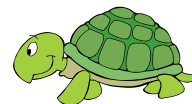




## Town Creek Elementary School

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Home of the Terrapins

Kathryn M. Miluski  
Principal

February 2, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Winter has certainly been keeping us busy this year! Please remember on days when inclement weather closings or delays are possible to listen to local broadcasts or check the St. Mary's County Public School website at [www.smcps.org](http://www.smcps.org). Spring will be here before we know it!

Also, with winter we see increased absences. Please note that absences and tardies are monitored. If your child is absent, please remember to send in a note with the reason for the absence so it may be recorded as excused. Parents will be notified in writing after quarterly reviews when their student has exceeded five unexcused absences. A school is considered at the excellent standard for attendance at 96% and at the satisfactory level at 94%. The last several years we have met the 94% satisfactory standard for attendance. We are striving to reach the 96% standard. Presently, at this midpoint of the school year, we have an attendance rating of 95.04%. Congratulations to all for this achievement and hopefully we can increase this to make our goal this year. Please help us out if you can, we miss the children when they are not in school!

I also wanted to share some good news with you. We have just heard that Town Creek has been recognized by the Maryland State Department of Education for outstanding performance on the 2009 Maryland School Assessment for overall achievement. This assessment is given each March to third, fourth, and fifth graders and serves as a tool to measure student's progress in the state curriculum. This is truly recognition of our total school community and the commitment made by staff, parents and the children towards their education. Thank you.

Attached you will find the February calendar. Highlighted dates for February include:

- February 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> - Second Grade Stanford 10/OLSAT Testing (Modified due to snow)
- February 4<sup>th</sup> - 2 Hour Early Dismissal (staff development)
- February 19<sup>th</sup> - Spirit Assembly for second quarter recognitions, 10:00 a.m.
- February 15<sup>th</sup> - President's Day Holiday, schools and offices closed
- February 18<sup>th</sup> - Third Grade Musical Program 7:00 p.m., Dress Rehearsal 2:30 p.m.
- February 24<sup>th</sup> - 2 Hour Early Dismissal (end of interim period)

I hope this information is helpful. We look forward to seeing you soon. Thank you, as always, for the wonderful home/school support!

Sincerely,

Kathryn M. Miluski  
Principal