

# DELREY DOINGS

## JANUARY 2009

### \*SCHOOL CALENDAR\*

January 5, 2009(Monday)- School Reopens

January 19, 2009 (Monday) - Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday - School Closed

January 26, 2009 (Monday) - Professional Day - School Closed for Students

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

2008 has been the most challenging and exiting year for all of us at Delrey. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board and our CEO, and all the parents for the support given to us. I also want to thank all the staff for their hard work before, during and after we moved to the new school building.

In November, our school went through two days of vigorous monitoring visits from the Maryland State Department of Education. Except for a few paperwork related corrections, Delrey received the following commendable reviews from the team:

- School administrator and staff were observed to be dedicated, enthusiastic student advocates. Staff interacted with students in a caring, sensitive, supportive, and positive manner that is reflect if of the model established by the school's administration.
- Staff provided a learning environment for students that was individualized to address the multiple and complex needs of students...
- Teachers were enthusiastic and well organized...
- Teacher Aides and 1:1 Aides were observed to be an integral part of the educational program...
- The school is commended for the use of interdisciplinary approach...
- The school's physical environment is well organized, inviting, colorful, stimulating...
- The school is commended for offering its students many cultural experiences...

We are very encouraged by the State's positive observations and we will stride for quality programs of excellence for all our students.

I wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

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### WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES:

We are happy to welcome Leorita Brockington, Teacher Aide to our school.

**FUND RAISING PROGRAMS:**

We are planning out 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Quarter Auction Fundraiser in February and we are searching for a hall. If anyone knows of a hall that holds approximately 150-200 people, please contact Fran Ring at 410-314-5000, extension 101.

**SAVE THE DATE! MAY 9, 2009** - Delrey will hold its 1<sup>st</sup> 5K Run, Stroll and Roll for UCP Delrey School along with our Annual Mayfair Festival. Many sponsors, volunteers and participants are needed to make this a successful event!

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**NEWS FROM MS. BRIDGET'S CLASS:**

Ms. Bridget's class hosted a Meet the Author party on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> during Ms. Kendra's Media Group. The party was held in honor of Tim Mills, who wrote The Mystery Kids: The Mystery of Ghost Lake. Leading up to the party, the students read the book and completed a book report. The students planned the party themselves. They developed the invitation list, planned the menu and developed questions to ask Mr. Tim. At the end of the question-and-answer session, Mr. Tim signed a copy of the book for each student.

Tim Mills has been a volunteer at Delrey for many years. He dedicated the book to the students, staff and parents of Delrey.

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**SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT:**

Guardianship:

For students 18 and over, there are some guidelines for deciding if a parent should seek to obtain guardianship or explore alternative options. Information is available from the service coordinators through Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA). You may also contact Dorothy Lemon-Thompson at 410-314-5000, ext. 115, if you have questions or would like information sent to you.

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**DELREY WEBSITE:**

In January, 2009, the UCP Delrey School will be launching its new website! Check it out at [www.delreyschool.org](http://www.delreyschool.org)

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**SCHOOL CLOSINGS FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Remember that we follow the **Baltimore County** school schedule. Please listen to any major radio/TV station for announcements.

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