

Greetings from The Creek



I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving Break with family and friends. Below are important reminders to help you stay involved in your child's success during the school year at Great Seneca Creek Elementary.

Calendar for December 4 – December 8

Monday, December 4

Tuesday, December 5

- PTA Meeting @ 7:00

Wednesday, December 6

Thursday, December 7

- PTA Board Meeting @ 4:15

Friday, December 8

- PTA Five Below Spirit Night (9th and 10th too)

Student Absences

When your child is absent, please call the office after 8:00 AM letting the school know the reason for the absence. You can also send an email to the office staff at: Jo-Ann_J_Davies@mcpsmd.org or Jayne_L_Quinn@mcpsmd.org.

Notes from Home

Please reinforce with your child how they will be getting home each day. If there is a change in their normal routine, send a note in with your child letting their teacher know how they will be getting home. If the routine changes during the day, you can call the office and they will communicate the change to their teacher. Thanks!

Getting Your Children to School on Time

Having students develop and settle into routines during arrival and at the beginning of the school day plays a very important role in setting up their day for success. When students arrive late, their mornings are disrupted and they have to integrate into the classroom while the other students have already begun their day. Please work to have your child at school on time. Doors open for all students at 8:40 and the day officially begins at 9:00. Thank you for your support!

Picking Children Up Early

If you need to pick your child up early please remember the GSCES policy states, "Students will not be called to be dismissed from class after 3:15 p.m. They will be dismissed with the

rest of the students at 3:25 p.m. If you need to pick up your child for an appointment, you will need to do so prior to 3:15 p.m. This will decrease the amount of disruptions to our classrooms and help all students focus during this important time of the school day. In addition, please be sure you make decisions regarding after-school plans before the start of the school day (and articulate these plans to your child at that time), as calls about changes in after-school plans are disruptive, as well." Thank you for your cooperation.

Five Below Spirit Night

Our Five Below fundraiser is December 8th-10th at the Germantown Five Below on Middlebrook Road. They will donate 10% to our school. This is a great way to finalize holiday shopping, grab some stocking stuffers, and pick up a prize for Bingo Night in January! Please see the flyer your child brings home and it is also attached.

InView Assessment

On Monday, December 4, Tuesday, December 5, and Thursday, December 7, Grade 2 students will be assessed using the InView which is an assessment of cognitive abilities that measures the skills and abilities most related to academic success. Each subtest takes approximately 25 minutes to complete. Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 that are either new to Montgomery County Public Schools or were recommended to be re-screened will be assessed on Tuesday, December 5 and Thursday December 7.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Chung, our school's GT liaison at Sarah_S_Chung@mcpsmd.org or Mrs. Dennis at Elena_S_Dennis@mcpsmd.org.

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