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THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER

This week, I have been meeting with first grade students to introduce and familiarized them with our No Putdowns Curriculum. This particular curriculum is used with students in Kindergarten-2nd grade. The following steps are used to provide students with skills and strategies in the following areas: Think About Why– students will learn about how to identify and express their feelings appropriately, Stay Cool– students will learn about strong feelings such as anger and how to manage those feelings safely, Shield Myself– students will focus on building up their self-esteem, strengths and a developing a healthy self-concept, Choose a Response– students will be able to identify several decision-making models that will help them to respond to conflict appropriately and Build Up– students will understand the importance of reaching out to their peers and others to support, compliment and encourage instead of putting them down. This program serves as the foundation for our primary students to learn how to get along with others and resolve conflicts peacefully in an effort to prevent more serious issues with bullying as they get older.

TO THE BOOK FAIR AND BEYOND...READING IS OUT OF THIS WORLD!

Our Scholastic Book Fair is fast approaching. The Book Fair will be here from October 24 to October 28 and everyone is invited! This year, there is an official website. Check it out to get a sneak preview on all of the books, posters, school supplies and much more. Please visit the website at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/galwaylions>. We can't wait to see you there!

MAGNET PROGRAMS IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Parents of 5th grade students who are interested in obtaining more information about the application process, for Magnet and Choice schools, please join us on October 17, 2011 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The information session will be held in the Media Center. If you are unable to attend, please visit the website at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/msmagnet/>. You will be able to access information regarding Open House dates and times, as well as application materials and other resources for specific schools.

FLU VACCINE CLINICS

On Thursday, November 10 and Friday, November 11, 2011, DHHS will conduct flu vaccination clinics in all MCPS elementary schools. **Galway is scheduled for November 10th.** School Health Services Nurses and School Health Room Aides will administer nasal spray flu vaccine (FluMist). The 2011-2012 seasonal flu vaccine will include protection against the H1N1 virus along with an influenza A and an influenza B strain. **Please contact the School Nurse or Health Technician for additional information.** The vaccination for seasonal flu is entirely voluntary and is NOT required for school.



Calendar Items

- Mon. Oct. 17 - Grade 5 Parent Meeting - Galway E.S. 7:00 p.m.
Topic: Middle School Magnet Programs
- Tues. Oct. 18 - Student Individual Pictures
- Wed. Oct. 19 - Grade 2 Field Trip: Green Meadow Farm
- Fri. Oct. 21 - NO SCHOOL: MSTA Conventions
- Mon. Oct. 24 - Fri. Oct. 28 - BOOK FAIR WEEK**
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- Red Ribbon Week: It's Up to Me to be Drug Free!**
- Mon. Oct. 24 - Family Reading Night: K - 2
- Thurs. Oct. 27 - Family Reading Night: 3 - 5
- Fri. Oct. 28 - Halloween Parade and Parties:
2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
- Mon. Oct. 31- Professional Day for Teachers, No School for Students

Principal's Comments!



AN EXPERIENCE TO REMEMBER!

A BIG thank you to all of the families that attended ESOL night. Your enthusiasm, support and participation truly made a difference. The family activity was a meaningful experience for all those involved. We truly appreciate all of our families and we will continue to cultivate our school and family partnership.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Stanislaus,
Principal

