



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER  
December 21, 2018  
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**Calendar of Events:**

<b>December 24-Jan. 1</b>	<b>Winter Break</b>
<b>Wed., January 2</b>	<b>School Re-Opens</b>
	<b>Grade 1 field trip to Earth and Space Science Lab</b>
<b>Mon., January 7</b>	<b>6:00 p.m., SES Parent Group meeting</b>
<b>Thurs., January 10</b>	<b>FCPS Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration at TJ High</b>
<b>Wed., January 16</b>	<b>Hearing and Vision Screening</b>
<b>Mon., January 21</b>	<b>Schools Closed, Birthday Observance of Dr. King</b>
<b>Fri., January 25</b>	<b>End of Term 2 and Semester 1</b>
<b>Mon., January 28</b>	<b>School Closed, Teacher Work Day</b>

**Holiday wishes:** On behalf of the SES staff, I would like to wish all of our students and their families a happy and joyous holiday season.

**Grant from Dollar General Literacy Foundation to Support Student Literacy:** Mrs. Boutin, SES Literacy Specialist wrote a proposal for the grant. As a result, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation awarded Sabillasville Elementary a \$2000 grant to support student literacy. This local grant is part of more than \$8.3 million in grants awarded to schools, nonprofits and organizations across the 44 states that Dollar General serves. Sabillasville Elementary will be using the funds to purchase much-needed guided reading books for their students in order to increase engagement and motivation for reading. When students are motivated to read, they are more likely to read. When students increase the number of books they are reading, they become better readers.

**Hearing and Vision Screening Reminder:** All students in Kindergarten (if not previously screened upon entry in FCPS Pre-K), Grade 1 and any new enterers to the Maryland public school system will participate in hearing and vision screening on Thursday, January 16. Parents/guardians who have an objection to this screening based on the tenets and/or practice of their church or religion **must submit a request for their child to be exempt from screening to the health room by Wednesday, January 9**. Please make sure if your child wears glasses or contacts that they have them on the screening day. If you have any questions, please contact the health room at 240-236-6003.

**Plan Back-up Care:** For safety reasons, it is important to pre-arrange emergency back-up care for your child in the event that schools close unexpectedly. Teach your child what to do in case you are not at home when school closes, and provide the school with the name and number of someone nearby who is usually available when you are not at home.

Sometimes only certain schools will be closed due to inclement weather. **Sabillasville Elementary School is part of the Catoctin Feeder.**

**29<sup>th</sup> Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration** is scheduled for **Thursday, January 10, 2019**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Governor Thomas Johnson High School Auditorium (snow date January 17). Very special congratulations go out to 5<sup>th</sup> grader Faith Harty. She will be recognized during the celebration. Faith was selected for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award. She was selected because she consistently demonstrates the leadership qualities characteristic of Dr. King and the Pillars of Character Counts. Way to go, Faith! The students and staff at Sabillasville Elementary School are so very proud of you!

**The Maryland Art Education Association (MAEA):** Congratulations to Josie Harbaugh! Josie's "Beautiful Birds" artwork was displayed at MAEA's Student Art Showcase and Reception on December 1 at The Walter's Art Museum. Way to go, Josie!