

College Gardens Elementary School

Principal's Updates from School: 10-7-11

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.

Halloween Parade & Classroom Celebrations

College Gardens ES students may participate in this year's Halloween Parade & Classroom Celebrations scheduled for Friday, October 28, 2011 beginning at 2:15 p.m.

Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade Students will begin their parade at 2:15 p.m., exit our front doors, turn right, travel along the sidewalk in a single file line, walk past the gymnasium section of our building, walk parallel to our building and re-enter our building at the back corner entrance. Once back in the building, teachers will lead their students to their respective classrooms for classroom celebrations.

3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Students will begin their parade at 2:30 p.m., exit our front doors, turn right, travel along the sidewalk in a single file line, walk past the gymnasium section of our building, walk parallel to our building, continue on the back sidewalk parallel to the back of our building and re-enter our building at the back corner entrance by our relocatable classrooms. Once back in the building, teachers will lead their students to their respective classrooms for classroom celebrations.

For students not celebrating Halloween, a Fall Festival is being held in our media center from 2:15 p.m. through dismissal on October 28. Please contact the main office at 301-279-8470 if your child will be participating in the Fall Festival.

Thank you for your attention to this information.

Superintendent's Listen & Learn Event Rescheduled

On Wednesday, October 19, Montgomery County's new Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Joshua Starr, will be holding a "Listen and Learn" event from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Thomas S. Wootton High School, 2100 Wootton Parkway, Rockville. This event, rescheduled from September 8, is an opportunity for parents and community members to meet Dr. Starr and to offer their views and perspective on what is working well in MCPS and what the school system can do to improve.

Dr. Starr has a keen interest in hearing directly from parents as he sets his priorities for the school system. This is also an opportunity for parents to learn more about his educational philosophy and leadership style.

I encourage all of you to attend the upcoming "Listen and Learn" event. Childcare and interpretation services will be provided. If you are not able to attend the event on October 19, Dr. Starr will be holding additional meetings throughout the fall. Times and locations are available on the MCPS website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org.

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Board of Education Community Conversations

The Community Conversations are an integral part of our strategic planning and budget processes as we confront challenging issues ahead.

Register to participate in one of the two events by calling 301-279-3617 or by email Ms. Martha Sequeira at martha_sequeira@mcpsmd.org

Wednesday, October 12, 2011, 7 – 9 p.m.

Northwood High School, Cafeteria
919 University Blvd. West
Silver Spring 20901

Thursday, October 27, 2011, 7 – 9 p.m.

Watkins Mill High School, Cafeteria
10301 Apple Ridge Road
Gaithersburg 20879

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 1:00 p.m. 3:00 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 7, 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.

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, September 15—7:00-8:30pm

Spark M. Matsunaga ES, 13902 Bromfield Rd., Germantown 20874

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Thursday, September 22—7:00-8:30pm

Gaithersburg ES, 35 North Summit Ave., Gaithersburg 20877

Thursday, October 6—7:00-8:30pm

Bells Mill ES, 8225 Bells Mill Rd., Potomac 20854

Thursday, October 20—7:00-8:30pm

Sherwood ES, 1401 Olney-Sandy Spring Rd., Sandy Spring 20860

Thursday, October 27—7:00-8:30pm

College Gardens ES, 1700 Yale Pl., Rockville 20850

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 7 IB Americas Visit with Visitors from Buenos Aires; College Gardens, 9:00 a.m.
- October 7 Grandparents Day; College Gardens ES, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- October 10 Columbus Day Open House for Parents; 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- October 19 Superintendent's List & Learn Event; Wootton HS, 7:00 p.m.
- October 21 Maryland State Educators' Association Convention; No School for Students & Teachers
- October 24 PTA Book Fair (October 24 – 28)
- October 24 Chinese Immersion Program Parent Information Night; Media Center, 6:00 p.m.
- October 27 Board of Education Hosts Community Conversations; Watkins Mill HS, 7:00 p.m.
- October 28 Halloween Parade & Classroom Celebrations; 2:15 p.m.
- October 31 Professional Day for Teachers; No School for Students

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