

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
**Mill Creek Towne Elementary School**

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our students have a wonderful opportunity for additional academic help. **The G. B. Thomas Center** provides tutoring on Saturday mornings beginning in October. The cost is only \$30.00 for your child to participate all year!! There are several locations (however, the closest to Mill Creek Towne Elementary School is Magruder High School). Additional information can be found at:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/gbtl1a/about/faq.shtm>

**Homework Hotline Live!** is back for its 24th season on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 to 6:00pm, starting October 6, 2009. The ITV flagship program provides K-12 students one-on-one homework help when they call the hotline number at 301-279-3234 (Voice/TTY).

Parents, staff, students and community members are encouraged to testify at **community forums** sponsored by the Board of Education. Each person will have 3 minutes to speak on the following question: "During difficult economic times, what priorities in the [Montgomery County Public Schools Strategic Plan](#) should we focus on for the 2010-2011 school year to improve achievement for all students?" The next community forum is

**Thursday, October, 15, from 7-9:30 pm at Kennedy High School**

**How to Sign Up to Testify**-Call the Board of Education office at 301-279-3617 or 1-800-735-2258 (Maryland Relay)

The application materials for the Upcounty Center Programs for the Highly Gifted at Roberto Clemente will be available online in mid-October at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/special](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/special) programs. **All fifth graders are eligible to apply.** These are exciting opportunities for interesting and challenging experiences at Roberto Clemente Middle School. One program focuses on math, science, and computer science, while the other program focuses on humanities and communication arts. Some important dates to remember:

Wednesday, October 14, 2009, 7:00 p.m.	Information meeting at Clemente MS
Thursday, October 29, 2009, 7:00 p.m.	Application Workshop at Gaithersburg HS
Monday, November 2, 2009, 7:00 p.m.	Application Workshop at Gaithersburg HS
Monday, November 9, 2009	Application deadline, postmarked or delivered

Our Halloween parade will begin at 1:45 followed by parties in your child's classroom. Alternative activities will be planned for those students who cannot participate in Halloween. Please send a note in with your child if you do not want him/her to participate. Students may not wear costumes that are gory or include weapons – not even fake or toy weapons. If you have old costumes that you would like to donate to the school, please send them to the office. Be on the lookout for more information about the Halloween festivities!

Parent –Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Nov. 11 and 12, 2009. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade will be dismissed early (12:35 p.m.) on those days. The parent-teacher conference is an opportunity to strengthen the partnership with your child's teacher and discuss how your child is doing in school. Please be sure to sign up for a parent conference time with your child's teacher.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Marcus  
Principal

Holly A. Hill  
Assistant Principal