

# Roberto Clemente Middle School Counseling Department Hosts 3<sup>rd</sup> High School Fair

## Counseling Department sponsors 8<sup>th</sup> grade event

Germantown, MD, December 2, 2008: Eighth grade students at Roberto Clemente Middle School had an opportunity to hear an overview of the various programs offered at neighboring high schools. Principals, counselors, teachers and students from eleven high schools shared information with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders December 2, 2008. Each high school showcased its own programs and provided school-specific information related to course offering, extracurricular activities and special programs. Students were able to gain additional information through a question and answer segment.

More than one quarter of Clemente's students have a home high school other than Clemente's two feeder high schools. These students currently attend Clemente on approved transfers and placements in our special programs.

Programs at Clemente include the highly gifted Math, Science, Computer Science Center and the Humanities Center programs. Students also attend Clemente for the Gifted and Talented and Learning Disabled (GT/LD) program and the Learning for Independence program (LFI). Some 8<sup>th</sup> graders have moved during their last year of middle school and have received approved transfers to complete the school year at Clemente.

These students' home high schools include Clarksburg, Damascus, Gaithersburg, Magruder, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, and Watkins Mill, as well as our own Northwest and Seneca Valley. All of these high schools attended our High School Fair and presented information about special programs in their respective schools. Each school concluded with a question and answer period with students.

Many of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders applied to the Richard Montgomery IB program, and/or the Global Ecology; Math, Science Computer Science Magnet; and the Humanities Center programs offered at Poolesville High School. Representatives from both schools were at the fair to share information.

The Edison High School of Technology provided information about courses of study that students may begin in the 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Students were informed of the requirements they must meet to be eligible for these special courses of study.

RCMS considers the High School Fair an important part of preparing the 8<sup>th</sup> graders for their high school years. The presentation provided a chance for them to learn about the choices available to them at the high school level.

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