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THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER—MS. CURTIS

Galway Elementary...a PBIS School! As a result of our dedicated staff and perseverance, the state of Maryland has formally recognized us as a PBIS school. What is PBIS- **Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports**? "It is a process for creating safer and more effective schools. It is a systems approach to enhancing the capacity of schools to educate all children by developing research-based, school-wide, and classroom behavior support systems. The process focuses on improving a school's ability to teach and support positive behavior for all students. Rather than a prescribed program, PBIS provides systems for schools to design, implement, and evaluate effective school-wide, classroom, non-classroom, and student specific plans. PBIS includes school-wide procedures and processes intended for all students and all staff in all settings. PBIS is not a program or a curriculum. It is an approach to creating a safe and productive learning environment where teachers can teach and all students can learn." Be on the lookout for PBIS updates throughout the year!

HIGHLY GIFTED CENTER APPLICATIONS & MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGNET

Applications for the Elementary Centers for the Highly Gifted (HGC) (MCPS). **This is a reminder that if you are interested in having your child considered for the HGC, you must complete the application and return it by November 7, 2011, to:** HGC Application Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services, 11721 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902. The Middle School Magnet Consortium (MSMC) deadline to turn in *Choice* forms is **Monday, November 7, 2011**. Selection for the MSMC schools is done by lottery.

FLU MIST CLINIC

We are offering the flu mist to all Galway students on Nov 10th. If you wish your child to receive the vaccine, please call us to make an appointment at 301-595-2930. The day of the clinic, come with your child and bring the consent form with you. Please do not send the consent form to school.

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION

Report cards will be handed out during the November 10 and 11 parent conferences. If you have not scheduled a conference, please contact your child's teacher. Parents who have not scheduled a conference will receive their child's report card on November 10. The parent conference is the perfect time to ask questions about your child's progress. Parents are encouraged to make every effort to participate in a parent-teacher conference.



Calendar Items

- Thurs. Nov. 10** - Early Release Day
 - Fri. Nov. 11** - Early Release Day
 - Mon. Nov. 14** - First Grade Field Trip
Family Math Night 6:30 p.m.
 - Wed. Nov. 16** - Kindergarten Thanksgiving Night
6:00 p.m.
 - Thurs. Nov. 17** - Family Math Night 6:30 p.m.
 - Fri. Nov. 18** - Grade 2 Field Trip to Strathmore
 - Mon. Nov. 21** - Kindergarten Thanksgiving Night
6:00 p.m.
 - Tues. Nov. 22** - Make-up picture day
- Thanksgiving Break**
- Thurs. Nov. 24** - NO SCHOOL
 - Fri. Nov. 25** - NO SCHOOL



Principal's Comments!



Dear Galway Families,
Many teachers are reporting that students are not completing their reading homework, math homework or writing homework. **It is imperative that they do their homework.** Homework provides students with an opportunity to practice a concept they were taught that day or to investigate new information. Our teachers are working tirelessly to prepare our students for their futures, for college. I need you to support or continue to support the efforts of my teachers. Together we can do it!
Ms. Stanislaus
Principal