

Cougar Courier

Cabin John Middle School

6300 Tilden Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20852

Dr. Paulette L. Smith, Principal

October 30, 2009

◆ **Principal's Message:**

The Cabin John Middle School staff thanks the families and friends who visited during Open House on Monday, October 12, 2009. We had a wonderful turnout of approximately 200 visitors. The students enjoyed demonstrating the latest classroom technology and sharing their ideas while visitors watched. It was wonderful to see so many of our extended Cabin John family exploring our 'new' location! We appreciate your support of the students and our school.

◆ **Important Dates to Remember:**

- Friday, October 30, 2009 – First Marking Period Ends
- Monday, November 2, 2009 – Professional Day for Teachers, No School for Students
- Wednesday, November 11, 2009 – Parent Conference Day and Report Card Distribution
- Wednesday, November 11, 2009 and Thursday, November 12, 2009 – Early Dismissal Days
- Friday, November 13, 2009 – PTSA Multi-Cultural Night – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, November 20, 2009 - Sixth Grade Social – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 25, 2009 – Early Dismissal Day
- Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27, 2009 – Thanksgiving Holiday, Schools are Closed

◆ **Parent Conference Update:**

The first marking period of the school year ends today, Friday, October 30, 2009. We are pleased to announce our 2009 parent conference format. Parent conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2009. Grade level teams will be inviting parents to attend conferences between 12:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Teachers will be available for 5 minute informal conferences between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. If you do not receive an invitation for a parent conference, please feel free to attend the 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. informal conference session. As always, grade level teams are available for conferences during the school year upon special request through the guidance department.

◆ **Portable Communication Devices:**

We want to remind all parents and students that Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) does not permit students to display or use portable communication devices during school hours. Please remind your child to keep these devices turned off, in a locker or backpack, at all times. Portable communication devices include: cell phones, I-pods, game systems, or other portable devices which may be distracting to the classroom setting. If you have a unique situation requiring your child to carry a cell phone at all times, please contact the school administration.

◆ **PTSA Reflections Program:**

All Cabin John Middle School students are encouraged to participate in the PTSA **Reflections** Creative Arts program. This year's theme: **Beauty is...** Select from one of six categories: Literature, Visual Arts, Photography, Dance Choreography, Film Production, and Musical Composition. Students may submit works in more than one category. Four entries in each category will be forwarded to a county-level competition. The rules and entry forms are available in the media center or main office. Submissions are due by Friday, November 20, 2009.

◆ **Wootton High School Center for the Arts:**

Wootton High School presents *You Can't Take It With You*, November 5 – November 7, 2009. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. Purchase tickets in advance at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/woottonhs/academics/art/YCTIWYTicketOrderForm.pdf

◆ **Churchill High School Gertrude Bish Auditorium:**

Churchill High School presents *Chicago*, the weekends of November 13, 14, and 20, 21, 2009. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and \$12, depending on seating location and are available in advance at www.wchs драма.org. This show is recommended for middle school and up, due to mature themes.