

# College Gardens Elementary School

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Principal's Updates from School: 10-28-11

This is one in a series of updates from College Gardens ES. Our "Principal's Updates from School" are scheduled for distribution weekly on Friday afternoons.

## **Annual College Gardens ES PTA Book Fair**

Thank you for supporting our students through this year's annual College Gardens ES PTA Book Fair! A very special thank you to each of our parent volunteers who helped set up, run and break down this year's fair. Also, thank you to Ms. Sylva Kolanian-Faul for her leadership and for serving as this year's College Gardens ES PTA Book Fair Chairperson. Thanks for supporting this year's Book Fair.

## **Student Arrival Time**

Thank you for getting your child to school on time each and every day. When our students are on time, their instructional day is able to begin on time and they are more likely to experience success.

Please note that our students are scheduled to arrive between 8:50 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. each day. Students are expected to be in their classrooms seated no later than 9:15 a.m. Thank you.

## **Principal's Chat**

I look forward to seeing you at our next PTA meeting, Tuesday, November 1 in our All Purpose room at 7:00 p.m. Prior to our PTA meeting, I'll also be conducting a Principal's Chat at 6:30 p.m. in our All Purpose Room as well. Our Principal's Chats have no agendas and are an opportunity for us to dialogue. I look forward to seeing you on November 1.

## **Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Free Seasonal Flu Clinics**

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services will be conducting free, seasonal flu clinics in all Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) elementary schools and at two MCPS high schools.

**The clinic at College Gardens Elementary School is scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2011 from 1:25 p.m. 3:25 p.m. The clinic will only serve students who are enrolled at College Gardens Elementary School.**

Parents or Guardians must sign up for appointments for their student to receive the nasal spray flu vaccine (FluMist) at the clinic by contacting our school health room at 301-279-8470.

**On or before October 14, 2011, a consent form will be sent home.** The consent form must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian before the student can be vaccinated.

## **MCPS Parent Academy Nights for Curriculum 2.0**

The MCPS Parent Academy is holding 9 information nights to answer parents questions about the new and exciting Curriculum 2.0 that is being implemented in all kindergarten and first grade classes and in some second grade classes.

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Curriculum 2.0 has been developed to create a more exciting learning experience for our students in Grades K-5. Built upon the existing Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) curriculum, Curriculum 2.0 blends reading/language arts and mathematics instruction with lessons in science, social studies, music, art, and physical education in a way that spurs creativity and critical thinking skills. Come learn about the new curriculum at one of the following sessions:

**Thursday, November 17—7:00-8:30pm**

Arcola ES, 1820 Franwall Ave., Silver Spring 20902

**Thursday, December 1—7:00-8:30pm**

Sligo Creek ES, 500 Schuyler Rd., Silver Spring 20910

**Thursday, December 15—7:00-8:30pm**

Roscoe R. Nix ES, 1100 Corliss St., Silver Spring 20903

**Important Dates to Remember**

- October 31 Professional Day for Teachers; No School for Students
- November 1 PTA Meeting; All Purpose Room, 7:00 p.m.
- November 2 International Baccalaureate (IB) of the Mid-Atlantic (MA) Primary Years Programme (PYP) Coordinators' Meeting; Media Center, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- November 10 Early Dismissal Day – Parent Conferences; Students Dismissed at 12:55 p.m.
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