



Merryhill School[®]
Elementary School

Providing an educational environment that fosters academic excellence, instills a love of active learning, and provides experiences that enable students to acquire a foundation of skills for lifelong achievement

February News

From the Principal's Office

Dear Parents,

We, together with Nobel Learning Communities, Inc., are constantly working to improve our school. I wish to extend a special thank you to each of our families who took the time to complete our Parent Annual Survey this past November. The collection of your responses has been completed by our Corporate Office and shared with me. I will use your feedback as we move forward setting our new goals for school improvement. And I encourage each of you to call or make an appointment with me at anytime to address any of your concerns, suggestions, or just to chat to get to know each other better.

Your response to the survey indicated a high level of overall satisfaction with our school. The small classroom size, teacher quality, challenging curriculum and the warm environment were the most important reasons for attending Merryhill Elementary. We are committed to ensuring your satisfaction by maintaining these outstanding elements of our program and continuing to offer our students exceptional learning experiences. I noted on our PAR Report that there was a request for more communication from our specialty classes. Hence, I have attached to this letter our quarterly newsletters from our Art, Music, and Technology Specialty Teachers. Also, I would like to encourage parents to let the classroom teachers know that you would like any of the Specialty Teachers to join you at your child's conference or please feel free to email any of the Specialty Teachers at any time. Specialty Teachers as well as the classroom teachers have a webpage listing on our school website at <http://Summerlin.MerryhillSchool.com> which I would encourage you to visit.

During my classroom visits, I am particularly impressed by the patience, the quality of instruction, and dedication of our Merryhill teachers. I am pleased by our students' positive and happy comments for their studies, teachers, and classmates. I am encouraged further by the involvement of our Merryhill parents in our students' education. This past year working with the PTO we have been able to offer several family events and I am thrilled with number

of families that have joined us for Movie Night, Trunk or Treat, Dads for Donuts and Moms for Muffins.

If you have not already done so I encourage you to register your child for the next school year as soon as possible. To effectively plan for expanding programs and staffing it is imperative I know student enrollment as soon as possible. And speaking of planning ahead, it is not too early to begin to think about Summer Camp. Our camp includes five days of activities, from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. You can choose to add extended hours and specialty camps to your menu of summer fun. We offer a range of outdoor activities, plus indoor activities conducted in our fully air conditioned facility. Our specialty camps are optional programs, operating during regular camp hours, which provide even more choices for unique and exciting adventures.

Please consider my door always open to you and do not hesitate to call me directly at 702-242-8838. As always, I thank you for being part of our Merryhill family.

Sincerely,

Theresa Gotay, Principal

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS FOR FEBRUARY, 2015

Monday, February 2nd – Tuition Payment Due

Please remember that your tuition is **due on or before Monday, February 2nd**. Flat rate Extended Care is also due on February 2nd. Thank you for your timely payments. We appreciate it.

Wednesday, February 4th – Awards Ceremony at 8:30 A.M. in the Multi-purpose Room

January Award Recipients for “Character Counts” and “Academic Achievement” will receive their medals at this ceremony.

Thursday, February 12th – Ice Cream Social

Our P.T.O. will sponsor a fun afternoon of Ice Cream and Music for the children to enjoy. Kindergarten and 1st grade will enjoy the treat from 1:00 to 1:45 P.M. and 2nd through 5th Grade will be from 1:45 to 2:30 P.M.

Friday, February 13th – Teacher In-Service Day

NO school classes today as teachers will be in meetings/workshops all day.

Monday, February 16th – President’s Day

NO school classes today – and the office is closed – in observance of President’s Day.

Tuesday, February 17th – Progress Reports

Progress Reports (if needed) will be sent home with the students today.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Re-registration packets for the 2015-16 school year were mailed to your home. Please make sure you read all the important information, complete the packet and return it (along with the Registration Fee) as soon as possible. If you did not receive your packet, please call the office and we will be happy to send you another one. Applications must be completed each year. Thank you!

Dress Code Reminders: All shirts/tops are to be purchased from Campus Club. Uniform style pants and walking shorts must be stone, khaki or navy. All bottoms MUST be worn at the natural waistline, not below. Socks or tights are required, as well as, closed toe shoes.

Please call the school office (242-8838) whenever you need to have a message delivered to your child. If you need to fax authorization for someone else (that is not listed on your Emergency Form) to pick up your child, please fax to 242-8830. Always make sure if someone else is picking up your child that they have photo identification with them.

Planning ahead.....

We will have an OPEN HOUSE for prospective families on Saturday, March 21st from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Invite your friends and neighbors to come and see all the exciting things happening at Merryhill School.

Spring Break is the week of March 30th through April 3rd. NO school classes that week.