



The Salamander's Tale

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 11/1 | Festival Francophone -Richard Montgomery HS 9:30 - 2:30 |
| 11/3 | Professional Day - No School for Students |
| 11/4 | General Election - No School |
| 11/5 | 3 rd Grade FI Field Trip
PTA General Meeting |
| 11/6 | Cookie Dough Delivery |
| 11/10-14 | PTA Scholastic Book Fair |
| 11/11 & 11/12 | Early Release |
| 11/13 | Picture Make Up
Cookie Dough Assembly |
| 11/17 | Hearing & Vision Screening |

COOKIE DOUGH

Parents may pick up cookie dough orders on Thursday, November 6th, between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. We will use the music room door as the pickup point. Parents should park in the circle near the curb when picking up their orders. All orders must be picked up on Thursday because we do not have a place to store the cookie dough.

MAGNET PROGRAMS

Applications are due November 14th for the middle school programs at Eastern and Takoma Middle School magnet programs. Choice forms are also due on the 14th for the schools in the Middle School Magnet Consortium (Loiederman, Argyle and Parkland). Please remember to distribute the teacher recommendation request forms AND the Counselor Data Form (to Mrs. Heatwole) as soon as possible so we have sufficient time to complete them. Forms can be found on the MCPS website. If you cannot access these forms, please call Mrs. Heatwole for a copy.

ASK MCPS IS COMING TO WESTFIELD, WHEATON MALL!!

On Saturday, November 1, parents are invited to stop by and ASK MCPS at Wheaton Mall. It's a great opportunity to ask questions, find out about programs and services in the school system, and pick up tips on supporting learning at home. Bilingual staff will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the second floor, near Macy's. ASK MCPS events are sponsored by the MCPS Office of Communications and Family Outreach. Questions? Call 301-279-3100.

¡PREGUNTE A MCPS viene al Westfield Mall de Wheaton!

El sábado 1o. de noviembre, los padres están invitados a pasar y PREGUNTAR A MCPS en el Mall de Wheaton. Esta es una gran oportunidad para hacer preguntas, averiguar acerca de los programas y servicios disponibles en el sistema educativo, así como también recoger ideas de como apoyar el aprendizaje en casa. Nuestro personal bilingüe estará disponible de 10 a.m. a 2 p.m. en el segundo piso, cerca de Macy's. Los eventos de PREGUNTE A MCPS son auspiciados por la Oficina de Comunicaciones y Alcance Familiar de MCPS. ¿Preguntas? Llame al 301-279-3100.

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.

¡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

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.

FUND DRIVE UPDATE: IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO CONTRIBUTE!!

We are pleased to report that we are more than 1/3 of the way to our \$10,000 goal for this year's Direct Appeal Campaign. We hope that many families find this to be a quick and easy way to contribute to the many cultural and academic enrichment activities the PTA sponsors for your children. If you choose to contribute to the PTA through the Campaign, you can download the Letter and Form from the PTA website at <http://sligocreekpta.org/forms.html>. You can also just send in a check made out to the SCES PTA in an envelope labeled "PTA Treasurer: Direct Appeal Campaign". We hope that you will consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the PTA's Direct Appeal Campaign today!

SALLY FOSTER DEADLINE EXTENDED

The PTA's Sally Foster giftwrapping fundraiser deadline has been extended to Friday, October 31. All paper forms must be turned in by then to the front office. To date, we have sold about \$3000 of which 50% goes directly to the PTA and will help fund many wonderful activities - thanks to those of you who have purchased!

If you haven't yet purchased and would like to still help, you can order online at www.sallyfoster.com and use Sligo Creek's account number, 863098, so we can receive credit. Online orders over \$70 are shipped free. Paper order forms must be submitted to the school office by next Friday (Oct 31). Deliveries from the paper orders will be on November 10 from 3-6 at the school. Please make sure your child's name is on the envelope and that you add 6% MD sales tax. If you prefer to contribute directly to the school - please do so through our Direct Appeal Campaign.

If you have any questions or need additional catalogs, please contact Doreen Rappaport, Sligo's Sally Foster chairperson at (301)949-4713 or via email at stleonrot@aol.com. Thanks for your support!