



The Salamander's Tale

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

10/7 PTA Meeting
10/9 No School-Yom Kippur
10/13 Columbus Day - Parent Visitation
10/17 No School-MSTA Convention

GEORGE B. THOMAS, SR. LEARNING ACADEMY, INC.

This tutoring and mentoring program can help your child reach his/her potential through individualized assistance with school work, study skills and test-taking.

OPENING DAY ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION: October 4th.

Student/Parent Orientation: 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Registration: 9:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at Blair High School. Parents must register in person at the Center that their child will attend.

PARENT VISITATION DAY

We invite you to attend the Open House on Monday, October 13 from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. The open house gives you a chance to visit your child's classroom and gain an understanding of what takes place at SCES.

You do not need to let us know ahead of time that you will be joining us.

FRENCH IMMERSION OPEN HOUSE DATES:

The dates for the French immersion open houses for the 2009-2010 school year are: January 14, 2009, February 19, 2009 and March 10, 2009. Open houses are designed for new prospective parents to learn what immersion is, and how to enroll. The sessions begin promptly at 9:30 a.m., with visits to the immersion classes, followed by a question and answer session.

FESTIVAL FRANCOPHONE

The Montgomery County Public Schools teachers of French are once again sponsoring a Francophone Festival for all interested in attending on November 1, 2008, from 9:30 - 2:30 at Richard Montgomery High School. The goal is to spread knowledge and appreciation of Francophone culture throughout our school communities and Montgomery County. Entry to the festival is free. Some activities can be enjoyed by all (musical presentations, a costume parade, petanque games, face painting, French food), some require knowledge of French, and, of those, some require sign-up in advance (French language Jeopardy game, a poetry recitation contest,

poster contest). Please contact Mme Gouin at school or e-mail

Donna_M_Gouin@mcpsmd.org for more information.

MATH CONCEPTS

At the beginning of each math unit in Kindergarten through 5th grade, you should receive a parent letter indicating the concepts to be taught, example problems and ways you can help your child at home. If, at the beginning of a math unit, you do not receive a letter, please let your child's teacher know. One will be sent home to you.

CLASSIC PHOTOGRAPHY

Please note that retake picture day is scheduled for November 13th. If you are not satisfied with your child's pictures, have your child return their picture package to the photographer on Nov. 13th.

RECORDER NEWS FOR GRADES 3, 4 & 5

All third grade students are requested to purchase/bring a soprano recorder to their music classes before January 2009. Recorder class instruction for our third grade students will be sent home this Friday. All fourth and fifth grade students are requested to purchase/bring a soprano recorder to their music class as soon as possible. Recorder class instruction for these grade levels will begin on Monday, Oct. 20th.

SCES PERFORMANCE GROUPS WILL BE STARTING SOON.

We are pleased to announce that over eighty students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 have received permission to participate on the Sun Catchers Dance Team, the Solar Flares Dance Team and the All-Star Ensemble. Information letters will be sent home in Friday Folders on Oct. 10th. For more information, please visit the website:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/sligocreekes/specials/music/chorus.aspx>

STRATHMORE HALL CONCERTS

This message is from Mme Gille, First grade French immersion teacher and a member of the National Philharmonic.

All Strathmore concerts are free for children 7 through 17.

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE CONTINUING EDUCATION

Montgomery College Continuing Education YOUTH PROGRAMS is pleased to present the KIDS COLLEGE program for Fall 2008. Enrichment courses will be offered after school and on Saturdays for students in grades 1 - 12, on the Rockville Campus. Anyone interested is encouraged to register as soon as possible to ensure space availability. For more information or to obtain a registration form, please visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth or call (240) 567-7917.

FIFTH GRADE PARENTS

Parent information meetings for the Middle School Magnet Application Programs, including Roberto W. Clemente, Eastern and Parkland Magnet Schools will be held this month. Parents are encouraged to attend the following information nights to learn about each school's program. All meetings begin at 7pm. Applications for these programs are due November 14, 2008. For more information, please visit

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/

Robert W. Clemente MS, Thursday, Oct. 16, 2008 @ 18808 Waring Station Rd. Germantown Md.

Eastern MS, Monday, Oct. 27, 2008 @ 300 University Blvd. East Silver Spring Md.

Takoma Park MS, Thursday, Oct. 23, 2008 @ 7611 Piney Branch Rd. Silver Spring Md.