



South Lake Elementary School

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School Hours

Please bring your child to school on time. Students may arrive at school no earlier than 8:30 a.m. as there is no adult supervision until then. School begins at 8:50 am. At that time students should be in their classroom having breakfast. **Students who arrive to school late miss important instructions about their work day by their teacher.**

Highly Gifted Center (3rd Grade)

Applications for the Highly Gifted Center at Clearspring ES have been mailed to the home of each third grade student. If you are interested in applying to this highly competitive program for your child, please complete the application and return it to the address on the form. The deadline for submitting the application is November 9, 2009. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Marcia Daniel, Title I Gifted and Talented Teacher.

Upcounty Center for the Highly Gifted (5th Grade)

The Upcounty Center for the Highly Gifted Program at Roberto Clemente Middle School will be hosting an information night for interested fifth grade students and their parents on Wednesday 14, 2009, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Roberto Clemente Middle School is located at 18808 Waring Station Road, Germantown, MD.

Housing Fair and Financial Literacy Day

The 9th Annual Montgomery County Housing Fair and Financial Literacy Day will be held Saturday, October 3, 2009 from 10-3 at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park (506 S. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg, MD 20877). This event is FREE to everyone. The children's activities will include face painting, moon bounce, music, stilt walker, free ice cream, and more! There will be over 80 sponsors and exhibitors including banks, credit unions, nonprofits, and government agencies and realtors. Learn about managing money and credit, preventing foreclosure and eviction, keeping your home and neighborhood safe, saving energy, and lowering utility costs.

Converting from Air Conditioning to Heating

MCPS will begin converting air conditioning to heating on October 3, 2009. Unlike residential locations, most schools cannot be automatically switched from air conditioning to heating because the same piping is used alternately for cooling and heating. Mechanics from the Division of Maintenance must open and close various valves in the piping system in a process that may take up to one day to convert within the school, and two to three weeks to convert all the schools. Early fall temperatures may change from day to day, therefore, during this process please dress with the weather in mind.

Student Illness

Children who are ill should stay at home until they have been symptom free for at least 24 hours before returning to school. These symptoms include fever of 100 degrees or higher, cough and/or sore throat or vomiting. If your child continues to run a fever for more than 24 hours you should consult a physician. Upon returning to school children will be required to stop by the health room to be cleared to return to class. **Students are not permitted to take any medication at school without the "Authorization to Administer Prescribed Medication" form (MCPS #525-13)** which can be obtained from the school's health room. Please remind your children to use healthy hygiene practices while at home and at school by washing their hands often, covering their nose and mouth by coughing or sneezing into their elbows. Students should also not share food or beverages when they are ill.

PTA at South Lake ES

PTA serves as a type of forum where parents, teachers, administrators, and other concerned adults discuss ways to promote quality education, expand the arts, encourage community involvement, and work for a safe environment. Please come and join PTA on October 6, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Media Center. We welcome all who wish to join.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 1, 2009
Head Start parent meeting from 9:15—11:00 a.m. in staff lounge.

October 2, 2009
Early Dismissal Day
Head Start & K-5 students dismissed at 12:35 p.m. (after lunch is served) and AM Pre-K students dismissed at 10:30 a.m.

October 6, 2009
PTA Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center. All parents welcomed (interpreters available).

October 7, 2009
Character Counts! Assemblies:
Grades 3-5 at 9:30 a.m.
Grades K-2 at 2:00 p.m.

October 13, 2009
After-School Clubs begin for Grades 3-5 - 3:10 - 4:10 p.m.
Sign up information will be sent home with selected students soon.

October 14, 2009
Bus Evacuation Drill @ 9:15 a.m.
Highly Gifted Parent Meeting at Roberto Clemente Middle School at 7:00 p.m.

October 17, 2009
Md State Teachers Convention -
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

