



The Salamander's Tale

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 9/26 Beautification Day
- 9/29 Early Release - Dismissal @12:55
- 9/30 No School
- 10/7 PTA Meeting
- 10/13 Columbus Day - Parent Open House

EMERGENCY CARDS

Parents, it is imperative that we receive all of the yellow emergency information for your child as soon as possible with the current information. It is critical that we are able to reach you or your emergency contact person at all times.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

Our traffic light discipline policy is coming home with your child on Friday. Please review the expectations with your child and return the **signed discipline forms** due as soon as possible. It is important that you reinforce good choices at home so that we are consistent in the expectations.

FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES

Montgomery County Public Schools Division of Food and Nutrition Services will be participating in Maryland Homegrown School Lunch Week Sept. 22-26th. During the week, cafeterias will be promoting Maryland agriculture through school meals by featuring various Maryland homegrown seasonal fruits and vegetables daily on the lunch menu. Morning announcements will inform students of the menu items that are being featured each day as Maryland Homegrown Products.

FIFTH GRADE PARENTS

The parent information meeting for the Middle School Magnet Consortium (MSMC), including Argyle, Loiederman and Parkland Magnet Schools, is Thursday September 25, 2008 at Einstein High School - 11135 Newport Mill Road, Kensington Md. 20895. Choice forms for these programs are due November 14, 2008. For more information, please visit

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/msmagnet/

ART EXPLOSION FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 2, 3 AND 4

A special one-day enrichment program at Montgomery College, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus is scheduled for Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Deadline to receive applications is Oct. 17th. For additional information please call 240-567-7917 or visit their website, www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth.

LEARNING ACADEMY, INC.

It's not too late to register your child for The Learning Academy. This tutoring and mentoring program can help your child reach his/her potential through individualized assistance with school work, study skills and test-taking. 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.

BEAUTIFICATION DAY

**Fall Beautification Day: Friday, 9/26,
2:30-6:00 p.m.**

Please join fellow parents and students in beautifying our school for the Fall. We'll be working especially to improve the Kindergarten Courtyard for this Fall Beautification Day, as well as our usual efforts to pull weeds, pick up litter, and plant some flowers around the school entrances. We usually hold beautification days on the weekends, but sports conflict for many, so we're trying a new time slot. Questions? Please contact the PTA Beautification Committee volunteers: Tori Hall (301-652-2969; Victoria.Tori.Hall@gmail.com) or Tim

Abrahams (301-585-6695;
AbrahamsLawn@hotmail.com).

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMUNITY FORUMS

The Montgomery county Board of Education will hold two public forums to provide parents, staff, students and community members the opportunity to share their input on important issues affecting Montgomery County Public Schools. The forums will be held on Thursday, Sept. 18 at Watkins Mill H.S. and on Thursday, Oct. 16th at Albert Einstein HS. The forums will take place from 7:00 - 9:30 .m.

MY LUNCH MONEY.COM

The Division of Food and Nutrition Services is excited to announce myLunchMoney.com, a new online service offered which allows parents to make prepayments to their child's cafeteria account with a credit card or debit card via the Internet. Once the myLunchMoney.com account is established, parents can check account balances, view the child's purchases, set up recurring payments, and receive low balance notifications.

SLIGO CREEK ELEMENTARY PERFORMING GROUP

During the school year, 2008-09 at Sligo Creek ES, there will specific performing groups available for our Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Students:

The Sun Catchers Dance Team (Third Grade Students)

The Solar Flares Dance Team (Fourth and Fifth Grade Students)

The All-Star Orff Percussion Ensemble (Fourth and Fifth Grade Students)

These groups will meet before school hours, beginning in October, 2008, in the music room. Information packets and permission slips will be sent home in the Student Friday Folders on Friday, September 19, 2008. Students may turn in completed permission slips to Mrs. Hochkeppel on or before Monday, September 29, 2008. Sign up today!