**IB News**

Our December IB attitude of the month is commitment, which means an agreement or pledge to do something and stick with it.  At Randolph, we will be committed to learning, persevering, and showing self-discipline and responsibility. We are also committed to being safe, responsible and problem solvers in our classrooms, in the hallway, outside at recess, in specials and the cafeteria. During the month of December, consider ways that you show commitment (toward your job, as a parent).  This attitude is an integral part of creating a community where everybody learns.  Encourage your child to show commitment by completing his/her homework, being a problem solver, and completing chores at home.

**School Counselor, Jennifer Baitinger**

As we finish lessons on bullying, I want to remind parents what students have learned. All students from K-5 learned that bullying happens when someone hurts another person’s feelings or body on purpose and it happens more than once. It is unfair and one-sided. They also learned to Recognize, Report, and Refuse bullying (3Rs). One of the most important parts of preventing bullying is to make sure you report to a caring adult so they can help you or another student. Parents, if your child reports bullying to you, here are some questions you could ask them after you tell them you are glad they told you: What did the other person say or do? What did you do when this happened? When does this happen? Did it happen more than once? Have you told a caring adult about it? If it seems like bullying encourage them to talk to me or another caring adult in the school. Students know that bullying is not allowed in their classroom or at school. If you feel that you need to call, please do. My phone number is (703)228-8188. We want everyone to feel safe at school!

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**Bedford Falls Book Fair**

**Randolph Library**

**December 2 – 9, 2016**

**Friday, December 2:** 9am – 4pm (Preview Day)

**Monday, December 5**: 8am – 4pm

**Tuesday, December 6**: 8am – 4pm

**Wednesday, December 7**: 8am - 1:30pm; 6:30-8:00 pm (Bedtime Story Night)

**Thursday, December 8**: 8am – 4pm

**Friday, December 9**: 8am - 12:30pm

***\*Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted. Checks should be made out to: Randolph Elementary School.***

**Come to**

**Bedtime Story Night and Bedford Falls Book Fair at Randolph**

**Wear your pajamas!**

Date: December 7, 2016 (Wednesday)

Time: 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Place: Library and 1st floor classrooms

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**\*Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

**The Hour of Code**

December 5 – 9, Randolph students will join their peers at APS, in The Hour of Code, a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in more than 180 countries. The Hour of Code is a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify code and show that anybody can learn the basics. Randolph students will receive hands-on basics about coding during the week. Students can continue to practice these skills at home. The Hour of Code is organized by [Code.org](http://hourofcode.com/us), a non-profit dedicated to expanding participation in computer science by making it available in more schools, and increasing participation underrepresented students. Hour of Code partners include Microsoft, Apple, Amazon, Boys and Girls Clubs of America and the College Board. Check our website for upcoming photos to see what our students are doing during this Hour of Code event. Additionally, families are invited to join the countywide “Hour of Code” at the Career Center on November 5th from 7:00 – 8:30pm.

**PTA – SAVE THE DATE**

The next PTA Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 6th from 7:00-8:00 pm. Join us to receive an update on school maintenance projects.

**Early Release Day**

Wednesday, December 7th is an early release day for our students. All of our Pre-K – 5 students will be dismissed at 12:51 pm. Lunch will be served before dismissal. Randolph staff will be participating in a variety of professional development sessions with other APS teachers.

**Upcoming Events:**

**December 5**: Report Card Translations, 8:15-11:00 am in room A116

**December 2-9**: Randolph Book Fair Week

**December 5**: PESA meeting, 8:15-10:30 pm in room A116

**December 5**:  APS County-wide Hour of Code, 7:00-8:30 pm at the Career Center

**December 6**: PTA meeting, 7:00 pm in the library

**December 7**: Early Release Day, 12:51 pm

**December 7**: Report Card Translations, 2:00-6:00 pm in room B211

**December 7**:  Bedtime Story Night, 6:30-8:00 pm in the library & 1st floor classrooms

**December 8**: Dr.  Martin Luther King contest entries due

**December 12**: Club de Madres, 8:30-10:00 am in the library, available in English and Spanish

**December 15**: Last day for fall after school enrichment programs

**December 16**: Grade 5 musical, December Nights, December Lights, 2pm in the gym

**IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO SUBMIT!**

**2016 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Literary & Visual Arts Contest**

Join students across Arlington County

Celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. King was a brilliant and brave leader. His truth, dedication and commitment resonate with people across our nation and throughout the world. Today, his fearless dedication to equality and peaceful progress continue to inspire and challenge all of us.

Dr. King urged all of us to feel passionate about freedom and justice – when we feel strongly, we must speak up and not remain silent.

Using the following quote from Dr. King, describe in writing or through visual art how speaking up (or being silent) about something can change your personal life, your community or the world: “Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

**CATEGORIES & RULES:**

**WRITING**

* Elementary (K-5) contest entries must be a minimum of 25 words but not more than 150 words.
* All entries must be typed or printed on an 8 ½ x 11 white piece of paper.
* Do not put your name on the essay; instead attach your essay to Entry Form Label (**see attached**) and return to the main office by December 8th.

**POETRY**

* Poems must be your original unpublished work.
* All entries must be typed or printed on an 8 ½ x 11 white piece of paper.
* Do not put your name on the essay; instead attach your essay to Entry Form Label (**see attached**) and return to the main office by December 8th.