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Believe....Achieve....Succeed!!!

Let's Smile & Let's Move....Students have successfully completed one month of school and we are moving quickly through this first quarter. Students have settled into school routines and have begun to establish study habits. Now is a great time to support good study skills and habits with your child and to encourage them to stay focused on study routines at home. During Back-To-School-Night you received a daily class schedule, the quarterly instructional plans for reading and math and the performance expectations from your child's teacher. This information can be used as a guide to support home assignments. In addition to the daily homework assignments, your child should read for at least 20 minutes and practice their math skills. Lastly, regular school attendance is also important for students to maximize their learning experience. Remember the instructional day begins at 9:15am. Helping your child begin their school day on time is an equally important habit to establish. When students arrive late they are rushed and miss critical information and begin their day behind schedule. We appreciate your support.

Montgomery College's KIDS COLLEGE Program is now accepting registration for enrichment and advancement courses for students in grades 2-12. The courses cover a wide range of topics including science, math art film studies, writing, and study skills and are held at the Rockville and Germantown campuses. For additional information and registration forms visit their website at www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth or contact Youth Programs 240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917 for additional information.

Free and Reduced Meals Application (FARMS)...Your child/children may be eligible for free or reduced meals. To apply you simply fill out the application (provided by the school) and return completed form to your child's teacher.

Mark your calendars! Thursday, September 30, 2010 **ESOL Family Night/Hispanic Heritage Celebration.** Come out and join the festivities as we celebrate diversity, language and food!!

Need an Instrument? Music & Arts Express Rental Center is located in White Oak Shopping Center. This location provides instrument rentals for your young musician's needs. Contact them at 301-312-4708 for more information.

Queen's Comments!

Dear Cresthaven Families,

The staff and I thank all of the families who attended our Back to School night event last Thursday. Your presence was a powerful message of your commitment to stay involved with your child's education. Thank you for your evaluation of the evening. Parents especially loved the warm and welcoming "red carpet" treatment, but also overwhelmingly agreed that the night was informative, well organized, and positive.

We will be sure to look at your ideas for what would make the B-T-S night even better, including making the time frame earlier, keeping the presentations short, providing snacks, treats, or coffee and spending more time. I am holding all of you to your promises and pledges to stay involved, volunteer time, and support our children.

Mrs. Berry, Principal

Calendar Items

- Tues. Sept. 28-** Family Involvement Committee Meeting
4:00pm-5:00pm
- Thurs. Sept. 30** -Hispanic Heritage Celebration/ESOL Family
Night 6:30pm-8:00pm
- Fri. Oct. 1 -** **Early Release Day- Dismissal 1:00pm**
- Tues. Oct. 5-** PTA Meeting @ CES 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Mon. Oct. 11-** Open House 9:00am-2:30pm
- Wed. Oct. 13-** Reading Night—6:30pm-8:30pm
- Fri. Oct. 15** **MSTA Convention—No School**
- Wed. Oct. 20** Reading Night- Roscoe Nix ES
- Oct. 25-29** Book Fair @ Cresthaven

Reviewing the 2010-2011 School Improvement Plan

Our draft of the School Improvement Plan (SIP) was developed for the 2010–2011 school year with input from parents, staff, and administrators and is now ready for review. Copies are available in the main office or will be sent to you on request. The SIP explains where we will focus our efforts to enhance and improve instruction based on the needs of our students and parents, conduct parent and staff training, and use resources. Parent comments help us clarify and refine our plan. Therefore, we encourage you to review our plan and submit comments or suggestions to the principal by Thursday, September 30, 2010. Please call the school at (301) 431-7622 to request a copy.

