



# THE COUGAR COURIER

Lucy V. Barnsley Elementary School

14516 Nadine Dr., Rockville, MD

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## Calendar

October 30  
November 2  
November 11  
November 12  
November 25  
November 26 & 27

First Marking Period Ends  
No School-Professional Day for staff  
Early Release Day - Parent/Teacher Conf.  
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No School - Thanksgiving Break

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## From the Principal

Dear Barnsley Family,

Where has October gone? It is hard to believe that November 1<sup>st</sup> is just around the corner. November is traditionally a busy time of year and this year is no exception. MCPS has set aside November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> as early release days for Parent Teacher Conferences. Due to the large number of students, some conferences may be held on other dates, either before or after school. Teachers will be sending out reminders, but if you are not sure when you are meeting, please contact your child's teacher.

Conferences are intended to increase understanding of the instructional program, check in on student progress, discuss areas of strengths and challenges, and to gain information on how to help your child at home. Conferences are generally scheduled for 15-20 minutes. You will want to come prepared with any specific questions that you want to discuss with the teachers. We look forward to sharing your child's progress with you!

Sincerely,

Kristin Alban

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## FYI for Parents

English speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program has listed the following telephone numbers for parents to keep on hand:

### Hispanic Hotline

(301) 230-3073 (It offers information about MCPS programs, social services, family resources in the community, health care, and other services available.)

### Asian Hotline

Telephone Message Voice Boxes have been established as follows:

EBAC (ESOL Bilingual Advisory Committee)	301-230-5436, ext. 1
Chinese-Speaking Line	301-230-5436, ext. 2
Korean-Speaking Line	301-230-5436, ext. 3
Vietnamese-Speaking Line	301-230-5436, ext. 4
ESOL Office	301-230-0670
ESOL Counseling Services	301-230-0675
ESOL Parent Services	301-230-0674
International Students Admission's office	301-230-0686

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### **Attention all families of fifth grade students!**

The application materials for the middle school magnet programs at Takoma Park Middle School and Eastern Middle School will be available online in mid-October at [www.montgomeryschoolmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms](http://www.montgomeryschoolmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms). **All fifth graders are eligible to apply.** These are exciting opportunities for interesting and challenging experiences in middle school. The program at Takoma Park Middle School focuses on math, science, and computer science. The program at Eastern Middle School focuses on humanities and communication arts. Please complete the form on the attached flyer and return it to your homeroom teacher. Some important dates to remember:

Monday, October 19, 2009, 7:00 p.m.	Eastern Magnet meeting at Eastern MS
Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 7:00 p.m.	Takoma Park Magnet meeting at Takoma Park 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 Wheaton HS
Monday, November 9, 2009	Application deadline, postmarked or delivered

Please also visit [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms) for information about the Middle School Magnet Consortium programs at Argyle Middle School, Loiederman Middle School, and Parkland Middle School. The *Choice Form* is due November 9, 2009. Information meetings and Open Houses are as follows:

Wednesday, September 30, 2009 7:00 p.m.	Parent Information Meeting at Northwood High School
Thursday, October 15, 2009 7:00 p.m.	A. Mario Loiederman Magnet Middle School for the Creative and Performing Arts Open House
Wednesday, October 28, 2009 7:00 p.m.	Argyle Magnet Middle School for Digital Design and Development Open House
Thursday, November 5, 2009 7:00 p.m.	Parkland Magnet Middle School for Aerospace Technology Open House

## Important Message

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](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/h1n1flu) or call the flu hotline at 240-777-4200.

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**It's Concert Time  
Save The Dates!**



5<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Band  
Orchestra, Chorus Concert

Thur. Dec. 17, 2009

7:00PM Rockville High School

## Montgomery College Announces

**SATURDAY DISCOVERIES** - For gifted and talented students in grade 4 and 5. A special one-day enrichment program at Montgomery College , Takoma Campus, Saturday November 14, 2009, 8:30 am to 2:50 pm.

Parents may obtain the brochure and registration information/form via the Montgomery College website at [www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth) or by phone at (240) 567-7264 or (240) 567-7917.