

Greetings from The Creek

A new week brings new fun and new successes. Below are important reminders to help you stay involved in your child's success at Great Seneca Creek Elementary.



Calendar

Monday, October 8

- Donuts for Dad @ 7:30 AM
- Columbus Day Open House 9-11:30
- "Hats off to Athletes" Day

Tuesday, October 9

- McTeacher Night 4-9

Wednesday, October 10

- PTA Board Meeting @ 9:15

Thursday, October 11

- Student Fall pictures
- Upcounty Center for the Highly Gifted informational meeting at RCMS @ 7:00 PM
- Market Day pick up

Friday, October 12

- Walk for the Homeless @ 1:30

PTA Membership

Are you a member of the PTA? Be a part of something special at The Creek! For more information contact Allison Stein at allipta@yahoo.com.

Today is "Hats off to Athletes Day" at GSCES

This year we are beginning a new tradition at The Creek, "Hats off to Athletes Day"! All students are encouraged to wear their favorite sports apparel. Then, for a \$1 contribution they can purchase the privilege of wearing a hat in class all day. The money collected will go directly to the Jane and William McQuain Sports Scholarship fund at the Dwelling Place. This scholarship helps to ensure that all kids can have an opportunity to play!

Today is also Donuts for Dads and Open House. We invite all Dads to join us for Donuts starting at 8:00 AM. Following announcements, our classrooms will be open from 9-11:30 for parents to come observe your children in action. Our staff will be parking on the blacktop so parents are encouraged to use the staff parking lot when visiting. We hope to see you!

Movie Night

Thursday, October 18 is Movie Night at The Creek. Join us for a relaxing evening with a family movie and each other's company. Doors will open at 6:00 for families to purchase books from the Book Fair. The movie will begin at 7:00. Your children do a phenomenal job demonstrating the "3 B's" at The Creek. I ask that all families demonstrate the "3 B's" at Movie Night so that we can all enjoy the movie in a respectful and pleasant atmosphere.

The Book Fair is Coming!

The Book Fair is one of the great events organized by the PTA. The students are always excited to preview and purchase books during the week of the Book Fair. It also raises money that directly supports our students. The success of this event would not be possible without tremendous volunteer support. Can you help with this year's Book Fair? Follow this link to see how you can help and then sign up for a time slot that fits your schedule. Be part of something special!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D49AEAA238-scholastic>

Upcounty Highly Gifted Center

The Roberto Clemente Middle School Center offers two rigorous programs of academic study to highly gifted students from the upper portion of Montgomery County. Both programs feature an interdisciplinary approach in multiple subject areas. Students may apply to both programs, but may only

participate in one. There will be an informational meeting for interested students/ parents at RCMS on Thursday, October 11 at 7:00 PM.

Applications for the Elementary Centers for the *Highly Gifted (HGC)* were recently mailed directly to all parents of Grade 3 students in Montgomery County Public Schools (MSPS). This is a reminder that if you are interested in having your child considered for the HGC, you must complete the application and return it by November 2, 2012 to: HGC Application, Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services, 11721 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902. There will be two parent information meeting about the HGC on **October 3, 2012** beginning at 7:00p.m. The location for the parent information meeting will be held at Wheaton High School, 12601 Dalewood Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland 20906 and Quince Orchard High School, 15800 Quince Orchard Road, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878.

After School Language Program

The PTA would like to organize an after school language program for your children at GSCES. Please fill out the brief survey below to give us a better idea in the interest for this program and how best to proceed. Any questions please contact Sady Svedberg [240-205-0374](tel:240-205-0374)

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8VSJZLD>

2012 Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walk (Don't forget to turn in your permission forms!)

Great Seneca Creek Elementary School is excited to be participating in the 2012 Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walk! This unique program involves students in community service and supports local agencies serving homeless families. All monies collected from our walk will go directly to The Dwelling Place, Inc., a local program helping homeless families achieve independence. Participation in this event, models our commitment to educate our students regarding the importance of social responsibility and aligns with our core beliefs. Students, parents, and staff members will walk through the community to support The Dwelling Place, Inc. The walk will take place Friday, October 12, 2012 at 1:45 PM. Led by our principal Mr. Curry, we will walk down Mateny Road to Creamery Hill, along Great Seneca Highway and back on

Dairymaid to the school. Permission forms will be distributed soon! We look forward to another amazing walk!

Staff Spotlight

This month's staff spotlight features a new teacher to The Creek, but not an unfamiliar face. We're glad that Mr. Lichvar was able to remain a part of the Great Seneca Creek family.

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFile/s/schools/greatsenecacreekes/Matthew%20Lichvar%20Spotlight.pdf>

Leap Into The Creek (bi-monthly newsletter):

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFile/s/schools/greatsenecacreekes/Leap%20Creek%20Vol%203%2010-05-12.pdf>

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