

# College Gardens Elementary School

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Principal's Updates from School: 11-4-11

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.

## **Get Ready for Winter Weather**

Winter weather is coming soon. Stay on top of school closures, delayed openings or early dismissals by subscribing to the MCPS QuickNotes email news service, Alert MCPS or Twitter. Learn more about weather decisions on the MCPS emergency information website.

## **How to Receive MCPS Emergency Information**

### **MCPS Web: Home page**

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org>

Weather-related messages are posted in English and Spanish.

### **Email: QuickNotes**

Weather-related messages are sent in 6 languages (English, Chinese, French, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese).

### **Text and Email: Alert MCPS**

Alert MCPS provides you with emergency information about school operations via text messages (i.e. SMS text or email messages) to devices you register. Signing up for Alert MCPS is free, but your wireless carrier may charge you a fee to receive text messages. This service is provided in collaboration with the Montgomery County government. Weather-related messages are sent in English and Spanish.

### **Text and Web: Twitter**

A Twitter account allows you to follow MCPS text-message updates on your computer or on your cell or other mobile device. Twitter updates will include emergency message and other school system news.

<http://twitter.com/mcps>

### **TV: MCPS Cable Channels**

Emergency announcements are posted on the following cable channels.

Comcast Channel 34

Verizon Fios Channel 36

RCN Channel 89

### **Telephone Information Line: 301-279-3673**

Recorded emergency information.

### **Telephone: Ask MCPS: 301-309-6277**

Staff takes calls from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, in English and Spanish.

### **Web: MCPS Newsfeed**

Receive alerts and news on your computer.

### **TV and Radio: Local Stations**

Tune in to local TV and radio stations for information.

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## **3 2 1 Plan Do**

We want to hear from you! Our first marking period has ended. Our Baldrige Guided School Improvement Team is scheduled to meet on Monday, November 14, 2011. During this meeting we will be reviewing our first marking period data. We also want to hear from you as to how we're doing so far this year.

Please take a few minutes to complete the enclosed 3 2 1 Plan Do to share your input. This input will be used as we review our first marking period data and plan for our second marking period.

Please print and return or electronically complete and submit your 3 2 1 Plan Do no later than Friday, November 11, 2011. Thank you for your input which will be used in our school improvement planning efforts.

## **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.

## **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**

- November 7 Richard Montgomery HS Cluster PTA's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Forum; Richard Montgomery HS, Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m.
- November 10 Early Dismissal Day – Parent Conferences; Students Dismissed at 12:55 p.m.
- November 11 Early Dismissal Day – Parent Conferences; Students Dismissed at 12:55 p.m.
- November 14 Baldrige Guided School Improvement Team Meeting; Conference Room, 3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- November 14 Board of Education Boundaries & Facilities Hearing, CESC, 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, MD, Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- November 18 PTA Family Movie Night; All Purpose Room, 7:30 p.m.
- November 23 Early Release Day; Students Dismissed at 12:55 p.m.
- November 24 Holiday; Thanksgiving Day, Schools & Offices Closed
- November 25 Holiday; Thanksgiving, Schools & Offices Closed

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## College Gardens ES - 3 2 1 Plan Do

As a Primary Years Programme school, we will provide an engaging and open-minded learning community where all members collaborate respectfully to challenge and motivate one another within a safe and nurturing environment.

November 4, 2011

### 3 2 1 Plan Do

Student's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>3 Things I really like about College Gardens ES;</b>
1.
2.
3.
<b>2 Things I do not like about College Gardens ES;</b>
1.
2.
<b>1 Thing I'd change about College Gardens ES if I were the Principal and I had the autonomy I think a Principal should have.</b>
1.
<b>(Plan) I would like to help plan . . .</b>
<b>(Do) . . . so that . . .</b>