



# DOLPHIN PRIDE

## SOUTH LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear South Lake Parents,

Wow! What a wonderful start to our new school year! The hard work of our students and staff is evident in the work that is displayed throughout the building and in the assessment data that we have begun to collect. Students in grades K-2 have completed the Primary Reading Assessment with resounding results and our students in grades 3-5 are exhibiting success on the MAP-R and Fountas and Pinnell Assessments. In the area of Mathematics, teachers are promoting critical thinking through the use of a problem of the week. They are also administering formal and informal assessments to be able to make instructional decisions about mathematical concepts taught.

Be sure to join us for Parent Visitation Day/Open House on Monday, October 10th. This is a day for parents to observe their child's class. It is one way to learn what your child is expected to achieve during the course of the day. You are welcome to stay for all or part of the day. However, please keep in mind that this is not a time for an individual conference with a teacher.

We need your help! Students who do not have money on their accounts are provided with an alternate lunch. We find that this is often upsetting to these students. If your child purchases lunch at school, please remember to put money on his/her account so that they are able to have the lunch of their choice. Families who want to apply for free or reduced meal prices should fill out the application sent home during the first week of school and return it to the main office as soon as possible. You must apply every year to be considered for free or reduced meal prices. If your child was eligible last school year, he/she will receive a free or reduced lunch until the deadline, October 12, 2011. After this date, if an application has not been returned, your child will not receive a free or reduced meal. Remember, only one application is needed for all students in a household. Please complete the form and return it as soon as possible. We are available to help. Feel free to call or visit the office if assistance is needed in completing the form.

Do you feel your child would benefit from additional small group instruction? Why not enroll your child in Saturday School offered by the George B. Thomas Learning Academy. This low cost program, which offers classes on Saturdays from 8:30-11:00, provides small group instruction in both reading and mathematics by MCPS teachers. Classes are offered in our area at Watkins Mill High School and Gaithersburg Middle School. To enroll, take your child to one of the sites on Saturday morning. Please bring your child's most recent report card and the \$50 registration fee (\$40 for FARMS students). For further information about this program, call 301- 320-6545 or visit the website at [www.saturdayschool.org](http://www.saturdayschool.org).

We're celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month! Don't forget to come out and join us on October 12th at 6:30 p.m. as we honor and celebrate the cultures of the many families who are part of our South Lake family.



Sincerely,  
Celeste King

### OCTOBER

#### Important Dates:

- 10/7 Movie Night, doors open - 6:30 pm
- 10/10 Open House
- 10/12 Hispanic Heritage Celebration -  
6:30 pm in the APR
- 10/12 Individual student photos
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### VOLUME 1

- 10/13 Magnet School presentation at  
Roberto Clemente MS - 7:00 pm
- 10/21 School Closed - Maryland State  
Teachers Association Convention
- 10/27 Reading Night - 6:30 pm
- 10/28 End of the First Marking Period
- 10/31 School Closed - Professional Day

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# PTA

The PTA is sponsoring Family Movie Night on Friday, October 7. We will be showing "The Emperor's New Groove," rated G. Tickets are \$.50 each and go on sale at 6:30pm. The movie starts at 7pm. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase until 7:30 p.m. Kids are welcome to bring blankets and pillows to lie on the floor with their friends!



## Information from Title I

South Lake ES is fortunate to receive supplemental funding through Title I, a federal grant program for schools that serve communities with students who have high economic needs. Montgomery County Public Schools are required to inform you that you have the right to request information about the professional certification qualifications of your child's teacher, long-term substitute teacher, or paraeducator.

If you wish to request certification information please submit a written request to the principal. Your written request may include information about the following qualifications:

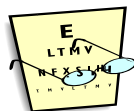
- degree status and subject area of certification;
- state of Maryland certification status, including conditional certification status; and
- qualifications of paraeducators or long-term substitute teachers who may be working with your child.

Your request will be forwarded to the Office of Human Resources and Development. You will receive a written response from that office within thirty (30) business days.

Please contact us at 301-840-7141 if you have any questions. We will be happy to address your questions and/or concerns.

If you're not here, we can't teach you.  
Attend to Achieve!

The Pre-Kindergarten and Head Start students will have their **vision and hearing** tested on Friday, October 7. This screening is a regular part of the Pre-K and Head Start program. Parents will be notified only if their child needs further evaluation by a doctor to determine their vision and/or hearing needs.



September 15 - October 15 is recognized as Hispanic Heritage month. As a culminating event, South Lake is hosting a **Hispanic Heritage Celebration** on Wednesday, October 12th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the All Purpose Room. Please join us for an evening of food, dance performances, and fun with our South Lake families.



The **end of the first marking period** is Friday, October 28. Teachers will be completing report cards during the professional day on October 31. If you have not done so, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a time for a parent-teacher conference on Thursday, November 10 or Friday, November 11.



Students need to **dress for the colder weather**. Many of our students are coming to school in shorts and short-sleeved shirts. Remind your children that the classrooms are chilly and it is even colder outside during recess. It is important to dress appropriately for the changing weather.