

# THE COMMUNICATOR

## “Destination...World Class Education”

### Principally Speaking...

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I cannot tell you how excited and proud I am of our students and parents with our Haiti Relief efforts. Ms. Hutchinson, the spokesperson for Arbonne (the company who makes the shakes) and a Sale parent, spoke with me about the project the day before our flyer went home. She had just received information on it that day, but was given a very limited time frame to get everything completed. I told her we would give it a try, but giving our students and their parents two days to raise money was really pushing everybody, especially since the deadline was so close to a pay day for a lot of people. She told me if we were able to receive enough donations to purchase one case of protein shakes, we would make a difference. I told her she was right. Little did I know how right she was. We had some kind of response. In a two day time span, we raised \$1000. That means we were able to purchase 40 cases of the shakes. WOW!!!! You guys are awesome! What a great effort everyone made and how wonderful it is that our shakes are already on the way to Haiti to be used by those in need. Needless to say, we are all learning very valuable lessons when it comes to giving and being involved in great causes such as this. Thanks to all of our parents and students who were so valuable in making this tremendous effort such a success. May hat is off to each of you who helped. Kudos to everyone at Sale for a wonderful job.

“We must give more in order to get more. It is the generous giving of ourselves that produces the generous harvest.”

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### *Getting “Connected” with International Studies*

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#### **Primary Years Programme (PYP) Progress**

Inquiring minds at work! As you walk down the halls, you can see it happening each day. The new units of inquiry are in full swing. In kindergarten, students are learning that people around the world are connected by transportation systems that may be very different from the ones that we have here. They are planning a field trip to see the various types of transportation in our community; so that, they can compare them to those in other locations of the world. First graders are getting ready for medical school as they study the body from the inside out. The Body Walk will be at Sale Friday, February 5th for all our students to tour the human body. The OrganWise Guys will be their guides. Throughout the exhibit, students will learn how to apply healthy life style changes. “Non-fiction Matters” is guiding our second graders as they look for factual information that can use to provide answers to their inquiries. They soon will become published authors too! Third graders are focusing on the changing states of matter and how matter impacts our daily lives. Don't be surprised at the experiments you may hear about. V-room ... simple machines are all around us. Ask a fourth grader how simple and compound machines make our life easier.

Don't forget our focus words for the month of February:

Empathy—understanding other people's feelings

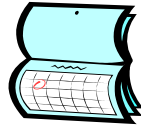
Confidence—believing you can do it yourself

Caring—helping others in need.



## Important Dates to Remember

- **Feb. 2**—Spring Pictures @ 8:30a
- **Feb. 5**—Body Walk
- **Feb. 8**—CMSD board meeting @ 6:00p
- **Feb. 9**—Lowndes County Spelling Bee @ 9:00a  
Imagine U—3rd grade @ 1:30p
- **Feb. 10**—Science Fair boards due  
Progress Reports go home
- **Feb. 11**—Science Fair
- **Feb. 12**—Young People's Artist Series —9:30a @ MUW
- **Feb. 15**—Presidents' Day Holiday
- **Feb. 19**—Box Tops Collection Day
- **Feb. 26**—CMSD Lottery Opens



## MAP (Measures of Academic Progress)

We are very excited to be using the MAP system. Students enter school with a wide variety of life experiences. Early identification of achievement levels provides a strong foundation for teachers to use in establishing an environment for academic success. MAP tests for primary grades provide teachers with an efficient way to assess ability levels of early learners so they can spend less time on individual diagnostics and more time teaching. It also provides information to guide instruction during the early stages of a student's academic career as well as identifying the needs of a wide variety of students from struggling to advanced learners.

The MAP for Primary Grades reports display data giving teachers excellent tools for planning differentiated instruction. Teachers can more easily target appropriate and relevant instruction for each student or group of students based on data results.



## BODY WALK

### What is Body Walk?

Body Walk is a new and unique health education program designed to educate elementary school students across the state of Mississippi on the importance of being physically active and making good nutrition choices. The Body Walk program provides education and activities that enable youth to learn skills needed in making good nutrition choices and developing a healthy lifestyle.

### Body Walk consists of:

- a 40-foot by 40-foot walk-through exhibit representing the human body
- classroom activities for use prior to and following the students' walk through the exhibit
- a take-home activity book for students to read with their families
- a list of additional nutrition education resources
- information to help publicize the event and communicate with the media
- a school health kit
- a parent information sheet



Students tour the human body exhibit with the OrganWise Guys as their guides.

