



The Salamander's Tale

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1/13 4TH Grade Field Trip
- 1/14 French Immersion Open House
- 1/15 1st & 2nd Grade Social - 6:30 Cafeteria
- 1/19 & 1/20 NO SCHOOL

INAUGURATION DAY

The Board of Education voted unanimously to designate Inauguration Day, January 20, 2009, as a holiday.

FRENCH IMMERSION OPEN HOUSE

The first open house for people interested in applying for the French immersion program here at Sligo Creek will be held next Wednesday, January 14, at 9:30 a.m. promptly. Please tell your friends, neighbors and interested community members about this event. The next open houses will be on February 19, and March 10.

New procedures for applying to immersion programs

Montgomery County Public Schools has changed the way parents apply to immersion programs. Towards the end of January

there will be a form available at schools and on-line (at the website for special programs in MCPS :

www.montgomeryschools.org/curriculum/specialprograms/) for parents interested in applying to any of the county immersion programs. This form is called the "Immersion Interest Form", and will be sent directly by parents to the Division of Consortia Choice and Application office. The address will be on the form.

The dates to apply are still February 1 to April 1, and there will still be a lottery conducted after that date to choose students. Parents of students already in the program, who have a incoming younger sibling, must also fill out this form, but, as in the past, they will have priority.

Please call or email Mme Gouin at school if you need more information.

WINTER WEATHER EMERGENCIES

Winter weather emergencies, such as snow and ice may cause disruptions in school operations, including the closure of schools, a delayed opening, or an early dismissal. Please listen to the radio and TV, county Cable Channel 6 or Cable Channel 34 - MCPS TV or on a taped telephone message service at 301-279-3673 for such announcements.

SPECIAL SOCIAL EVENT FOR 1ST & 2ND GRADERS THURSDAY, JANUARY 15TH!

An exciting evening event "Winter Wonderland" is planned for our annual 1st and 2nd grade social. We will have fun games, unique craft activities, light snacks, and more for 1st and 2nd graders and their families. The event will be held on Thursday, January 15 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. If you can help out set up or clean up, or can contribute in other ways, contact our event coordinator, Jennifer Lage at Jennifer.Lage@hcpss.org or go to the googledocs site to sign up directly at: http://spreadsheets.google.com/a/hcpss.org/ccc?key=pYqI2D7UCFCpm5uvokpQ5Gw&inv=jennifer_lage@hcpss.org&t=2690070827579155033&guest

PARKING REMINDERS

Please be reminded not to park in the spaces closest to the school in the SSIMS lot. These spaces are for our teachers. Also, please do not park in the handicapped spaces if you do not have a handicap permit.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents, please be aware that when a child is absent for five or more consecutive days, a doctor's note is required. If you need to request homework, please call the office prior to 11:00 a.m.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

The next time you are in the building, you will see a wonderful addition to our school. Look down the hall towards the elevator to view a gorgeous mural. We were fortunate to have Mural, Mural on the Walls working with our students this past week. All students had an opportunity to talk about art, imagination in the creation of art and were instructed by Mr. Stacey Ridgeway, Muralist. Students were given an art homework assignment and participated in the creation of our Sligo Creek mural.

Ms. Laura Broderick, who is substituting for Ms. Lightfoot, is creating a bay scene mural in the 4th grade hallway near the science lab. Ms. Broderick is using the bay animals that students created as the foundation for our upstairs mural. The murals add a special touch to a special building. You will be pleased with the results.