



The Salamander's Tale

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10/17 No School-MSTA Convention
- 10/21 3rd Grade to Brookside Gardens
- 10/24 K Social at 6:30 - Cafeteria
- 10/28 FI 1st Grade to Natural History Museum
- 10/29 1st Gr. Academy -Natural History Museum
K Field Trip - Smith Center
- 10/30 K Field Trip - Smith Center
3rd Grade to Brookside Gardens
- 10/31 End of Marking Period
- 11/5 3rd Grade to Brookside Gardens-(Kelley)

HOLIDAY BASKETS

The Montgomery County Volunteer Center is once again organizing food baskets for Thanksgiving and food and gifts for the December holidays. If you and your family would like assistance with either or both holidays, please contact Mrs. Heatwole before October 27th for a referral form.

HALLOWEEN

The Halloween Parade will be held on Friday, October 31st at 2:00 p.m. Parties begin at 2:30 p.m. Students who will not participate must bring a note from home prior to the parade.

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.

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@mcpmd.org for more information.

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.

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/

Eastern MS, Monday, Oct. 27, 2008 @ 300 University Blvd. East Silver Spring Md.
Takoma Park MS, Thursday, Oct. 23, 2008 @ 7611

IMPORTANTE

Si necesita ayuda de traducción en español en la conferencia de padres el día 11 y 12 de noviembre llamar a Patty Marroquín

al 301-5650725 para arreglar su horario.

Gracias

Piney Branch Rd. Silver Spring Md.

GROWING NATIVE: GET NUTS FOR CLEAN WATER!

Sligo Creek ES is participating in the Get Nuts for Clean Water seed collection program sponsored by the Potomac Conservancy. Growing Native asks volunteers to collect native

hardwood tree seeds (acorns, etc.), which are donated to state nurseries, grown into seedlings and planted along the banks of the Potomac River. The trees create riparian buffers, which keep banks from eroding and filter the river water of pollutants.

Everyone in our community is invited to participate in nut and seed collection. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- Put seeds, acorns, etc. in paper NOT plastic bags.
- Separate each species into a separate bag.
- Put a leaf of the tree from which you are collecting in the bag.
- Go to www.growingnative.org to get more information about collecting and the variety of trees from which we need seeds.
- Middle school and high school students receive SSL credit for collecting!!
- Bring the bags to school and put them in the large gray bin in the lobby of the grand staircase. The best method is for students to bring them to school in the morning.

Last day of collection for the Pounds per Kids Contest: October 31, 2008.

Please send me any questions you may have: Dana Frye, Science Coordinator

SCIENCE LAB VOLUNTEERS

The science lab needs your help! I'm in need of 2 or 3 parent volunteers to help with a variety of projects, from collating field guides to sorting and filing student permission slips. Please contact me at Sligo Creek (email is best: Dana_C_Frye@mcpsmd.org) if you'd like to help out. Thanks, Dana

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

The Health Room is looking for volunteers to help with Hearing and Vision Screening on November 18 - 21, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and at 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. The Health Room also needs volunteers to assist the office staff when the nurse is out of the building. Please reply to Mrs. Holland in the Health Room.