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THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER—MS. CURTIS

This week in Grade 1 we have begun lessons on the first step of our No Putdowns program, Think About Why. We will complete an entire unit focusing on feelings. Students will be able to identify various feelings words to increase their vocabulary, as well as express how they are feeling. Additionally, students will learn strategies and skills that will help them express their feelings appropriately and safely. Our "ROARS" focus for this will be on the following expectations: Be Respectful, Be Accountable and Be Safe.

NATIONAL PHILHARMONIC CONCERTS AT STRATHMORE - GR. 2

Once again, all Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Grade 2 students will attend a National Philharmonic Concert at the Music Center at Strathmore. There are no costs for elementary schools in association with this program. Our students are scheduled to attend the concert on **Friday, November 18th**.

This program is aligned with the Maryland Voluntary State Curriculum for elementary music and the National Standards for Music Education. The superintendent's ongoing budget initiative provides the opportunity for every Grade 2 student in MCPS to attend this performance. MCPS staff in the Department of Transportation, the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, and Strathmore personnel have developed a comprehensive plan to move students safely to the music center and back to the buses after the performance. Only Grade 2 teachers and one general music teacher are permitted to serve as chaperones on the bus and in the music center. Strathmore provides a full-time adult guide who will lead the students from the bus to their seats and back to the bus after the performance.

Save the Date! Galway Family Sock Hop

The Galway PTA is sponsoring a "**Fall Sock Hop on Friday, November 18, 2011 in the Galway All Purpose Room from 7:00-9:00 PM**". Come join us for an evening of fun. There will be a live DJ, dancing, games, prizes and snacks. There will be Pizza and snacks for sale:

Pizza - \$1 per slice

Chips, Drinks, and other Snacks - \$.50

Check your child's folder or backpack for a sock hop information and reservation form. The cost is \$3.00 per person (maximum \$12.00 per family). Please return money and reservation form in a sealed envelope to teacher or PTA mailbox no later than Wednesday, November 16. All Children must be accompanied by an adult. If you would like to volunteer please complete the volunteer form and return it with your reservation form. If you would like more information, please contact Sabrina Breedlove at (301) 890-7814 or email SabrinaBLuv@msn.com.

BIRTHDAY INVITATIONS

Parents, this is a reminder! Please do not ask your child to distribute party invitations in class especially if the entire class is **NOT** invited. Distributing invitations causes classroom disruptions and if some of the students are not invited, their feelings get hurt. We are doing our best to promote positive classroom communities. Thank you.



Calendar Items

- 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
Sock Hop, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- 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,
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