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Parent Conferences and He & Me Breakfast

Parent conferences will be on Thursday, November 10th and Friday, November 11th, both of which are early release days for students. Report cards will be distributed on November 10th. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and discuss the progress your child has made this quarter. Please call the office at 301-431-7622 or send a note to your child's teacher to schedule a conference. Interpreters will be available for the following languages: Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese. On Friday, November 11th, 8:30—9:15 AM, we are hosting He & Me Breakfast. We invite Dads, Grandfathers, and all important males to come out and enjoy this special time with our students.

Book Fair Online Shopping and Movie Night

Book fair will be open until 6:30 PM today just before the Movie Night! For the next two weeks, students, staff, families, and friends can continue to shop online at the Cresthaven Scholastic Book Fair at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/publish/cresthavenelementary> where you can earn rewards for Cresthaven while giving the gift of reading and see if we met the goal. We thank the following book fair parent volunteers: Ky'Neike King, Sara Kelly, Lena Ambrose, Flavia Azera, Emily Johnson, Aimee Heitmann, Paula Moutsos, Gretchen Grevasse, and Asrat Tessema. The book fair would not have happened without you! After the book fair, we will have a Movie Night at 6:30 PM. Please come and enjoy the food and movie!

FREE Flu Mist Vaccine Clinics for Cresthaven and Roscoe Nix students at Roscoe Nix:

Information was sent home last Friday regarding the Flu Mist vaccine clinics to be held at Roscoe Nix 11/10/2011, 1:00—3:30 PM. **You must CALL the Health Room at Roscoe Nix to make an appointment for your student.** Please do NOT send in consent forms. You should bring the completed consent form with you when you come with your child. We hope you can take advantage of this opportunity to help protect your child from influenza illness. CALL 301-422-5070 for an appointment and any questions.

Family Involvement Committee (FIC) and Upcoming Parent Volunteer Opportunities

We had our first Family Involvement Committee meeting last Thursday and we thank those parents who attended and gave us great suggestions and ideas. Our next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, December 15, 4:00—5:00 PM. Mark your calendar! You can also join us via Skype. Look for a flyer in December. An email reminder will be sent out to parents who listed their emails on the Student Emergency Information Cards. Please contact Ms. Tatia Edmonds at 301-431-7622 or send a note to her to update your email address. We are seeking parent volunteers for the following areas:

- Math Tutors: Help our students with math for 30 minutes, 1 hour, or 1.5 hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 11:30—1:00, starting mid November. Training will be provided for volunteers.
- International Night: FIC is planning an International Potluck Night in April and seeking parent volunteers who can assist with coordinating activities/entertainment and organizing cultural tables and setting up the event. We welcome suggestions and ideas and anyone who has community contacts that could contribute to our multicultural event.
- School Newsletter Help
- Main Office Help
- Box Top & Grocery Store Card Organizer
- Volunteers Needed for Roscoe Nix Fair: to set up/decorate fair, copy/distribute fliers, run book fair for 2—4 hours time slots, and pack up.

For more information about parent volunteer opportunities, please contact the PTA Volunteer Coordinator, Nubia Jones at 202-427-3791 or email holisticchildren@yahoo.com.

Parent Resources & Community Events

- Each year MCPS Department of Family & Community Partnerships offers a series of parent workshops. The fall schedule is currently available at www.mcpsparentacademy.org. Upcoming workshops in November include *Computer Smart* on Nov. 7, & Nov. 21, 6:30—8:30 pm @ Earle B. Wood MS and *Social Bul-lies: Dealing with Exclusion and Cliques* on Nov. 16 7:00—8:30 pm @ Benjamin Banneker MS.
- If your child receives free school lunches, you may qualify for Internet Essentials from Comcast. See at-tached flyer.
- MCCPTA presents the second annual ***Rolling Out the Red Carpet***: Innovative ways to welcome and en-gage multicultural families on Wednesday, November 9th, 6:30—8:30 PM at CESC Auditorium. See at-tached flyer.
- ***MCPS Salutes and Supports Our Military Families*** on Thursday, November 3rd, 7:00—8:30 PM at Rich-ard Montgomery High School. See attached flyer.

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

We made it to the end of the first quarter. Our students and staff have been working very hard to es-tablish an engaging and productive learning environment. You have also been a big support to the opening of the school year through your participation and engagement in our school program. As we go through the school year we will continue to work with you to create opportunities for you to support out school. We will also create a variety of opportunities to support you. We appreciate your feedback and look forward to hear-ing from you to strengthen our partnership and to promote a collaborative culture for our school community.

Sincerely,
Ms. Gorden

Calendar Items



Mon. Oct. 31	No School for Students—Professional Day
Tue. Nov. 1 -	PTA Meeting @ Nix 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Thu. Nov. 10 -	Early Release Day – Parent Conferences Report Card Distribution
Fri. Nov. 11 -	Early Release Day – Parent Conferences He & Me Breakfast @ CES 8:30 – 9:15 am
Thu. Nov. 23 -	Early Release Day
Thu. Nov. 24 & Fri. Nov. 25-	No Schools—Thanksgiving Holiday

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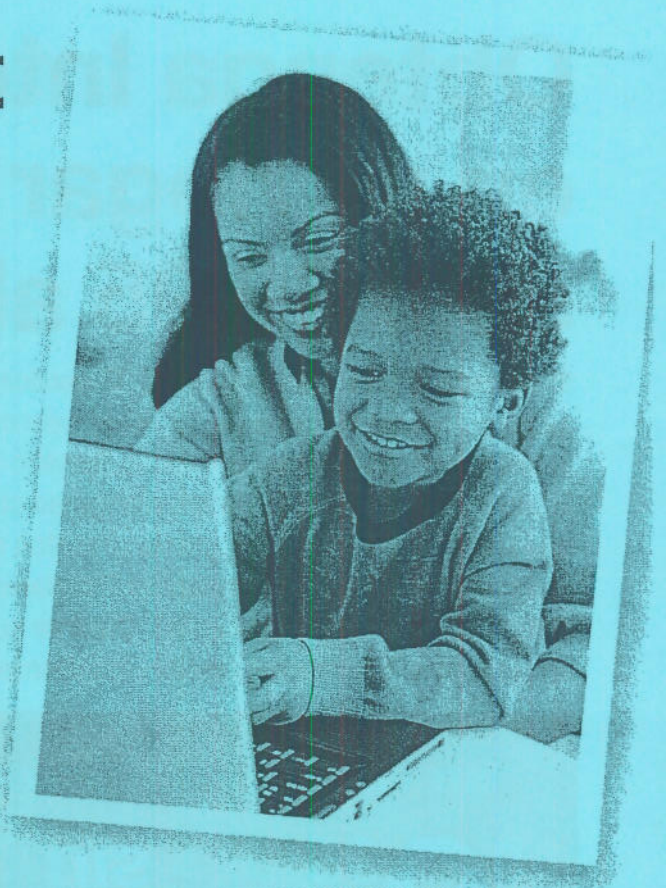
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Light Dinner

Parent panels to answer questions

Child Care

Interpretation

Rolling Out the Red Carpet

Innovative ways to welcome and engage multicultural families

"Best Practices" presented by principals

School Resources

Wednesday, Nov. 9

6:30-8:30 P.M.

CESC Auditorium
850 Hungerford Drive
Rockville, MD 20850

ICCPTA presents the Second Annual



MCPS Salutes and Supports Our Military Families

Thursday, November 3, 2011
7:00pm—8:30pm

Richard Montgomery High School
250 Richard Montgomery Drive, Rockville, MD 20851

Military families can:

- Meet school system staff, military service members, and community and government agency representatives
- Receive resources and information for military family supports
- Ask questions and meet other families in the community

To register, please call the MCPS Department of Family and Community Partnerships at 301-279-3100
or visit us online at www.mcpsparentacademy.org