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After School Clubs: The first semester after school enrichment activities will begin on Thursday, October 28, 2010. We will offer two open enrollment activities, Mad Science and a Tutoring Club. The fall activity session will run from Thursday, October 28, 2010 to Thursday, December 16, 2010. Club times are 3:45-4:45pm. An activity bus will be provided. The club registration form and the Mad Science course registration are attached. Please return all registration information to Ms. Browne, After-School Program Coordinator, by Friday, October 22, 2010. You will receive confirmation of your child's registration status by Monday, October 25, 2010. These activities may fill up quickly, so do not delay get your registration in as soon as possible. Student participation will be on a first come, first served basis.

Holiday Baskets: The Montgomery County Holiday Giving Project is a coalition of public and private groups that provide resources (food and gifts) to families in Montgomery County who are experiencing financial challenges during the holiday season. **If you are interested in receiving a holiday basket for the Thanksgiving and/or December holidays, please complete the attached form and return it to Mrs. Sklias, school counselor, by October 22, 2010.**

In Search of Fresh Fruit Facts: As you know, our students are very fortunate to receive fresh fruit as a mid morning snack every Tuesday and Thursday. Fresh fruit has tremendous benefits for health and well being. We are asking each student to learn a fact about fruit, any fruit and any true fact. They can learn through books, the internet or their family conversations. The facts will be collected and used for the morning announcements. Please support your child in learning the importance of healthy eating habits. You may contact Ms. Starin, CRNP or Ms. Thornton, CNA in the Health Room. (301-431-7659) if you have any questions.

Seasonal Flu Vaccine Clinics: Next month, the Montgomery County Department of Health & Human Services will be conducting **free**, seasonal flu vaccine clinics in all MCPS elementary schools and at two MCPS high schools. The clinics at elementary schools will be held on the early release days, November 11 or 12, 2010. The clinics are scheduled for two hours and will begin 30 minutes after students are dismissed for the day. The clinics will serve **only** students who are enrolled in Cresthaven Elementary. Parents must sign up for appointments for their children to receive the nasal spray flu vaccine (FluMist) at the clinics by contacting the school health room. Cresthaven Elementary's clinic is scheduled for Friday, November 12, 2010. Information about the Live Intranasal Seasonal Flu Vaccine and parent consent forms for the vaccination will be sent home in the weeks prior to the clinic date. Consent forms must be completed and signed by a parent before students can be vaccinated.

Calendar Items

Wed. Oct. 20	Reading Night—Roscoe Nix
Oct. 25-29	Book Fair @ Cresthaven
Thurs. Oct. 23	Cresthaven After School Enrichment Activities Begin
Fri. Oct. 29	End of the first marking period Harvest Day Festival Costume Movie Night
Mon. Nov. 1	Professional Day—No School
Tues. Nov. 2	Election Day—No School
Wed. Nov. 3	PTA Meeting @ Roscoe Nix ES
Mon. Nov. 8	Picture Day- Students
Nov. 8-12	Book Fair @ Roscoe Nix
Nov. 11-12	Early Release Days— Parent Conferences

Queen's Comments!

Dear Cresthaven Families,

What a wonderful Open House event we had on Monday, Oct 11. More than 65 families of our students came to visit and see our school and students in action. Thank you for all of the compliments and comments you shared with us about our school, staff, and programs. There was rich dialogue and exchange of ideas, questions, and concerns during the "Principal's Coffee" session. I would especially like to keep these "Coffee and Conversation" sessions going on a regular basis. I am scheduling another "Principal's Coffee and Conversation" for Thursday, November 11th, "Veterans Day", from 9:30 to 10:30 am, and 2:30 to 3:30pm. I welcome your input on other suggestions for times and topics you might want to have at these sessions.

Mrs. Berry, Principal