A message from GREAT SENECA CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Happy Monday, Bullfrogs! (Below are important reminders to help you stay involved and engaged in the work of your child's elementary school - *The Creek!)*

CALENDAR @ THE CREEK:
Monday, Jan. 30
::: SOUPER BOWL OF CARING WEEK!!!
::: Winter Chorus / Instrumental Band Concert, 7pm
::: PTA Spirit Night @ Dominos Pizza

Wednesday, Feb. 1
::: Report Cards Sent Home Today in Backpacks
::: Hands-On Science, 3:15pm
::: Talent Show Rehearsal, Gr.3-5, 3:30pm
::: ESOL Parent Night, 6:15pm
::: Incoming 6th Graders GSC Parents Meeting at Kingsview, 5:30pm

Thursday, Feb. 2
::: Yearbook Pictures for Clubs, Special Groups

Friday, Feb. 3
::: Jersey Day - Souper Bowl of Caring
::: Talent Show Auditions, K-2

Monday Winter Concert Webinar:
To start or join Winter Chorus/Instrumental Band Concert Webcast
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Go to
https://mcps.webex.com/mcps/j.php?ED=149431097&UID=490587952&PW=NMjE2YWZmYWVk&RT=MiMxMQ%3D%3D

1. Click on the link above @ 6:50 on Monday, January 30 if you can't join us in person for the concert!
2. Enter **last name of your family** and **your email**.
3. Select **Join Now** and select **Call Using Computer** to hear the audio portion of the webcast.
4. Please **do not turn your camera on** as the purpose of this webcast is for the participants to view the concert.

Thanks for joining us!

Souper Bowl of Caring | Who will be the SOUPER BOWL winner this February? Germantown HELP! From January 30th through February 3rd Bullfrogs can cast a vote for their favorite team in the NFL Super Bowl game (Patriots or Giants) by placing a can of soup (or other shelf-staple) food item in one of the two team boxes outside the All-Purpose Room. Competition can be fierce! But the biggest battle is combating hunger in our community. All SOUPER BOWL food items will be donated to our local food bank, Germantown HELP, to provide emergency food support for families in our community. Enjoy the game knowing you've helped someone in your community!

Leap Into the Creek | Beginning February 1, 2012, we will be sending home and posting a brand

new ***NEWSLETTER*** for our school called ***LEAP INTO THE CREEK***. This document will combine the efforts of our school's Bullfrog Bulletin and our PTA's Ribbitt Review. It will include condensed information, will eliminate repeats as much as possible, and will help streamline efforts to communicate more clearly with our school community. Look for ***LEAP INTO THE CREEK*** sent home on February 1, 2012.

Student Highlight of the Week | This week we highlight ***Tyler Gergler*** (Gr.5-Rocha). Without fail, Tyler arrives in the main office every morning to prepare the morning announcements for our daily announcer. If needed, he takes care of the announcements himself, but his work helps everyone stay organized, as this is a very important part of his day. Thanks for all you do, Tyler!

iPad Video Highlight of the Week | We found a great TED Talk recently about starting with the "Why" before discussing the "How". Simon Sinek shares how great leaders inspire through the "Why" first. Click Here:
http://www.ted.com/talks/simon_sinek_how_great_leaders_inspire_action.html

Principals on Twitter | A recent described a growing trend in schools; school principals using TWITTER to provide insight into the daily on-goings of a school. Join us on Twitter ***@thecreekprin*** and check out this article: http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/rosenwald-md/post/what-montgomery-principals-are-tweeting-about/2012/01/06/gIQAodVAfP_blog.html?wprss=rosenwald-md

PTA Spirit Night | Our next PTA SPIRIT NIGHT fundraiser is ***Dominos Pizza*** Night on Monday, January 30th. A percentage of sales will go directly toward supporting the PTA and students.

Weather-Related or Emergency School Closings | How do you learn about MCPS Emergency Messages? or Weather-related school closings and delays. There are several ways to get this information easily and personalized (ie. QuickNotes email, Twitter, ALERT MCPS, etc.) Click here to see all the options and decide how you want to best be informed:
http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/sources.aspx

This month's **Staff Spotlight** is our **ESOL Teacher, Belvey Russ**
at: http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/greatsenecacreekes/Belvy%20Russ%20Spotligh%20Bio.pdf

Check out our new ***PBIS Newsflash*** at
http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/greatsenecacreekes/PBIS%20Newsletter%20Edition%201%20120111.pdf

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