



The Bullfrog Bulletin

Weekly Newsletter for Great Seneca Creek Elementary School Families

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Upcoming Important Dates:

November 1

- Daylight Savings Time, 2:00 a.m.

November 2

- Professional day for teachers, No school

November 5

- PTA Exec. Board Mtg. 9:00 a.m.

November 9

- Highly Gifted Center and Center Program Applications Due

November 11

- Report Cards Distributed
- Early release day: 12:35 p.m.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Sally Foster Pick-up

November 12

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November 13

- PTA Bingo Night, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

The GRRREAT Program at GSCES We value:

- Goal-setting
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Relationships
- Esteem
- Attitude
- Teamwork

GREAT SENECA CREEK ES STUDENTS SHARE THEIR ARTWORK WITH THE WORLD!

Move Over Famous Artists! Great Seneca Creek ES artists are taking over the spotlight! Michelle Miller and Kim Haden, the school's Art Teachers, have teamed up with Artsonia, www.artsonia.com -- the world's largest online kid's art museum -- to display the students' artwork.

Anyone can view the school gallery online at: www.artsonia.com/schools/GreatSenecaCreekEs1. Visitors can browse the artwork in the school gallery by grade level, or by specific exhibits. We are in the beginning stages and only have a few classes uploaded. However, our goal is to have artwork created by every student online soon.

Parents please find your child's artwork and register. By registering you will be able to share your child's work with family and friends. Family and friends can then become your child's fan or add comments about the artwork. You can also order items printed with your child's artwork. The school will receive 15% of all purchases.

Thank you for all of your support. We hope you all enjoy the new online gallery at Great Seneca Creek. We will add this link to our school's website and inform you when more artwork is added to the gallery.

H1N1 VACCINATION CLINIC UPDATE

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.

"LEADER IN ME" CLUB NEWS:

The "Developing Leader in Me Club" is comprised of a group of fourth and fifth grade girls at Great Seneca Creek Elementary School. They are working on goals in the areas of leadership, personal growth and community service. The group meets weekly and so far they have learned about different careers, how to write a resume and different ways to give back to the community. Future plans include participating in a dialogue with women guest speakers who hold leadership roles and ways that we can get ready for middle school. Now the club needs your help! We are currently planning a canned food drive for homeless families in Montgomery County, Maryland. Donations will be made to

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE LFE PRIZE

Would you like our school to get a set of 6 8.5 inch playground balls, a set of 12 jump ropes, or a 6 piece multiuse ball set as our Labels for Education (LFE) prize? Vote for your favorite prize by saving the LFE UPCs and dropping them into the appropriate box outside the all purpose room. The item with the most LFE points by December 23rd will be ordered. For more information or questions, please email Kathleen Teselko at kteselko@yahoo.com.

IDENT-A-KID COMING TO GSCES

The IDENT-A-KID Child Safety Program will be at our school on November 18, 2009 to photograph, fingerprint, weigh, and measure children. Participation is completely voluntary and at the individual parents' option. A fee will be charged and parents will be provided with a laminated wallet sized ID Card (similar to a driver's license) with information about their child. An application envelope with additional information about the IDENT-A-KID Program will be sent home with students about one week before the program date. Please contact Donna Aversa-Smith, the local Program Director at 443-275-1543 with any questions.

BOX TOP CONTEST - WINNING CLASS EARNS A PIZZA PARTY

The class who turns in the most Box Tops from Oct. 26 – Dec. 4 will earn a pizza party in December. Write your name and teacher's name on a small zipper bag with your Box Tops inside and drop it into the Box Top box located outside the all purpose room. Be sure to include your teacher's name so your class gets credit.

Manna Food, a county food bank for individuals needing assistance. The girls have worked hard preparing for the drive, which will take place November 9th through 13th at Great Seneca Creek. Please show your support by dropping off non-perishable items such as peanut butter, tuna fish, canned fruits and vegetables, rice, pasta, beans, macaroni and cheese, soup, and canned meats. We would greatly appreciate your support as we grow as leaders and contributing community members.

SWEETS FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Overwhelmed with Halloween candy this time of year? Donate the candy to "Sweets for our Soldiers" at GSCES. All donated candy will be shipped in a care package to our troops serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. Our soldiers love receiving treats from home and some also take candy out on missions with them to hand out to the children in local villages. But if you don't have any candy, our troops especially LOVE receiving any type of correspondence from home. Please send letters, drawings, and non-perishable packaged goodies/snacks (sorry, we can't send homemade food). Your child can drop the items in the Sweets for Our Soldiers box which will be available outside the All Purpose Room beginning November 3rd - 5th. Please contact chairperson, Renee Sirulnik, for more information.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CURRENT FIFTH AND THIRD GRADERS: MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGNET AND HIGHLY GIFTED CENTER APPLICATION PROCESS

GSCES students are eligible to apply for admission to the Center Programs at Clemente Middle School and the Highly Gifted Center at Fox Chapel Elementary School. Please note the following important date and application deadline:

- November 9, 2009 All Applications due to The Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services

Application forms for both programs are available on the MCPS website at

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/admissions/applications. For more information please contact Melanie Bachrach, Div. of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services, at (301) 592-2051.

Calling All Giant Card Holders

Have you registered your Giant Card to support Great Seneca Creek ES? If not, please do so! Go to www.giantfood.com/aplus and register your card to school ID **05307**. Giant will use the A+ Bonus Bucks that you accrue to determine our school's cash total, at no extra cost to you. So please don't delay. Don't let our school miss out on this great opportunity. We currently have less than 100 designations. And remember, even if you registered your card last year, you must re-register your card every new school year for our school to receive credit. Thank you for your support!

REMINDER FROM THE PTA

PLEASE TURN IN ALL REMAINING ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS!! WE STILL HAVE OVER 200 BOOKS UNACCOUNTED FOR! THANK YOU!!