



Reading Tips for Parents of Middle School Students

As your child's first and most important teacher, you can be a powerful force in your child's efforts to become a skillful reader. Whether your child is already a proficient reader, or is a struggling or reluctant reader, your positive encouragement can help them make continuous strides toward success.

Create a quiet, special place in your home for your child to read.

Keep books and reading materials readily available.

Help your child see that reading is important. Set a good example for your child by reading books, newspapers, and magazines.

Talk about what you are reading.

Join a **Family Book Club**.

Allow your child to **subscribe to magazines** based on his/her interests to encourage frequent reading.

Read and discuss newspaper and magazine articles.

Visit bookstores, public and school libraries regularly to find materials for pleasure reading.

Turn the **television off** at least once a week and read as a family.

Discuss what everyone is reading. Remind your child that sometimes adults have "homework" to do as well (i.e. reading reports, doing performance appraisals, research, etc.). This will allow your child to see the connection of reading to real life.

Create a family "word wall" on a bulletin board or the refrigerator.

Share new words you came across in your reading and what they mean.

Encourage your child to read for 15 minutes before going to sleep each night.

Take reading materials with you on outings.

Encourage your child to read while riding in the car, waiting at the doctor's office, passing time between activities. If your child has an assigned reading, try to read the same book so you can have meaningful discussions about the story. If your child is struggling to complete an assigned reading, try taking turns listening to him/her read, and reading aloud to your child, checking frequently for understanding. Ask your child about reading strategies he/she has learned at school. Have your child use these strategies when reading at home.

Encourage your child to re-read material to get a deeper understanding of its contents. This is particularly true for non-fiction material (textbook content) and material written above grade level.

Discuss the importance and approach of reading for different purposes: to entertain, to inform, to persuade, etc. Reading for different purposes helps to define the speed and depth of understanding to apply to that reading.

Distinguish between skimming, scanning, speed reading, and reading for deep understanding. Help your child to understand the appropriate applications of each.

Encourage "engagement strategies" such as highlighting, using post-it notes, underlining, and developing questions as your child reads.

Although your child should never mark in a library or school textbook, cutting post-it notes into smaller **"flags"** can serve a similar purpose.

Write notes recognizing your child's accomplishments. A little praise can go a long way! Reward progress with a trip to the bookstore to select a special book.

Consider purchasing an electronic reader (i.e. Kindle, Nook, etc.). E-readers have become very popular and may entice your child to read more often.

Emphasize the importance of reading. (<https://mailings.marketvolt.com/5461875/1sVqC5p.html>)

Thanks Dad, thank Mom!

Media Center Lunch Time Activities

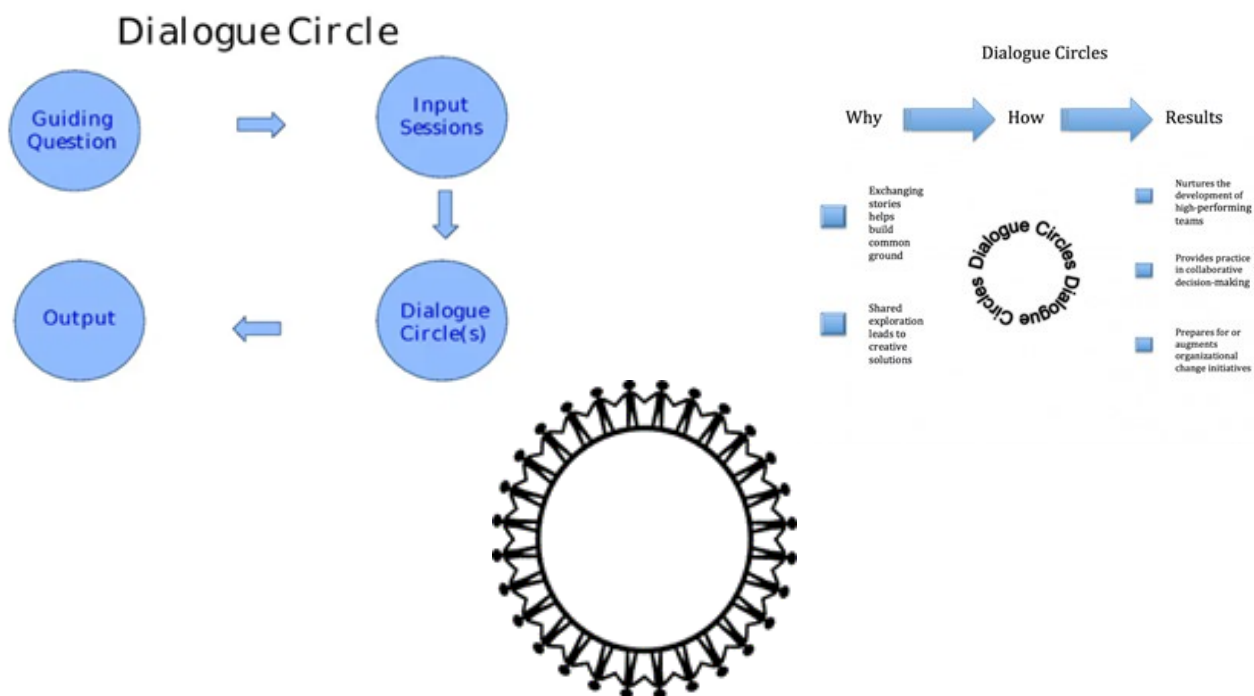
Mondays are *no-tech game days*. You must sign up with Ms. Natale to get a pass for the day's game.

Tuesdays, computer use is allowed.

Wind Down Wednesdays is when there are quiet and relaxed activities led by Ms. Natale. There is still reading, quiet games, or homework, but there is no computer use today.

Thursdays, there are board games, cartoon viewing, and reading, of course! Computers are only for homework.

Fridays, computer use is allowed.



Dialogue Circle at SMS

<https://docs.google.com/document/>

Dialogue circles are gatherings in which all participants sit in a circle facing each other to facilitate open, direct communication.

Dialogue circles provide a safe, supportive space where all school community members can talk about sensitive topics, work through differences, and build consensus.

The Sligo PTSA Sponsors Fifth Annual Fitness Fun Day

Friday, November 15, 2019.

This school-wide event promotes fitness and school spirit, as well as raises funds for critical school programs.



2019 T-Shirt Design Winner (44.3% of the Votes): Jay Thirunarayanapuram



Runner Up: 30.3% of the votes: Eryn O'Shea



3rd Place: 13.3% of the votes: Daniel Todorov



WHY?

**YOU
CAN
DO IT**

WHY?



1. Lockers are close to most of your classes. This way, in the morning when you come, you can go straight to your locker and your books for morning periods. This will help you avoid hallway traffic.
 2. Keep your locker organized! Keep a calendar, an organizer, perhaps a locker shelf, and pens and pencils in your locker. A pad or a white erase board can assist you also. This way, you can get in and out of your locker and to class quickly
 3. If necessary, carry a map of the school. This will help you mark your classes and your routes to each of them. Use different colors for different classes, and draw arrow marks to which direction you're going and at what time
 4. Make sure you know when to go to your locker. You shouldn't go to your locker without permission. If you pass your locker on the route to one of your classes, keep walking to your class for that period. Try not to move out of your pathway to access something.
 5. Get to school early. This way you have some time to organize your locker. Put your books in the order of your schedule to cut off on in between-classes time. Get your books for your first few classes (or the classes that you have until you can get to your locker) and put them in your bag. Then go to your first class.
 6. Be assertive. If you aren't very assertive, you may get held up in the hallway. Sometimes you may need to excuse yourself as you kindly move through your fellow peers.
 7. Avoid having to go to your locker between classes. If you can, it's always better to go to your locker before your lunch break (since you can't be late to that period) and get the necessary materials for the rest of the day. It will make it easier for you to get to your classes after lunch, while avoiding crowded hallway staircases
 8. Request permission to use the restroom. If you need to go to the restroom, you must ask your teacher.
 9. Wear a watch. Knowing the time can easily help you keep track of how fast you need to move. Train your watch to the same scheduling as your school bells and music.
 10. Do not socialize in the halls! It's almost unavoidable, but the only way to make it to class on time is to go straight to it. However, you can walk with a classmate who has the same class as you and talk. Stallions, Sligo Nation, yes, you can do it!
- Some material support is from: <https://www.wikihow.com/Get-to-Class-on-Time>



Homework Hotline Live Info for School

- For intercom and school TV announcements
- Go dates: 9/25/18 – 4/1/19
- Please read copy below often during above dates

General Info:

Phone: 301-279-3234 to call in with question
Text: 724-427-5445 to text questions/send photo of problem

Live TV show on Comcast 33, Verizon 35, RCN 88
www.AskHHL.org



Intramurals, Intramurals, Afterschool basketball intramurals on Wednesdays are full. No new permission slips will be excepted due to the number of students already signed up. The other intramurals offered are still open. Ms. C. Musgrove



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Funday



mathletes

Ms. Maxson, SMS Advisor

The *mathletes* are a math team that compete against other schools in *Montgomery county*

on fun and challenging math problems.

Christian Villatoro

Xavier Raymond

Solomon Silver

Nick Manwell

Zain Pilcher

April Lidz

Alessandro Lisa

Ben Handleman

Jacob Carle

Jason Nguyen

Eleanor Greco

Jonathan Dawit



Sports

From the desk of Coach John Lynch

Boys Softball/ Basketball Coach

8th graders

Logan, Thomas Barr, Dignan

7th graders

Donovan, Darrian, Dominick, Peter, Ari, Ian, William, Adam, Nikos, Oliver

Manager

Ashton



Sports Report from October 2, 2019

Sports Update: *From the Desk of Coach Fisher* - Congratulations to the girl's softball team on their 18-1 win vs. Lee middle school. A home run from Siri Johnson and a grand slam from Megan Mahtesian sealed the deal for the Stallion victory. Way to go girls!

Sports Update: *From the Desk of Coach Lynch* - Boys softball opened with a 19-2 win over Lee MS. The team was led defensively by Will Rankin on the mound throwing 4 strikeouts and a great shoelace catch. Dom "The Godfather" LaCosta hitting a 2 run homer. Check out sports updates in the Spring Stampede edition...

Coach Buckley Presents

SMS Girl's 2020 Basketball Team



From the desk of Coach Buckley: dated 1.15.2020: Sligo Girls Basketball wins their first game of the season 33-12 against Eastern. Renee Boissiere and Maeve Salzman led the team in scoring. Caroline Evans and Laila Grey played hard dominating defense.

From the desk of Coach Buckley: dated 1.22.20—Sligo Girls basketball played great defense yesterday holding Newport Mill to only 7 points! Scoring 7-17.

Renee Boissiere

Caroline Evans

Laila Grey

Samantha Hase

Elle Juergens

Sophia Landa

Scarlett Lane

Megan Mahtesian

Jayden Manley

Elizabeth Pitner

Maeve Salzman

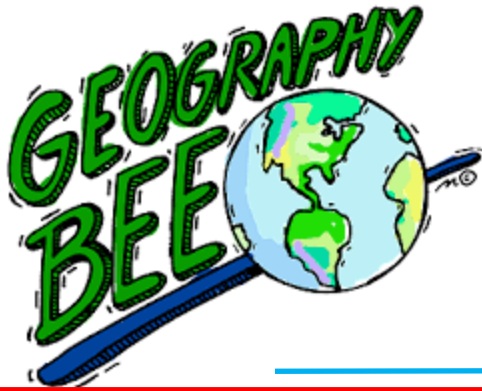
Madeleine Wenk

Olivia Wenk

Manager:

Mary Kelly and Ana Ramos





From the Desk of Ms. Corvelli: "The Sligo Geography Bee final rounds took place in January. Congratulations to our school champion, Adam Gleason, who took first place! Bennett Parker took 2nd place, and Ben Novalijah earned 3rd. Congratulations to all of the class winners who competed."

Montgomery County History Day

From the desk of Ms. Chichester (Content Specialist) On Tuesday, Jan. 21st seventh-grade students in the Global Humanities course will be presenting their National History Day Project during PRIDE and periods 1-3 in the Media Center to judges. Student participation in the competition is a county requirement. Once students finish presenting their projects, they will be sent to class. If Jan. 21st is a snow day, students will participate in the school-wide competition on Thursday, Jan. 23rd (at the same time) instead. Please feel free to come in and check out their work. Students will be responsible for making-up all assignments missed due to their absence from class.

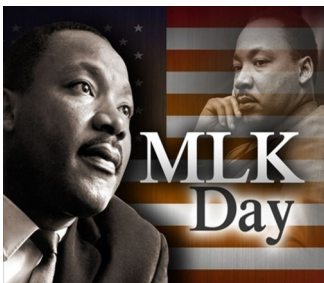
(<https://montgomeryhistory.org/history-day/>) The National History Day Competition is a transformative learning experience for middle and high school students in which they learn about history hands-on by creating projects centered around a theme; in 2020, it is "Breaking Barriers in History." Through months of research using primary and secondary sources, students create and present a presentation in one of five formats: paper, exhibit, documentary, performance, or website.

For the first time History Day is now written into the MCPS curriculum for 7th grade advanced learners, something Montgomery History has been working to achieve for the past five years. As a result, the number of young people participating is exploding from a few hundred to over 4,000!

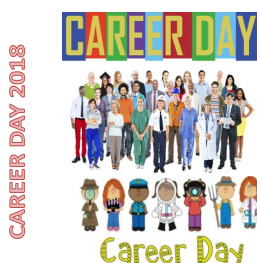
MCPS students who compete at the school level and are chosen to go onto the county level will compete on Saturday, February 29, at Northwood High School. Winners will then advance to the state level and those winners will advance to the national competition held at the University of Maryland, College Park, this year from June 14-18. SMS Competition winners are: **Individual documentaries—the winner is Sean Josey**, **Group documentaries-the winners are Samantha Hase and Chloe Pegg**; **Group website-the winners are Donovan Carnell and Arsenii Tambovtcev**, **Individual exhibits-the winner is Benjamin Polito**; **Group exhibit-the winner is Remy Groenendaal, Scarlett Lane, Amber Mantiply, and Keelin Pegg**. We are so very proud of each of you.

Education in ACTION

Throughout the year, SMS moves forward with "Education in Action" with various projects and celebrations. Learning can be fun and is very interesting.



Celebrations and Special Days



Sligo preparing students for the world of communication



WSLI is on the Air



TV Directors Observations! 2020 Production Team Leaders are Caroline Evans, Elle Juergens, Kaizad Sribnick. WSLI TV Production Team Members are Silas Juergens, Nick Manwell, Ben Freund, Bolu Adefisan, Grace Everitt, Liya Teketel, Fiona Carpenter, Esraa, E., Mariei Shepherd, Phillip Beck, Taikirha Miller, Daniela R., Bolu Adefisan. Kudos goes out to each of these wonderful students who are highly commended for their awesome efforts in producing the daily school morning announcement via the public address system. On Mondays, this communication team takes great delight in sharing sports updates and the morning announcements throughout the school via the Promethean Board which is seen in each Pride Class. It has been remarkably stated by our school Admins and various staff, that this is a very professional production team. These students operate and support each other in a most excellent way. Special thanks to them and their parents.



Sligo MS Calendar 2019-2020 School Year PTSA and other Important Dates

Tuesday, August 27 Latino Parent Partnership Meeting 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm; **Thursday, August 29** New Student Orientation, 8 am -12:00 pm

New Student Parent Meeting, 7 pm; **Thursday, August 29** Back to School Lunch for Teachers 12:15 pm; **Thursday, September 5** Back to School Night, 6:30 pm - 9 pm

Tuesday, September 10 PTSA General Meeting 7 pm; Agenda: Get to Know PTSA Membership Information; Approve Budget 2018-19 Highlight Important Dates/ Volunteer

Opportunities Questions answered by 8th grade parents; **Tuesday, October 8** PTSA General Meeting 7 pm; **Thursday, October 11** 7 th Grade Field Trip: National Aquarium

Friday, October 12 Staff Mini-Grant Deadline; **Monday, October 14** Open House; **Thursday, October 17** Fall Concert, 7:15 pm – 9:15 pm (PTSA Concessions)

Wednesday, October 23 Theatre NY Field Trip (tentative); **Thursday, October 24** 6th Grade Field Trip: Walter’s Museum; **Friday, November 1** 8th Grade Field Trip: National Mall/Capitol Hill/Smithsonian

Monday, November 11 Parent-Teacher Conferences, 1 pm - 7 pm; (PTSA to provide food for staff); **Tuesday, November 12** Career Day (Early Release Day)

Thur. & Fri., Nov. 14/15 Fall Drama Show (PTSA Concessions?); **Friday, November 15** Fitness Fun Day; **Tuesday, December 10** PTSA General Meeting 7 pm

Wed., Thur., Fri. Dec. 11,12,13 Winter Concert (tentative); (PTSA Concessions); **Friday, December 20** Sligo All School Activity; **Mon. & Tue., Jan. 6/7** Finance Park (7th Grade—parent volunteers needed)

Tuesday, January 14 PTSA General Meeting, 7 PM; **Thursday, January 16** Geography Bee; **Friday, January 17** Talent Show, 7:15 pm - 9:15 pm; **Thursday, January 23** Incoming 6th Grade Parent Meeting, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

February Black History Month Celebrations; **Monday, February 10** Book Fair (tentative); **Tuesday, February 11** PTSA General Meeting, 7 PM

Friday, February 21 7th Grade Field Trip, Holocaust Memorial; **Tuesday, March 3** Literacy Night; **Tuesday, March 10** PTSA General Meeting, 7 pm

Friday, March 20 8th Grade Field Trip, AFI Theater; **Thursday, March 26th** STEM Night/Science Fair 6 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday, April 2 Book Wars Field Trip; **Mon., April 6- Mon., April 13** Spring Break; **Tuesday, April 14** PTSA General Meeting, 7 pm

Thur., Fri., Sat. April 16-18 Spring Musical (tentative) (Concessions); **Friday, April 24** Salad Party (Science Department, PTSA liaison needed)

May Teacher Appreciation Week; **Monday - Friday, May 4-8** 6th Grade Outdoor Education; **Tuesday, May 12** General PTSA Meeting, 7 PM

Elect new PTSA Board, Approve Provisional Budget for 2020-2021

Saturday, May 18 Music Mania, 1 pm – 5 pm; **Tue. - Thur., May 19-21** Soccer Tournament 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Thursday, May 21 Spring Concert: Choral; **Wednesday, May 27** Sports Banquet 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Friday, May 29 Music in the Parks; **Friday, June 5** 8th Grade Dinner Dance, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm; **Tuesday, June 9** 8 th Grade Field Trip, Kings Dominion

Wednesday, June 10 NJHS Ceremony; **Thursday, June 11** 8th grade Promotion Ceremony and Reception, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Friday, June 12 6th and 7th Grade Field Trips; **Monday, June 15** Sligo Field Day/Last Day of School

TBD

Arts Night

International Night

Dances

Dine Outs

Concession Stands (which events)





Throughout the year, Sligo launches many community missions and programs. This year, staff and students honored this mission by collectively wearing Pink on October 25th. This support helps to spread the word about mammograms and raise awareness about the importance of early detection of ..

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SLIGO FITNESS FUN DAY 2019-20