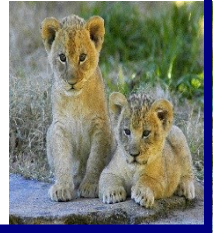




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The Galway Pledge : We pledge to respect one another, to be trustworthy and fair. We will care about each other, and be good citizens. Above all else, I will take responsibility for my actions, in a quest to build a better you...and a better me.

Our Vision: Galway Elementary School will empower students to be valued, productive members of a global society.

Principally Speaking: “Teacher Appreciation”

I want to acknowledge the wonderful staff that we have at Galway. They tirelessly give of themselves everyday to provide a rigorous academic environment. The staff has risen to the challenge of both virtual and in-person learning and consistently provided a nurturing learning experience. I certainly appreciate all they do and I am so thankful that we have parents who also appreciate them. Our Galway community helps make this a great place to work. Give staff a shout-out for *Teacher Appreciation Week* beginning this week. I hope this year's poem exemplifies the partnership staff and parents enjoy each day.

Unity

I dreamt I stood in a studio,
And watched two sculptors there.
The clay they used was a young child's mind,
And they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher, the tools he used
Were books, music, and art.
One a parent with a guiding hand
And a gentle loving heart.

Day after day, the teacher toiled,
With a touch that was deft and sure.
While the parent labored by his side,
And polished and smoothed it o'er.

And when at last, their work was done,
They were proud of what they had wrought.
For the things they had molded into the child,
Could neither be sold nor bought.

And each agreed they would have failed
If each had worked alone,

For behind the parent stood the school
And behind the teacher the home.

-Author Unknown



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2-May 15
Virtual Book Fair

May 3-May 7
School Nutrition Appreciation Week

May 6
Math Night

May 3-May 7
Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

May 11
4th Grade Event 6:30-7:30 pm

May 13
School Closed-Professional Day

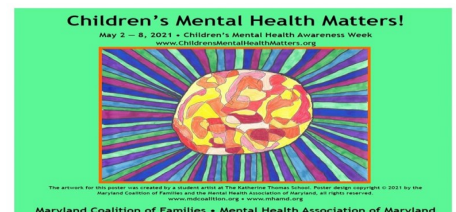
May 15
Galway Flower Planting by PTA
Saturday-9:30 am-in front of school

May 17
PTA General Meeting -7:30 pm

May 20
3rd Grade Event 6:30-7:30 pm

May 25
Kindergarten Event 6:30-7:30 pm

May 31
School Closed-Memorial Day



Parents & Students please join us for
Galway's Annual

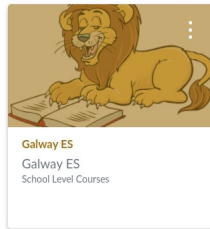
Family Math Night!

Thursday, May 6th 6:30PM-8:00PM
(This is a virtual event this year.)

[Click here](#) to join us at 6:30pm in the "Welcome Room"
for an overview of the activities!
Meeting ID: 885 9403 8388
Password: 141330

Activities include:
Building and Engineering, High Level Tasks,
Math Movement & Family Kahoot!

Join in through your Student MCPS Google Account
You can access all of the activities through your Galway ES classroom!



Then click on the Family Math Night link!



Scholastic Virtual Book Fair May 2-May 15

The Book Fair will connect your kids to notable books and inspiring characters—helping them become lifelong readers. And you'll love the option to experience the magic of a Book Fair through this season's new Virtual Fair experience!

Plus, enjoy these special virtual shopping features:

- Access to over 6,000 products
- All orders ship direct to home
- FREE shipping on book-only orders over \$25*
- All purchases support our school (we earn 25% in rewards)!

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with virtual shopping: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/galwayelementaryschool2>



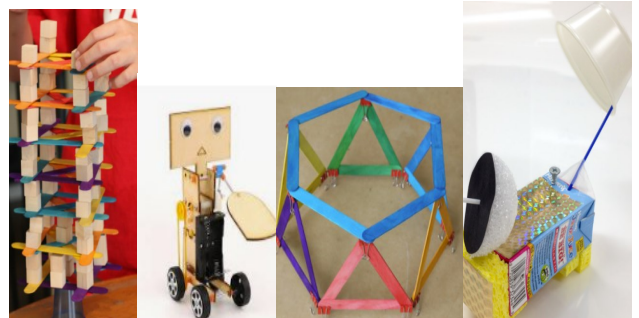
Hello Galway Lions! Your Family's Spring STEM challenge is to:

Create something you can use with materials found IN your home. Your design should be able to: move, glide, or hold an object.

Due Date: May 28th

Submit your entries here:

The following are just examples, but your design possibilities are endless!



Summer School-ELO (Extended Learning Opportunities)

July 6-August 6

- Student Registration begins **May 3**
- In-person -5 days per week 9:30am-4:00 pm
- All students registered for incoming K-5 are eligible
- Free meals & transportation
- Includes ELA block, Math block, Science/STEM block
- Recreational Program- 4:00-6:00 pm for rising grades 1-5

Please contact Dr. Ham, the school counselor if you need assistance at Dwayne_E_Ham@mcpsmd.org

Galway Elementary School



Will your child be 5 years old by September 1, 2021?
Register your child now for Kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year.
Please do not wait until summer to enroll!

Registration URL for Parents/Guardians New to MCPS
https://md-mcps.edupoint.com/PXP2_OEN_Login.aspx

Registration URL Parents/Guardians with ParentVUE accounts
https://md-mcps.edupoint.com/PXP2_Login.aspx

Call Ms. Jean
Lohr if you have
questions about
Kindergarten
Registration
301-595-2930

Early Entrance to Kindergarten

Children who will turn five years old between September 2 and October 15, 2021 are eligible for consideration for the early entrance to kindergarten process. Complete the early entrance application. Call Galway so your child can be on a list for an assessment appointment.

Prekindergarten

Montgomery County Pre-K registration is available for children who will be 4-years old by September 1, 2021. Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is now open. Registration for Pre-K is not done at the local school. Please go to this website:

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/dtecps/earlychildhood/prek/>

https://bit.ly/MCPS_Registration_Survey



SAVE THE DATE!
 Title I Summer Programs
 July 6-August 6, 2021
 Exploration - Learning - Fun!



ELO SAIL K-5

- All rising K-5th grade students invited
- Literacy, math, science, enrichment, and hands-on exploration!

2 Models Offered
 A Fully Virtual Model
 or
 An In-Person Model at your child's school

ELO STEP 3-5

- Selected rising 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students invited
- Enriching learning experiences with a focus on critical and creative thinking skills



<http://bit.ly/2021ELOTitleI>



Registration is coming soon! For more information, please visit the Title I webpage at <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/dtecps/title1/elo.aspx> or scan the QR Code



RESERVE LA FECHA!
 Programas de Verano de Título I
 Julio 6-Agosto 6, 2021
 Exploración - Aprendizaje - ¡Diversión!



ELO SAIL K-5

- Se invita a todos los estudiantes de kínder a quinto grado
- ¡Lectura, escritura, matemáticas, ciencias, enriquecimiento y exploración práctica!

Se ofrece 2 modelos
 Un modelo totalmente virtual
 o
 Un modelo en persona en la escuela de su hijo

ELO STEP 3-5

- estudiantes seleccionados de tercer, cuarto y quinto grado
- Enriquecer las experiencias de aprendizaje con un enfoque en las habilidades de pensamiento crítico y creativo.



<http://bit.ly/ELO21Espanol>



¡La inscripción llegará pronto! Para obtener más información, visite la página web del Título I en <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/dtecps/title1/elo.aspx> o escanea el código QR

MONTGOMERY COUNTY RECREATION

SUMMER
2021

FUN, FOOD,
& FITNESS

FREE!

GALWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

12612 Galway Dr., Silver Spring

RIISING GRADES 1 - 5 | 4 P.M. - 6 P.M.

July 6 - August 6 | ACTIVE #120587

Games • Sports • Fitness • Arts & Crafts • Snacks

Space is limited and only for students attending in-person summer school. Registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. A waitlist will be maintained.

Bus transportation home is available.



MONTGOMERYCOUNTYRECREATION



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For more information and to register, visit ACTIVEMontgomery.org.
Search #112487 or call 240-777-6480



MONTGOMERY COUNTY
Recreation

Montgomery County Recreation is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
Please contact a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist at 240-777-6480 or rec.inclusion@montgomerycountymd.gov to request accommodations.



Galway Lions PTA

News for May 2021



Dear Galway Families,

We hope your students had a great start to the 4th quarter and enjoyed their **PTA Spring Greeting** that was handed out with the 4th quarter materials.

The school year is wrapping up quickly and May is already here! Some students have returned to school in-person and sounds like both the in-person and virtual students are enjoying it and doing well. Thanks to our fantastic Galway staff! Please take a moment to thank our wonderful teachers and staff for all that they are doing: **May 3-7, 2021** is **National Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week!**

With spring in full bloom, the PTA would like to help beautify our school and plant flowers in front of Galway ES. We need your help! Please mark your calendars and join us for our **Planting Event** to plant Galway's flower beds on **Saturday, May 15 at 9:30 a.m.** (rain date is Saturday, May 22). Bring your gardening tools and feel free to bring along your kids to help us as well.

Also, please consider becoming a part of the PTA officer and executive board. We are looking for volunteers to step up for the 2021-22 school year and will have our **General Membership and Election Meeting** on **Monday, May 17, 2021 on Zoom** (zoom link to follow). If you're interested in any of the positions on the board, just show up to the meeting to run from the floor or reach out to our Nominating Committee Chair via email at najah4@comcast.net. Everyone who is a current PTA member is able to be elected and also able to vote.

Not a PTA member yet? No worries, it is not too late to become a **Galway Lions PTA member** and it is just one easy click. This school year, membership dues are only \$5 (plus a \$0.68 online convenience fee). Please click on <https://galwaylionspta.new.memberhub.store/store> to join the PTA. We'd love to have you!

As always, please check out our FaceBook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/galwaylionspta>. It has a lot of information that might be interesting to you. Don't hesitate to reach out to any of us with further questions or ideas! We are looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you for our upcoming May events!

Your Galway Lions PTA Officer Board 2020-2021

President – Greta Schumacher

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2nd Vice President – Megan Meacham

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Communications Secretary – Vicky Malengo

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AFTER A CRISIS: HOW YOUNG CHILDREN HEAL

Young children, toddlers, and preschoolers know when bad things happen, and they remember what they have been through. After a scary event, we often see changes in their behavior. They may cry more, become clingy and not want us to leave, have temper tantrums, hit others, have problems sleeping, become afraid of things that didn't bother them before, and lose skills they previously mastered. Changes like these are a sign that they need help. Here are some ways you can help them.

S SAFETY FIRST—YOUR YOUNG CHILD FEELS SAFE WHEN YOU

- Hold your child or let them stay close to you.
- Tell your child you will take care of them when things are scary or difficult. With children who are learning to talk, use simple words, like saying "Daddy's here."
- Keep them away from frightening TV images and scary conversations.
- Do familiar things, like singing a song you both like or telling a story.
- Let them know what will happen next (to the degree that you know).
- Have a predictable routine, at least for bedtime: a story, a prayer, cuddle time.
- Leave them with familiar people when you have to be away.
- Tell them where you are going and when you will come back.

A ALLOW EXPRESSION OF FEELINGS

- Young children often "behave badly" when they are worried or scared. Children can "act out" as a way of asking for help. Remember! Difficult feelings = Difficult behavior.
- Help your child name how they feel: "scared," "happy," "angry," "sad." Tell them it's OK to feel that way.
- Show your child the right way to behave, like saying "It's OK to be angry but it's not OK to hit me."
- Help your child express anger in ways that won't hurt, using words, play, or drawings.
- Talk about the things that are going well to help you and your child feel good.

F FOLLOW YOUR CHILD'S LEAD

- Different children need different things. Some children need to run around, others need to be held.
- Listen to your child and watch their behavior to figure out what they need.

E ENABLE YOUR CHILD TO TELL THE STORY OF WHAT HAPPENED DURING & AFTER

- Having a story helps your child make sense of what happened and cope better with it.
- Children use play to tell their story. For example, they may make popping sounds to show what they experienced. They may hide in the closest to show what it was like to shelter-in-place.
- Join your child in showing and telling not only what happened, step by step, but also how you both felt.
- As you tell the story, follow your child's lead. When the story is difficult, your young child may need breaks: running around, being held, playing something else. This is OK. They will come back to the story when they are ready.
- It can be hard to watch your children's play or listen to their stories of what happened. Get support if it is too hard for you to listen without becoming upset.

T TIES—RECONNECT WITH SUPPORTIVE PEOPLE, COMMUNITY, CULTURE & RITUALS

- Simple things like a familiar bedtime story, a song, a prayer, or family traditions remind you and your child of your way of life and offer hope.
- If you belong to a group, like a church, try to find ways of reconnecting with them.
- You can help your child best when you take care of yourself. Get support from others when you need it.

Y YOUR CHILD NEEDS YOU

- Reassure your child that you will be together.
- It is common for children to be clingy and worried about being away from you.
- Just being with your child, even when you can't fix things, helps your child.
- If you need to leave your child, let them know for how long and when you are coming back. If possible, leave something that belongs to you, or a picture that your child can have.