



The Salamander's Tale

Weekly Newsletter of Sligo Creek Elementary School, Silver Spring, Maryland

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10/21 No School - MSTA
- 10/28 Fall Festival
- 10/31 Professional Day - No School for students
- 11/7-11 Book Fair
- 11/10 Early Release
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IMPORTANT REMINDER

There will be no school on Friday, October 21st.

SLIGO CREEK DIRECTORY

It's time to start collecting information for this year's student directory! The school directory is coordinated by the PTA and given to all Sligo families. It is very helpful in communicating with families whose contact information you don't already know or finding information about the PTA, room parents, and Sligo Creek staff. If you are new to the school or if your contact information has changed since last year, please go to the secure PTA directory

website

(<http://www.scespta.org/directory.html>) and enter the information as you would like it to appear in the directory. If your contact information has not changed since last year, you do not need to do anything (you do not need to update your student's teacher's name as school data will be used). Over the next two weeks we will generate a draft information page for each family and send it home in your student's backpack for you to verify. There will also be a place on the form to indicate if you do not want your information printed in the directory. We hope to be able to print and distribute the directories before Thanksgiving. If you would like to volunteer to help check the data for the directory please contact David Attis directly at david.attis@gmail.com. You can volunteer from home and it only takes 1-2 hours to do a single grade.

FALL FESTIVAL

Sligo Creek will be holding its Fall Festival from approximately 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. on Friday, October 28. The theme for this year's event, in which students wear costumes, hold a parade on the playground and celebrate in their classrooms, will be "Storybook Characters." Each grade and class will decide the specifics about their

own celebrations, and costumes will be made in class the week before the event. Parent participation is welcomed; please be in touch directly with your child's teacher or room parent if you can help with costumes or on the day of the festival.

SCIENCE PLAY DAY

Join us Saturday, November 5, from 9 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. for the Sligo Creek Science Play Day. We're going to have a giant, school-wide show-and-tell where children (and parents) get to show off your own great stuff and see what interests everyone else. Bring your science-related hobby, toy, activity, collection, or artifact. We'll have tables in the gym where you can set up and discuss your exhibit, and then see everyone else's. Activities will include a scavenger hunt, a roving science reporter who will give interviews for live broadcasts in the gym, and a game show: "Are You Smarter than a Sligo Creek Kid?"

BOOK FAIR

This year the PTA book fair will be held during the week of Monday, November 7 through Friday, November 11 in the Media Center. Books in English and French will be for sale. Volunteers will be needed to help staff the fair. If you can help out, please contact Marcy Kreindler (mwkreindler@gmail.com). For more information about the fair, please see the news page of the PTA website: www.scespta.org/news.html.

FALL PICTURE RETAKE

Our fall picture retake date for individual pictures is scheduled for Monday, November 14th. Please mark your calendars.

FRENCH IMMERSION OPEN HOUSE

Open house dates for families interested in the French Immersion program at our school are January 31, 2012, February 22, 2012 and March 29, 2012. The open houses are from 9:30 -10:45 a.m.