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Applications for the 32nd Student Member of the Board of Education

Qualified students* may apply to run for the position of Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB). Applications may be downloaded from the web at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs. The application deadline is 4:00 p.m., January 22, 2009. Students may call the Student Affairs Office (301-670-1419) if they have questions concerning the application process, but may wish to contact the current student board member, Quratul-Ann Malik at Quratul-Ann_Malik@mcpsmd.org for questions specifically concerning the position.



SMOB Nominating Convention

Believe it or not, it is time to start advertising for students wishing to be delegates to the student member of the Board of Education (SMOB) Nominating Convention. The nominating convention is scheduled for March 5, 2009 (with two emergency snow dates of March 6 and March 9). The day of the convention, student representatives from our middle and high schools will gather at Blake High School to hear speeches, ask questions, and vote to narrow the field of SMOB candidates to the final two. The SMOB is a public official, and as such, there are strict protocols in the election process. Included with this newsletter (for advisors) is a detailed "heads up" packet with a letter from the MCR Special Elections Administrator. Please be sure to take the time to read the packet carefully as there are two possible scenarios for times of the convention. Additionally, information is posted on the Student Affairs web site at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs/smob. If you have any questions, please email Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org.



Don't let the deadline catch you by surprise...start recruiting students from your school now to serve as voting delegates to the 32nd Student Member of the Board of Education Nominating Convention.

Clothing Centers

Now that the cold winter weather has arrived, schools may wish to collect coats, gloves, warm sweaters, and other cold weather gear for children and adults in need. The Community Ministries' Clothing Centers are located in Rockville and in Germantown. For more information, contact the director of the clothing program, Julie Maltzman at the Rockville Clothing Center: 301-424-3796 or at the Upcounty Clothing Center: 301-997-1267.



SPECIAL NOTICE: With the budget freeze, all of the Student Affairs Office accounts, including transportation, are frozen. All items must be approved on an individual event appeal. PLEASE support MCR/MCJC by sending your membership dues today! Thanks

January Events

- 6 SMOB Informational Meeting 4:30-5:30pm CESC Board Rm
- SMOB Advisory Committee 7:00-8:30pm CESC 120
- 7 Deadline: MCR Principal/Advisor Awards due 4pm
- 8 MCR Taskforce on Race & Culture 5:00-6:30pm (CESC cafe)
- MCR executive board mtg 7:00-8:30pm (CESC cafeteria)
- 9 Deadline: MCJC Principal/Advisor Awards due 4pm
- Deadline: MCJC special staff applications due 4pm
- 13 BOE business meeting (day)
- MCJC executive board mtg 7:00-8:30pm (CESC cafeteria)
- 19 Holiday-Martin L. King, Jr. Birthday
- 20 Holiday-Inauguration Day
- 22 SMOB Candidate Applications Deadline 4:00pm
- Special Elections Com. Mtg 7:00-8:30pm (CESC cafeteria)
- 29 SMOB Candidate Required Meeting 4:00-6:00pm (CESC Board Room)
- 30 MASC Felix Simon Awards due to MASC (SGA Award)

Beginning of February

- 5 Deadline: MCR bus for February 20 general assembly
- MCR Taskforce on Race & Culture 5:00-6:30pm (CESC cafe)
- MCR executive board mtg 7:00-8:30pm (CESC cafeteria)
- 7 MASC Legislative Session (Westminster HS-Carroll Co.)
- 10 Deadline: MCJC Bus RSVP for February 26 Gen. Assembly
- MCR executive board mtg 7:00-8:30pm (CESC cafeteria)
- 11 MASC executive board meeting (location TBD)
- 12 Deadline-SMOB Nom Con Registration (closes 4:00pm)

Special January Events

High School Pennies Post Prom Challenge
Middle Schools Pennies for Patients
(Leukemia/Lymphoma)



29th Chinese New Years

Update: MCR/MCJC fundraiser at White Flint Border's collecting money for the MASC 2008-2009 Charity, The Arc was held on Dec. 7 (MCR) and Dec. 20 (MCJC). With 17 high school students (101 SSL hours) and 21 middle school students (154 hours), \$430 was collected. The Arc is an organization of and for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Go to www.masconline.info or www.mdstudentcouncilsmd.com for more information about the MASC charity.

MCR-SGA & MCJC Awards

There are many opportunities for your school leaders to be recognized this year. Please consider applying to give your principal, advisor, or SGA recognition for their dedication and commitment to student leadership. All awards have early January deadlines (see January calendar above). Go to <http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs> to download applications.



**MCR and MCJC is allowed to submit one advisor and one principal of the year award to MASC (the state student government association). The selection committee meets to make its selection in January.*



Pennies for Patients

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's mission is to find a cure for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. Leukemia causes more deaths than any other cancer among children and young adults under the age of 20. Pennies for Patients is a three week community service project where students have the chance to help kids who have cancer.

For 2009 Pennies for Patients information, including the high schools' Pennies Post Prom Challenge contact Erin Walker at 703-960-1100 x 212 or erin.walker@lls.org

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is one of the largest supporters in our area...MCPS has students with Leukemia/Lymphoma so please consider supporting this yearly annual drive!

Stay on top of news items:
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs

SGA-SSL Hours

Don't forget to have your SGA students turn in their semester I hours for student service-learning hours. The deadline is January 9, 2009. Be sure to write a quality reflection. Questions about what counts for SSL? See the SSL coordinator in your school or email Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org.



Coming Soon MASC Legislative Session News

MASC should be mailing information to schools soon about the Legislative Session conference held on Saturday, February 7, 2009. This conference offers opportunities for students to elect two nominees for the position of student member on the State Board of Education, learn about the legislative process and lobbying, and debate and take positions on bills before the state legislature. It is being hosted by Westminster High School in Carroll County. Conference materials may be downloaded at www.masconline.info or www.mdstudentcouncils.com after January 1st. Please note, MASC requires the SGA advisor or other adult from the school to chaperone the students. (Note: Karen Crawford will chaperone MCJC or MCR-SGA executive board members if they wish to attend if their school is not attending. Executive board members must still register through their SGA advisor following MASC registration procedures.) Schools wishing to send delegates but cannot find a staff member or parent from their school to chaperone should email Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org before registering. The registration fee to MASC is \$25. Note: Students will have to provide their own transportation to Westminster High School.

Preview - MASC Convention

MASC member schools only: MASC Convention is March 25-27, 2009. Student registration \$225, advisors \$250. Registration will open February 13th and close on February 27th. Registration and payment must be postmarked by March 6, 2009. Be looking for more information!

MASC 2008-2009 State Charity

The Arc is the world's largest community based organization of and for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It provides an array of services and support for families and individuals. The Arc is devoted to promoting and improving supports and services for all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Donations may be made to The Arc and forwarded to the Student Affairs Office (Lakelands Park MS). We'll include your school's donation with the MCJC/MCR donation.

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minds...changing
lives

Your Comments Please!

A Student's Guide to Rights and Responsibilities



Believe it or not, now is the time to start the review of A Student's Guide to Rights and Responsibilities. Please take the time during one of your SGA meetings to carefully review the information included in this guide. Please email any suggestions for additional information or changes to Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org no later than the end of January, 2009.

Cheeburger, Cheeburger

February 19, 2009

4:00-10:00 p.m.

14921 Shady Grove Road, Rockville



Between 4:00-10:00 p.m., Thursday, February 19th, MCR will earn 20% of all profits from "dine-in" service at the Cheeburger, Cheeburger in Rockville. All you need to do is bring the MCR certificate with you (download it at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/studentaffairs/sga/mcr/news). So make sure to bring a friend and the MCR flyer and enjoy a good meal while supporting MCR.

Kenya Connect: *It's not too late!!* MCR/MCJC Charity

Every secondary school received an informational kit and DVD (made specifically for Montgomery County) about Kikulumi Public School (Kenya) and their needs. The great thing about this organization it is allows us to "observe first-hand how our efforts promote grassroots development for families in need and facilitates character development and potentially build a commitment to philanthropy at an early age." Please arrange to air the DVD school-wide. MCR/MCJC hopes that your school's SGA will also adopt this charity and encourage other clubs and organizations to contribute. Thanks to several high schools and middle schools that have already donated to this MCJC/MCR charity. Checks may be payable to MCR, MCJC, or Kenya Connect and forwarded to the Student Affairs Office (Lakelands Park MS).



Kikulimi PS Motto: "The sky is the limit"

Mission: To provide quality education to our learners in a conducive environment that will enable them to compete effectively in national exams.

Colors: Light Blue and Green

Activities: Ball Games & Athletics, Debating, Forestry and Health Clubs

Total Enrollment: 306 pupils



- Water Tank: \$2,000 (MCR SGA Goal)
- Games & Athletics Equipment: \$300 (MCJC Goal)
- Renovation Fund: \$6,000
- Fence: \$1,000
- School Supplies: \$600
- Uniform Fund: \$1,060

Even \$25 dollars from every middle and high school will make a big difference!

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