

Spotlight on Carderock Springs
Week of November 2, 2009

THIS WEEK:

Week Ahead:

Mon., Nov 2 Professional Day for Teachers; No school for students

Tues., Nov 3 PTA meeting, 7:30 p.m.

PREVIEW OF THE WEEK AHEAD:

Mon., Nov 9 Individual student pictures

Wed., Nov 11 Whole school read-a-thon. Barry Louis Polisar assemblies – K-2 - 9:15-9:55 a.m.; Grades 3-5 - 10:15-11:00 a.m.
Report card distribution
Early dismissal, 12:50 p.m.
Parent/teacher conferences

Thurs., Nov 12 Early dismissal, 12:50 p.m.
Parent/teacher conferences

- **Dr. Frank Stetson, our community superintendent, has been named as the Chief School Performance Officer effective December 1, 2009.** Dr. Stetson will be managing the Office of School Performance and supervising the community superintendents. Dr. Stetson asked me to pass along the following message: “I’ve been very privileged to work with wonderful school communities and have greatly enjoyed the many relationships I have with members of school staffs and the communities. I am very proud of the work our schools are doing and look forward to the schools continuing their many successes.”

Dr. Stetson will be succeeded by Mr. Sean Bulson who is currently the Director of School Performance for the Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley clusters. Mr. Bulson writes: “I am excited to be returning to the Bethesda–Chevy Chase, Walter Johnson, Wheaton, and Walt Whitman quadcluster. I had the privilege of working for Dr. Stetson as a school-based leader in the quadcluster prior to moving to the Office of School Performance. Thus, I am aware of the tremendous accomplishments that have been made under his leadership. In the coming months, my goal is to acquaint myself with each of the schools and their communities so I can begin to understand what makes each one unique. I am fortunate to be working with our talented Director of School Performance, Dr. Denise Greene, who I have known since we were principals together in the quadcluster. The vision of the Office of School Performance is to provide

leadership for equity and excellence. As a team, Dr. Greene and I will provide the support necessary to allow our schools to continue serving all students through the lenses of equity and excellence. I look forward to working with all of you soon.”

- **Our Halloween parade and parties went well thanks to the efforts of our students, staff, and parents.** We know you enjoyed seeing the students and staff in their Halloween costumes. On behalf of the entire Carderock Springs ES staff, we want to thank all of the parents who attended the festivities. A special thank you to our room mothers and fathers who helped with the planning of the classroom parties.
- **We had a successful Red Ribbon week.** Thank our staff, students, and parents who renewed their commitment to a healthy drug-free lifestyle, and showed their dedication to education and prevention efforts to say “NO” to drugs. Thank you to Mrs. Wardell for organizing this special event
- **This is a reminder. Any variation from your child’s daily routine requires a note from home, addressed to the teacher. If you have forgotten to send a note in the morning, your may email or call the office staff before 2:45 p.m.** After 3:00 p.m., the office staff is focused on dismissal and cannot respond to email or convey last minute messages to teachers. Please do not email the teacher regarding the schedule changes—they often do not have the opportunity to check email mid-day and cannot ensure that your message will be received. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **Wednesday, November 11 and Thursday, November 12, are early release days. Your child will be dismissed at 12:50 p.m. so that teachers can hold parent conferences. Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, November 11.**
- **Please continue to check your child for head lice.** This will help prevent the spread of lice. If a lice infestation has been identified, upon return to school, students should report to the health room accompanied by a parent/guardian. The school nurse or school health technician will inspect the student’s head to assure the absence of live lice and nits located within ½ inch of the scalp before the student may return to school. The parent/guardian should provide a note stating that the student has been treated with a pediculocide or provide a health care provider’s note stating the student does not have a live head lice infestation or viable nits. Additional information can be found at http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dpd/parasites/lice/iactsht_head_lice.htm

- **We want to keep the school operations on a normal schedule and minimize any disruption to teaching and learning. You can help us in our efforts to prevent the spread of flu by:**

Knowing the symptoms of the flu. These include fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater), cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired.

Keeping children home from school if they are sick. Individuals who have been sick with the flu should stay home until they have been fever-free for 24 hours. Any children or staff who are sick at school *will be sent home*.

Reminding your children to wash their hands often with soap and water.

Encouraging your children not to share personal items like drinks, food, or utensils.

Telling your children to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues. If they don't have a tissue, they should cough or sneeze into their upper sleeve, not their hands.

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services has advised us that the previously scheduled H1N1 (swine) flu vaccination clinics on November 4, November 11, and November 18 at Northwood, Northwest, and Rockville high schools have been cancelled due to shortages of the H1N1 vaccine. For up-to-date information about vaccine availability, visit the county's website www.montgomerycountymd.gov/h1n1flu or call the flu hotline at 240-777-4200.

- **Final Reminder to Parents of Third Grade Students:** The deadline for submitting applications for the Gifted and Talented Center at Chevy Chase Elementary School is **November 9, 2009**.
- **Final Reminder to Parents of Fifth Grade Students:** The deadline for submitting applications for the Middle School Magnet/Centers Programs is **November 9**,
- **It is time to register for this school year's first Saturday Discoveries.** The one-day enrichment program will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. on the Montgomery County Takoma Park campus. The program provides students in grades 4 and 5 with the opportunity to participate in workshops covering a variety of topics including science, problem solving, creative writing, computer gaming and much more. For more information go to www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth.

Thank you for being partners in your child's education.