

# South Lake Elementary School

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## SOUTH LAKE NEWS



### 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.

### PTA

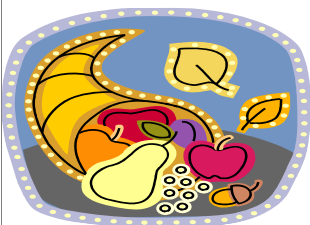
As always, the PTA is a vital part of the South Lake community. We encourage anyone who wants to contribute to the school to participate in upcoming events. Also, we are asking that ALL of our families join the PTA. In the winter months PTA meetings will occur at an earlier time on the following days:

**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!



### Title I Information

The Division of Title I Programs (DTP) website has important information for parents in Title I schools. The website contains information about the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*, the Title 1 program in Montgomery County Public Schools, and links to county, state, and federal websites. If you have comments or suggestions about the Title I website, please call Dr. Felicia Lanham Tarason at 301-230-0660. Information about DTP or MCPS policies can be found at: <http://www.mcps.k12.md.us>

### School Improvement Plan

All schools develop or revise a School Improvement Plan (SIP) each school year. During the summer and early fall, schools draft the SIP by examining data collected from student assessments and parent and staff surveys. This data is used to determine where to focus efforts to enhance and improve instruction based on the needs of our students, staff, and parents; to allocate resources; and to plan parent and staff training. Parents are an important and vital part of the SIP process, and are invited to participate so that their ideas and suggestions can be incorporated into the school's plan. For further information about the SIP please contact your school's principal.

### Parent Academy

Parent Academy workshops are designed to inform and empower parents as advocates and partners in their children's education. A listing of the FREE workshops and additional information can be found at: [www.mcpsparentacademy.org](http://www.mcpsparentacademy.org).

### Early Pick Up

In an effort not to disrupt end of the day directions and classroom dismissal procedures we are putting the following policy into effect immediately: ***"Students will not be called to the office for early dismissal as of 2:50 p.m. or later."*** Parents arriving to school to pick up students at or after 2:50 p.m. will have to wait for the 3:05 p.m. dismissal bell for their child to be released from the classroom. Exceptions will be made only in the event of an extreme emergency, but when asked: Everyone has an emergency!

### Pick-Up & Drop-Off Zone

Parents who provide transportation for their child by car must adhere to the rules of "common sense" and "consideration" when pulling into or leaving the Parent Pick-up & Drop-off Zone. **Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. through 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. through 3:30 p.m., vehicles may not park in the circle except for in designated and clearly marked parking spots.** Parents may pull into the circle briefly to drop their child off in the morning or pick them up in the afternoon. For the safety of all children, cars should use utmost caution and consideration when pulling in and out of the circle and wait for the car ahead of you to pull away. A staff member is on duty from 8:30 a.m. through 8:50 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. through 3:20 p.m. to assist with the smooth flow of traffic in the Zone. It is in the best interest of our students for all adults to be courteous, patient, and respectful in the Pick-up & Drop-off Zone.

### IMPORTANT DATES

November 13, 2009  
**LAST DAY OF BOOK FAIR - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

November 17, 2009  
**After-School Clubs - 3:10-4:10 p.m. for select students in grades 3-5.**

November 17 & 18, 2009  
**Hearing and Vision Screening for Kindergarten & First Grade**

November 19, 2009  
**Second Grade to the Music Center at Strathmore - National Philharmonic performance**

November 24, 2009  
**After-school clubs - 3:10-4:10 p.m. for select students in grades 3-5.**

November 25, 2009  
**EARLY DISMISSAL - 12:35 PM** Students in AM Pre-K dismissed at 10:30 a.m. Students in Head Start and K-5 dismissed at 12:35 p.m. Lunch will be served before dismissal.

November 26 & 27, 2009  
**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY! SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED!!**

