



The Salamander's Tale

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 11/7-11 Book Fair
- 11/10 Early Release
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- 11/14 Picture - retake
- 11/15 2nd Gr. to Strathmore

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?"

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Early Release on Thursday, November 10th and Friday, November 11th. Dismissal at 12:55 pm

SLIGO CREEK DIRECTORY

Directory information should have come home in your child's Friday folder today. This is your chance to update or correct your information for this year's PTA directory, which is the main way parents at our school get in touch with one another. Please be sure to review your information, and send back any corrections or updates. These are due back by November 16th. If you did not receive a copy of your directory information, please let the office know.



The **Sligo Creek Student Council** will hold a food drive for Manna Food Center. Each classroom will have a box to collect canned food, and a poster with a list of the type of food needed at Manna. Last year, we raised 184 pounds. **Our goal for this year is to raise at least 202 pounds of food.** We can do it but we need everybody's help! Our food drive will run from **Tuesday, November 1st to Friday December 2nd**. Don't forget to send-in donations!

Here is a handy list of the food they need most often at Manna: peanut butter, tuna fish, canned fruits and vegetables, shelf-stable milk, cereal, oatmeal, rice, pasta, beans, canned tomato sauce, macaroni and cheese, soup, baby food, canned past and other canned meat and fish.

GUEST SCIENTIST SERIES

We invite SCES children and their parents to join us Thursday night, November 17th at 7 PM in the SCES cafeteria for our next Guest Scientist Series presen-

tation. It's a tag team presentation, featuring NIH and Oxford University microscopy specialists Madhvi Venkatesh and Thao Do. They'll be leading us through the world of the VERY, very, very small – a place filled with viruses, bacteria and electron beams. And we'll solve a mystery with the help of young biological detectives (and their families) – what causes the flu? So please join us for a wonderful night of microscopic science, where small is huge and tiny rules!

STRATHMORE MUSIC CENTER

All Second Grade Students at Sligo Creek Elementary School will be able to attend a music field trip to the Music Center at Strathmore in North Bethesda, Maryland on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 from 11:10 a.m. – 1:50 p.m. This field trip is funded by Montgomery County Public Schools and bus transportation will be provided.

In preparation for this concert, our Second Grade Students have practiced "The Berry Pickers" Song, and have studied the Instrument Families of the Orchestra. At the concert, our Second Grade Students, along with many Second Grade Students from other MCPS Elementary Schools will be requested to sing "The Berry Pickers Song" along with the orchestra.

All Parents of Second Grade Students are requested to have their child bring in a signed permission slip before or by November 11, 2011. Enjoy your trip, Second Grade Students and Teachers!

THE TWELVE ANNUAL WINTER CONCERT

On Tuesday, December 13, 2011, the Sligo Creek Elementary Fourth and Fifth Grade Chorus, the Sun Catchers Dance Team, the All-Star Orff Ensemble and the Solar Flares Dance Team will perform their Twelfth Annual Winter Concert at 2:00 p.m., (school assembly) and 7:00 p.m., (evening performance) in the Sligo Creek Elementary School Gymnasium.

This concert will feature 200 Fourth and Fifth Grade Students in the chorus, 17 students in the All-Star Orff Percussion Ensemble and over 40 students within the two dance teams! We will be performing multi-cultural children's choral literature that celebrates the winter season, in different harmonic combinations.

In order to ensure that our concerts will be successful, we request that all Fourth and Fifth Grade Chorus Students wear the following concert attire for all performances:

<u>Boys:</u>	<u>Girls:</u>
White dress shirt or	White blouse or
White Chorus Polo shirt	White Chorus Polo Shirt
Dark dress pants	Dark skirt or
Dark Dress shoes	dark dress pants
	dark dress shoes
	(low heels, please)

(No sneakers, if possible)

If your child is a member of the Sun Catchers or Solar Flares Dance Teams, he/she will need to wear an all-black outfit. (i.e.: Black leotards, black turtleneck or black T-shirt, black leggings or black sweatpants and black modern jazz dancing shoes or dark sneakers).

At the evening performance, we will be selling individual roses for \$3.00 each, near the Sligo Creek ES Grand Staircase. We will also be accepting donations to support our Arts Department. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support!

See you at the concerts! We are so excited to perform for you! 😊

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.