

Cougar Courier

Cabin John Middle School

6300 Tilden Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20852

Dr. Paulette L. Smith, Principal

September 4, 2009

◆ **Principal's Message:**

WELCOME BACK! The Cabin John Middle School staff is happy to be back at school! It was such a pleasure to see so many familiar faces returning, along with their incoming 6th grade classmates. The students were very cooperative with each other during this first week of school, assisting each other by solving locker issues, staircase navigation and a whole new way of getting around in our "new" Cabin John Middle School building. Our 2009-2010 school year theme is COUGAR PRIDE and the Cougar Pride shines through when watching your children help each other succeed. We look forward to teaching each of your children this school year and we look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night on Thursday, September 10, 2009.

◆ **Important Dates to Remember:**

- Monday, September 7, 2009 - Labor Day – Holiday – Schools Closed
- Thursday, September 10, 2009 – PTSA Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, September 10, 2009 – Back to School Night – 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, September 11, 2009 – Annual Health Education Parent Meeting – Rm. A108
- Friday, September 11, 2009 – Wootton Cluster Family Football Night at Wootton High School - 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, September 17, 2009 – Board of Education Community Forum – Quince Orchard High School – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
- Friday, September 18, 2009 – Student Individual Photo Day – During P.E. Classes
- Monday, September 28, 2009 – Yom Kippur – Holiday – No School for Students and Teachers
- Friday, October 2, 2009 – Early Release Day – School Dismissed at 12:10 p.m.

◆ **Student Service Learning Hours:**

Ms. Laurel McKnight will continue as the Cabin John Middle School Student Service Learning Hours (SSL) Coordinator for the 2009-2010 school year.

SSL Reminders:

- All hours worked over the summer are due by Friday, September 25th, 2009.
- If you wish to receive SSL hours for volunteer service at an organization, please make sure that the organization is on the pre-approved list *in advance of any service performed*. The list can be found at: www.mcpsssl.org.
- If the organization is not on the list, a pre-approval form *must* be filled out and approved *in advance of any service performed*. Email Laurel McKnight at Laurel_McKnight@mcpsmd.org with any questions.

◆ **Wootton Cluster Family Night:**

All families are invited to Wootton Cluster Family Football Night at Wootton High School on Friday, September 11th. Kick-off is at 6:30 and students arriving by 6:00 pm may run out on the field with the Patriots. A door prize is available for the first 250 cluster students and each student will receive a special treat (while supplies last). Come join the excitement – football, cheerleaders, poms, marching band, concessions, and more!

◆ **Board of Education Community Forums:**

The Montgomery County Public Schools Board of Education will hold two public forums to provide parents, staff, students, and community members the opportunity to give their input on important issues affecting the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). The forums will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2009, at Quince Orchard High School and on Thursday, October 15, 2009, at John F. Kennedy High School. Both forums will take place from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m., and will assist the Board of Education and MCPS in setting priorities for the Fiscal Year 2011 Operating Budget.