



# The Salamander's Tale

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*Bi-Weekly Newsletter of Sligo Creek Elementary School, Silver Spring, Maryland*

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 4/27 TN2 Week  
Kindergarten Evening Performance
- 4/28 F. I. Parent Mtg. 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 4/30 K Field Trip-College Park Airport
- 5/4 SCES Bookshare
- 5/5 Gr. 5 MSA Science  
Personality & Class Pictures  
PTA General Mtg.
- 5/6 Gr. 5 MSA Science  
Gr. 3 Academy Field Trip-Postal  
Museum
- 5/7 Gr. 3 FI Field Trip-Postal Museum  
Art Show

## **KINDERGARTEN "ROUND UP"**

On May 21 and 22, we will be having registration for incoming kindergarten students. Parents intending to register their students will receive a packet with registration information and a date and time for an appointment. (Many packets were already picked up during our open house. **Please be reminded that there is no school for current kindergarten students during kindergarten round up.**

## **THE BOOK SHARE IS COMING!**

It's time again to search your bookshelves for books and magazines that your children are willing to part with and donate them to Sligo Creek's annual Book Share. Books for all ages are needed, especially upper grades. Please send them to the school labeled, "Book Share" or drop them off in the workroom near the gym. For more information and to volunteer to help, please contact Melissa Bannett at [mpbannet222@yahoo.com](mailto:mpbannet222@yahoo.com)

## **SEVEN KEYS TO COLLEGE READINESS**

Montgomery County Public Schools is holding special workshops for parents to provide information on the Seven Keys to College Readiness. The Seven Keys provide a pathway that will help prepare students for college beginning in elementary school. The workshop for our school cluster will be held at Eastern MS on Monday, May 4, 2009 beginning at 7:00 p.m. I hope you will attend to hear how parents can use these guidelines to support their children on the path to college readiness. Free childcare and interpretation will be available. For additional information, call 301-279-3100.

Las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Montgomery ofrecerán talleres especiales para padres a fin de proveerles información acerca de las *Siete Llaves de Preparación para la Universidad*. Las Siete Llaves proveen el camino que preparará a los estudiantes para la universidad comenzando en la escuela primaria. El taller para nuestro núcleo escolar se realizará en Eastern MS el día Lunes, Mayo 4<sup>th</sup>, comenzando a las 7:00 p.m. Esperamos que usted asista y escuche como los padres pueden usar las guías para apoyar a sus hijos en el camino a la universidad. Ofreceremos cuidado de niños e interpretación gratuita. Si necesita información adicional, por favor llame al 301-279-3100.

## **FRENCH IMMERSION SUMMER CAMP**

The summer camps for Sligo Creek immersion students have spaces available for the two summer sessions. If you are interested in sending your child(ren) to session 1, June 22 to July 2, and/or to session 2, July 6 to 17, please contact Mme Gouin at school or by email, [Donna\\_M\\_Gouin@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Donna_M_Gouin@mcpsmd.org), for an application. Thank you.

## **2009 RECORDER KARATE BLACK BELT TEAM NEWS**

Each spring, students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 are encouraged to participate in the Recorder Karate Music Reading and Performance Program. This program is a motivational method for teaching students to read music, while playing the recorder. There are a total of nine songs in this program and each song explores a new learning skill in reading music. Each of the nine songs also provides students with progressive challenges in reading musical rhythms and in fingering different musical notes. Students are tested in small groups and when they have mastered a song, a

colored string is tied onto their recorder; this is similar to passing a skill in karate where a colored belt is achieved when a new skill is mastered. The following students have mastered all nine songs and received nine color belts on their recorder:

### **In Grade: 4**

Tedd Remy

### **In Grade: 3**

Mikaela Moore

Sebastien Kraft

Pierre Moglen

Matthew Rice

Congratulations to these students! They are now members of the 2009 Recorder Karate Black Belt Team and have been awarded a Recorder Karate Black Belt Team T-shirt! Students in Grades 3, 4 and 5: Keep practicing your recorder and you will be on the Black Belt Team too!

### **Kindergarten Students will perform "How Does Your Garden Grow?" Musical**

On Monday, April 27, 2009, all of our Kindergarten Students will perform in the musical entitled: "How Does Yours Garden Grow?" There will be two performances on that day: one performance will be at 2:00 p.m. (Second Grade Students and Parents are invited to attend) and another one at 6:30 p.m. (Parents and friends are invited.) This musical is about taking a journey into a magical garden. The seeds have sprouted, the rain has come and petals bloom brightly in the sun. But what's this?! The weeds are taking over! Join the fun with a country-style garden hoe-down and help save the crop! We hope to see you there! Enjoy!