



# Dolphin's Splash

The Monthly Travilah Elementary School PTA Newsletter  
PTA President: Bryan Greenwald

October 26, 2018

## President's Message

Leaves are falling as weather turns cold,  
The days get short and the breeze blows bold.  
All through the school sweaters are worn,  
On the ground lies the last acorn.

A lion says "Roar", "Boo" says the ghost!  
"Eat more brains" suggests the party host.  
The house may be spooky, but you have no fear,  
It's time for candy, **Halloween is here!**



**Have a happy and safe Halloween, a wonderful Thanksgiving, and continue this great school year!**

## Calendar of Events

### October

31	2:15pm	Halloween Parade and Parties
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### November

5-14	-	The Enchanted Forest Book Fair
6		No School, Election Day
7	1:20pm	Early Release
8	6pm - 8pm	Family Fun Night at the Book Fair
12	9:45am	Veteran's Day Celebration
12	1:30pm - 3:30pm	Grand Event at the Book Fair
12	1:20pm	Early Release
13	1:20pm	Early Release
14	8am - 9:15am	Pastries with Parents at the Book Fair
21	1:20pm	Early Release
22-22		Thanksgiving Break
30		Spirit Day, Wear Travilah-wear or Blue!



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## WE NEED YOU on NOV 8th!



- As you may know, Wootton was due to be the next high school to be renovated beginning in summer 2019.
- Due to a change in MCPS policy, no new renovations will occur countywide until further facility assessments are completed for all schools.
- According to MCPS officials, regardless of the facility assessment, Wootton will NOT be fully renovated. Wootton is nearly 50 years old and is deteriorating. Needed repairs were put off for years due to the expected full renovation that is no longer occurring.
- On Thursday, November 8, your Wootton cluster coordinator will be delivering the cluster testimony at the Board of Education hearing for the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Wootton students will also be testifying.
- **WE NEED A STRONG TURNOUT** to show the Board of Education how important the Wootton modernization is to our community. Every Wootton cluster school should have representation at the Board of Education's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) hearing.
- Let's arrive at 5 pm to fill the hearing room with Wootton cluster families. Please wear Wootton gear or wear red and we will provide you with signs.
- If you are interested in testifying on November 8, you can sign up here on October 30 at 9 am:  
<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/community/participation.aspx>.

**DETAILS: Thursday, November 8th – 5 pm (meeting begins at 6 pm)  
Carver Educational Services Center Auditorium,  
850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville.**

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## What is Going On In My Community?

COMMITTEE CHAIR: SONAL SHAH

### MCPS, Give us back spring break!

The MCPS School Board will be deciding in the next month, whether to revert back to a full week for spring break in the spring of 2020. The Board put out a survey last spring and they are now soliciting comments again as of 10/10.

You can provide feedback on the MCPS website here: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/calendar/proposed-calendar-2019-20.aspx#comments>

## School Boundaries

Two recent articles about boundary changes:

<https://bethesdamagazine.com/bethesda-magazine/september-october-2018/the-pursuit-of-equity/>

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/boundary-struggles-a-maryland-school-system-looks-for-more-diversity/2018/09/25/90436774-c05a-11e8-be77-516336a26305\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.6fa85bc18ff0](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/boundary-struggles-a-maryland-school-system-looks-for-more-diversity/2018/09/25/90436774-c05a-11e8-be77-516336a26305_story.html?utm_term=.6fa85bc18ff0)

Comments about new MCPS board policy FAA weighing diversity more than any other factor in determining school boundaries can be emailed directly to Board of Education ([boe@mcpsmd.org](mailto:boe@mcpsmd.org)) members.

- Ms. Dixon ([Jeanette E Dixon@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Jeanette_E_Dixon@mcpsmd.org)), Dr. Docca ([Judy Docca@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Judy_Docca@mcpsmd.org)), Mrs. O'Neill ([Patricia O'Neill@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Patricia_O'Neill@mcpsmd.org)), Ms. Ortman-Fouse ([Jill Ortman-Fouse@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Jill_Ortman-Fouse@mcpsmd.org)), and Ms. Tadikonda (student member) voted to approve the resolution.
- Mr. Durso ([Michael A Durso@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Michael_A_Durso@mcpsmd.org)), Mrs. Evans ([Shebra L Evans@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Shebra_L_Evans@mcpsmd.org)), and Mrs. Smondrowski ([Rebecca K Smondrowski@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Rebecca_K_Smondrowski@mcpsmd.org)) voted not to approve the resolution.

## REMEMBER TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 6th! YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

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## PTA Fundraising — Thanks for Your Support!

### Fall Fundraiser

*Our PTA Fall Fundraiser has been a great success!*

Thanks to everyone who participated. Items have been ordered and should be here soon. Congratulations to our top seller, Rick Venema who has earned a \$25 Target gift card. Also, congratulations to Ms. Hart's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class who had the highest participation. They have earned a class party.



Think you have missed out? It's not too late! Use the link below through January 9<sup>th</sup> to make purchases that will support our PTA. This is a great way to start on your holiday gift shopping. Items ship directly to your home. <https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/cusentry.htm?cusId=999983294&frComp=yf>

Contact Holly Akli at [mooserdva@yahoo.com](mailto:mooserdva@yahoo.com) with any questions.

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## Travilah Beautification/Landscape Project

COMMITTEE CHAIR: MAURA PRATT

Have you noticed the weeds overtaking our school's playground and bus circle? Or, the leaves and branches that fall down on school property after a storm?

Have a Scout troop or other youth service group that would like to earn SSL hours, weeding or picking up trash on school grounds?

Email me with questions or comments at [maurapratt2013@gmail.com](mailto:maurapratt2013@gmail.com), or just put on your gardening gloves and head on over to the school!

*Gardening adds years to your life and life to your years. — Anonymous*



# After-School and Before-School Activities

AFTER-SCHOOL COORDINATORS: WILL AND YULIA

After-school and before-school activities are available to your children! These extra-curricular activities can provide fun and enriching experiences for your elementary school children. Topics include computer programming, painting, and dance. Please see [www.EnrichMyChild.com](http://www.EnrichMyChild.com) for the current listing of activities. You may e-mail your PTA with any questions on these activities at [travilahsafterschool@gmail.com](mailto:travilahsafterschool@gmail.com).

*Thanks for your support!*



## Enchanted Forest Book Fair

It's not too late to volunteer for the 2018 PTA ENCHANTED FOREST Book Fair. We'd love for you to be a part of this fun and exciting experience for our students.

Please sign up to volunteer at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c4aaaa72caa8-travilah>



## Thanks!

The board would like to thank:

- Hao Zhang and Angela Hall for all their hard work on Membership
- Holly Akli for organizing the Fall Fundraiser
- Lynn Grainger for coordinating the Room Parents
- Sarah Catucci, Rougui Sangare, and Dilini Abeywana for helping out during picture day



### Kids

Do you have something to add to the Dolphin's Splash? A Travilah cartoon, short article about Travilah, or a good puzzle that you would like to share? Just send an email (with your parents' permission) to [travilah.pta.president@gmail.com](mailto:travilah.pta.president@gmail.com) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.



### Enrichment

Travilah PTA organizes many before and after school activities.

See the full listing at: <http://enrichmychild.com/Activities.aspx>.



### Advertising

Do you own a business, or know someone who does, and are interested in advertising in the Travilah ES PTAs monthly Dolphin's Splash newsletter? Download the form and support a wonderful school here: <https://travilahpta.org/forms-and-flyers/>





Future Dolphins are invited to:

# **HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS**

\*Who: Preschool Siblings of Travilah Students

What: Crafts, Games, Prizes, Snacks

Where: The All Purpose Room

When: October 31<sup>st</sup> After the Halloween Parade

\*All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver

Questions? Contact Andrea Goren [airzinski@gmail.com](mailto:airzinski@gmail.com)

