-come, first-served and some classes fill up quickly. Please refer to the email sent earlier for further details on the kinds of classes that will be offered.

B.A.R.E.T. - Thank you, B.A.R.E.T. for all the beautiful posters you gifted us. They are brightly displayed in classrooms and offices. Reminder, the next meeting is **Wednesday, March 27th** at 8:00 pm. See below for Zoom details.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82540441448?pwd=L1hKQzhKUmx3UTNpNjF6RkliQmYvQTO9>

Meeting ID: 825 4044 1448

Passcode: 641655

SAVE THE DATE - Fun Events Coming in April:

Family Ice Skating - This year, we “Skate to Send 4th Graders Camping!” The Bullock community will take over Clary Anderson Arena on **Saturday, April 27, 5:15 to 7:15**, for an evening of fun including ice skating, raffles, yummy food, and CHB’s first-ever Skate-A-Thon! This event is to benefit the 4th grade overnight trip this May. We hope to see you all there!

Scholastic Book Fair - Week of **April 22nd**

Eco Fair - Get ready for a re-imagined Eco Fair! Parent Mr. de Mel, Ms. Parness, and Ms. Richardson, and Ms. Woschinko are busy planning for the signature event for our magnet theme. (**May 11; Rain date, May 18**)

Nominate a Teacher for 2024 Weston Awards! The Montclair Fund for Educational Excellence is calling for nominations for the [2024 Judy Weston Awards for Inspired Teaching](#)! The awards, established by **Josh and Judy Weston** in 1991 to acknowledge and celebrate Montclair Public Schools teachers, were given each year until 2016. After a brief hiatus, the awards returned in 2023 and are administered by MFEE. Last year, 16 teachers won \$2,000 each from a pool of 110 nominated educators. All parents/guardians of current Montclair Public Schools students and current MPS students are encouraged to nominate teachers. [Nominations](#) can be written or submitted as an audio or video recording. Students can also submit photos of their written nomination. The deadline for nominations is **April 5, 2024**. Visit mfee.org to learn more.

Looking ahead:

Saturday, March 23 - CHB PTA’s Spring Fling - 6pm-11pm

Friday, March 29 - District Closed for Good Friday

Have a wonderful weekend!

Warmest regards,



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