



The Salamander's Tale

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 4/4 Beautification Day
- 4/6-13 SPRING BREAK
- 4/15 PTA meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 4/16 Report Card Distribution
- 4/17 Gr. 3 Walking Field Trip
Health Fair -SSIMS@6:00 p.m.
- 4/21 K Academy Open House
Family Science Night@7:00 p.m.

ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Our Academy Program open house will take place on **April 21st, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.** No appointment necessary. If you have neighbors or friends whose children will be of age to attend kindergarten in the fall, please make them aware of this date.

SPRING BEAUTIFICATION DAY

SPRING BEAUTIFICATION DAY will be held on Saturday, April 4th, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. If you ordered mulch through the PTA mulch sale, you may pick it up at SCES parking lot. Any questions,

contact Tori Hall@301-652-2969 or Tim Abrahams@301-585-6695.

MUSIC NEWS

Our Solar Flares Spring Dance Team To Perform in the 2009 National Cherry Blossom Parade Festival!

We are very excited to announce that our Solar Flares Spring Dance Team will be performing in the 2009 National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade in Washington D.C. on Saturday, April 4, 2009! They will be seen live on TV, on Saturday, April 4, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. - Noon on Washington, DC's ABC Channel 7. The parade will be re-broadcast numerous times on News Channel 8. Best of luck Solar Flares! We are so proud of you!

2009 Recorder Karate Black Belt Team News

Each spring, students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 are encouraged to participate in the Recorder Karate Music Reading and Performance Program. This program is a motivational method for teaching students to read music, while playing the recorder. There are a total of nine songs in this program and each song explores a new learning skill in reading music. Each of the nine songs also provides students with progressive challenges in reading musical rhythms and in fingering different musical notes. Students are tested in small groups

and when they have mastered a song, a colored string is tied onto their recorder; this is similar to passing a skill in karate where a colored belt is achieved when a new skill is mastered. The following students have mastered all nine songs and received nine color belts on their recorder:

In Grade: 4 Tedd Remy

In Grade: 3 Mikaela Moore

Congratulations to these students! They are now members of the 2009 Recorder Karate Black Belt Team and have been awarded a Recorder Karate Black Belt Team T-shirt! Students in Grades 3, 4 and 5: Keep practicing your recorder and you will be on the Black Belt Team too!

SEVEN KEYS TO COLLEGE READINESS

Montgomery County Public Schools is holding special workshops for parents to provide information on the Seven Keys to College Readiness. The Seven Keys provide a pathway that will help prepare students for college beginning in elementary school. The workshop for our school cluster will be held at Eastern MS on Monday, May 4, 2009 beginning at 7:00 p.m. I hope you will attend to hear how parents can use these guidelines to support their children on the path to college readiness. Free childcare and interpretation will be available. For additional information, call 301-279-3100.

Las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Montgomery ofrecerán talleres especiales para padres a fin de proveerles información acerca de las ***Siete Llaves de Preparación para la Universidad***. Las Siete Llaves proveen el camino que preparará a los estudiantes para la universidad comenzando en la escuela primaria. El taller para nuestro núcleo escolar se realizará en Eastern MS el día Lunes, Mayo 4th, comenzando a las 7:00 p.m. Esperamos que usted asista y escuche

como los padres pueden usar las guías para apoyar a sus hijos en el camino a la universidad. Ofreceremos cuidado de niños e interpretación gratuita. Si necesita información adicional, por favor llame al 301-279-3100.

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE YOUTH PROGRAMS

Montgomery College is offering over 200 exciting classes for students in grades K-12 who want to do something different during the summer. This eight week program runs from June 22 - Aug. 14th. For additional information you can visit their website at www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth.