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THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER—MS. CURTIS

The first few weeks of school here at Galway ES have flown by! Throughout the month of September, I will be busy visiting all of our classrooms to introduce and reacquaint myself with all of our students. During my visits, I will be sharing with students my roles and responsibilities as their school counselor as well as offering a preview of themes and topics that we will be discussing this school year. It is a privilege to be the school counselor of so many talented, creative and bright students. I am looking forward to a productive and exciting year!

MEET DR. STARR: OUR NEW SUPERINTENDENT

On Monday, September 12, Montgomery County's new Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Joshua Starr, will be holding a "Listen and Learn" event from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Springbrook High School, 201 Valley Brook Drive, Silver Spring. This event is an opportunity for parents and community members to meet Dr. Starr and to offer their views and perspective on what is working well in MCPS and what the school system can do to improve.

Dr. Starr has a keen interest in hearing directly from parents as he sets his priorities for the school system. This is also an opportunity for parents to learn more about his educational philosophy and leadership style. I encourage all of you to attend the upcoming "Listen and Learn" event. Childcare and interpretation services will be provided. If you are not able to attend the event on September 12, Dr. Starr will be holding additional meetings throughout the fall. Times and locations are available on the MCPS website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org.

TOWN HALL MEETING

This year Galway has implemented quarterly Town Hall Meetings. These school-wide assemblies are designed to share key messages, review expectations, and to acknowledge individual, class, and grade-level achievements. Our first Town Hall meeting was held on Wednesday. We reviewed school-wide expectations and shared information about the Positive Behavior Incentive System. Ask your children about R.O.A.R.S. (Respectful, On-Task, Accountable, Ready to Learn, and Safe) and what that means to them. Our next Town Hall meeting will focus on the rights and responsibilities that come with voting as we prepare for the Student Government Association (SGA) elections.



Calendar Items

- Sat. Sept. 10 - Welcome Back Picnic - Galway Playground 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (Weather permitting)
- Mon. Sept 12 - Meeting with Dr. Starr at Springbrook H.S. 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. Sept. 15 - Hispanic *Heritage Month begins*
- Wed. Sept. 21 - AM Pre-K Back-to-School Night 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs. Sept 22 - PM Pre-K Back-to-School Night 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. Sept. 23 - Progress Reports go home (Grades 1 - 5)
- Wed. Sept. 28 - Early Release Day - 1:00 p.m.
- Thurs. Sept. 29 - NO SCHOOL - Rosh Hashanah
- Mon. Oct. 10 - ESOL Night 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Wed. Oct. 12 - Grade 5 Field Trip to Strathmore Hall

Principal's Comments!



Dear Families,
Thank you to our PTA who sponsored our Bullying Assembly on Thursday. The show was educational, engaging, and entertaining. Take some time to review the **Walk-Talk-Squawk** Strategy with your children.
Walk- 1st time: walk away without saying anything.
Talk- 2nd time: use an assertive "I" statement: "I want you to leave me alone."
Squawk- 3rd time: tell an adult.
Let's continue to work together to put an end to bullying.
Sincerely,
Ms. Stanislaus, Principal