



# South Lake Elementary School

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## SOUTH LAKE NEWS



### Parent Conferences

Conferences for the first marking period are fast approaching. Students will be completing their first marking period on October 30, 2009. South Lake teachers will hold parent conferences on November 11th and 12th to share your child's progress with you. If you have not already done so please contact your child's teacher about a meeting day and time. I would encourage every parent to take advantage of this opportunity! We are more powerful when we work together for your child's benefit.

### Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is here again! We will be having the book fair at South Lake during the week of November 9th. Please mark the following days of the book fair on your calendar:

- November 9th from 11am-5pm
- November 10th from 9am-3pm
- November 11th from 9am-7pm
- November 12th from 9am-7pm
- November 13th from 9am-5pm

Books will be available for purchase during the entire week! Sharing books with your child is one of the best investments you can make. Take advantage of the chance to share the gift of books with your child. It is a gift that will benefit them for a long time.



### Special Programs

All 3rd and 5th grade parents should have received applications for the Highly Gifted center and Up-county Middle School Center programs, respectively. The deadline for ALL applications is November 9, 2009. I would ask that all parents discuss with their child's their interest in the application process and the possible opportunities of participating in one of the these programs. If you need assistance or have questions please call Mrs. Marcia Daniel at 301-840-7141.

#### George B. Thomas

There is still opportunity to send your child to the George B. Thomas Learning Academy (Saturday School). Any MCPS student in grades 1 through 12 can attend. For a fee of \$30 students can attend 22 Saturday morning sessions from 8:30-11:30 am. These sessions are designed to provide extra attention and support to students. South Lake students can attend Watkins Mill High School to be a part of this program. For questions and additional information about George B. Thomas please call 301-320-6545.

#### Montgomery College

Montgomery College will be hosting Saturday Discoveries for gifted and talented students in grades 4 and 5. This is a one-day special enrichment program, which will be held at the Takoma Park Campus on Saturday, November 14, 2009 from 8:30 am to 2:50 pm. The deadline for registration is Monday, November 9, 2009. Please call Sharon Wolfgang at 240-567-7264.

### Homework Hotline

MCPS offers a homework hotline where students can phone in for homework assistance. This service is free of charge and is available from October through April. You may access this service by calling 301-279-3234 or by emailing HHL@mcpsmd.org. This is one of the services you can access to support your child academic success. This service might be best used by students who can articulate their academic needs.

#### PTA

As always, the PTA is a vital part of the South Lake community. We encourage anyone who wants to contribute to the school to participate in upcoming events. Also, we are asking that ALL of our families join the PTA. **The next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 7:00 pm.** In the winter months PTA meetings will occur at an earlier time on the following days:  
**December 1, 2010 from 5-6 pm**  
**January 5, 2010 from 5-6 pm**  
**February 2, 2010 from 5-6pm**

Please attend and support the PTA. Working together makes our school a better place!

#### Early Dismissal Days

On designated early release days, AM Pre-K students are dismissed at 10:30 a.m. There are no PM Pre-K Classes. Head Start and Kindergarten through Grade 5 students are dismissed at 12:35 p.m. Lunch is served to all students prior to dismissal.

### IMPORTANT DATES

November 2, 2009  
Professional Day for Teachers  
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

**Rescheduled for March 2010**  
Chris Fascione Assemblies -  
"Bringing Literature to Life"  
Grades K-2 - 9:15—10:00 a.m.  
Grades 3-5 - 10:15—11:00 a.m.  
After-School Clubs 3:10—4:10 p.m. - Grades 3-5

November 5, 2009  
Washington Performing Arts Society Assemblies:  
Gr. 3-5 - 9:15—10:00 a.m.  
Gr. Pre-K-2 - 10:15--11:00 a.m.

November 6, 2009  
Make-Up Picture Day  
Head Start & Pre-K Field Trip to Sharp's Farm - 9:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. PM Pre-K attends in AM  
PTA Movie Night - "Monsters vs. Aliens" - Ticket sales begin at 6:30 p.m. and movie begins at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments sold until 7:30 p.m.

November 9-13, 2009  
Scholastic Fall Book Fair

November 10, 2009  
Character Counts! Assemblies:  
K-2 @ 9:30 a.m. 3-5 @ 2:00 p.m.

November 11 & 12, 2009  
Early Release Day - AM Pre-K dismissal @ 10:30 a.m.; HS, K-5 dismissal @ 12:35 p.m.  
Parent/Teacher Conferences