

Greetings from The Creek



A new week brings unsettled weather and as a result, a short week. I will regularly update the community with any changes to the week's events.

Calendar

Monday, October 29

- No School (Office closed) – Hurricane Sandy...i.e. “Frankenstorm”

Tuesday, October 30

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- ~~NAACP meeting at 6:30 in media center~~ (rescheduled)

Wednesday, October 31

- Halloween Parade and Parties@ 1:30

Thursday, November 1

- Curriculum 2.0 Night @ 7:00 (parents of students in grades 3-5)

Friday, November 2

- Marking period 1 ends
- Market Day orders due
- RCMS Upcounty GT Center application deadline

PTA Membership

Are you a member of the PTA? Be a part of something special at The Creek! For more information contact Allison Stein at allipta@yahoo.com.

School Hours

Please remember that school hours are from 8:50 – 3:05. Doors open at 8:15 for students who choose to eat breakfast and 8:30 for all other students. Students should not be brought to school earlier than 8:15.

Halloween Parade/Parties

The Halloween parade will begin at 1:30 on October 31st, followed by classroom parties. Parents can begin coming in to help with costumes and parties at 1:00. Please remember that many students suffer from food allergies. All items brought in for parties should be store bought and peanut free. Please see our school

website for suggestions. I will send an update if the weather dictates changes to the parade/parties.

Mixed Bag fundraiser

You should have received information about the PTA's mixed bag fundraiser. All orders are due by Friday, November 2nd.

Canned Food Drive

Please join GSCES as we collect canned goods for needy families! Our food drive is Nov. 12-16. We will need nonperishable foods such as canned and boxed items. The donations will be given to Manna Food in Rockville, MD. Thank you for helping our community!

Curriculum 2.0 Math Night

We will be holding a Curriculum 2.0 Math Night for parents of students in grades 3-5. It will take place on Thursday, November 1st from 7:00-8:00. We will present information about the Common Core State Standards and Curriculum 2.0. In addition, we will engage parents in sample math learning tasks that replicate the types of thinking and strategies our students are performing at GSCES. We hope that you will make plans to join us!

PTA Staff Appreciation Committee

“Teacher appreciation makes the world of education go around.” - Helen Peters

As a community we honor the teachers and staff of GSCES as a way to recognize the lasting contributions they make to our lives and the lives of our children. Please consider joining the Staff Appreciation Committee. We will be holding our first event on Friday, November 2nd as we provide breakfast for our wonderful staff. Cooking not required!

If you are interested, please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4BA5AC2DA02-staff>. If you have any questions or suggestions, please email Ann Marie Feldman at annmarie.feldman@gmail.com or Sady Svedberg at sadyxoxo@gmail.com. Thanks again for your help!

Applications for the Elementary Centers for the *Highly Gifted (HGC)* were recently mailed directly to all parents of Grade 3 students in Montgomery County Public Schools (MSPS). 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 2, 2012 to: HGC Application, Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services, 11721 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902.

Staff Spotlight

This month's staff spotlight features a new teacher to The Creek. Please welcome Mrs. Waugh-Clayton to our GSCES family.

http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/greatsenecacreekes/staff/Maria_Clayton_Spotlight.pdf

Leap Into The Creek (bi-monthly newsletter):

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/greatsenecacreekes/Leap%20Creek%20Vol%203%2010-05-12.pdf>

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