

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.23

::: No School, Professional Day for Teachers

Wednesday, Jan.25

::: Talent Show Auditions, Gr.3-5

::: Hands-On Science, 3:15pm

::: Talent Show Rehearsal, Gr.3-5, 3:30pm

Thursday, Jan. 26

::: New to GSC Principal's Tour, 10:30am

Friday, Jan. 27

::: Talent Show Auditions, K-2

Monday, Jan.30 ::: Winter Chorus / Instrumental Band Concert, 7pm

Wednesday, Feb. 1 ::: ESOL Parent Night, 6:15pm

Wednesday, Feb. 1 ::: Report Cards Sent Home

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 **Moeba Koneh** (Gr.3-Tanzi). Impressively, Moeba improved his MAP-M score by 17 points, from a 193 to the top of Ms. Friedberg's math class at **210**. This is wonderful news... we are proud of you, Moeba!

iPad Video Highlight of the Week | We started a new incentive program through PBIS called **Dining on Center Stage**. Using their Bullfrog Bucks, students could purchase a seat on Center Stage, eating their lunch with a friend of their choosing. It was a huge hit with students in every grade level purchasing their spot at the head table. Keep earning the Bullfrog Bucks and be the next to Dine on Center Stage. Click Here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VWlPjnxYsg>

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. Mr. Edmundson tweets different events or happenings from inside the classrooms on a regular basis. 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

EXCITING NEWS - Children's Book Author, Daryl Cobb, will visit "The Creek" on Monday, February 13, 2012 to present three highly motivating performances! Mr. Cobb is a singer/ songwriter/ performer and the author of 14 children's books. One of his most popular books, *Do Pirates go to School?* has been made into a personalized GSCES version for students to enjoy over and over - *The inside pages include all the names of the GSCES staff and school mascot.* Please click the link to the attached order form and return it to school:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/greatsenecacreekes/Order%20Form%20Great%20S%20Creek%20ES.pdf>

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>

Bullfrog Bulletin | The January 3rd edition of **THE BULLFROG BULLETIN** can be found here:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/greatsenecacreekes/Bullfrog%20Bulletin%20010312.pdf>

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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