

## *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

*PTA Coat, Hat, and Glove Drive all week*

#### **Monday, November 19**

- Picture make-ups from 9:30-10:30

#### **Tuesday, November 20**

- 1<sup>st</sup> grade Thanksgiving Feast @ 9:30
- Honey Baked Hams pick-up from 6:30-8:00

#### **Wednesday, November 21**

- Early Release – Thanksgiving Holiday

#### **Thursday, November 22**

- No School - Thanksgiving

#### **Friday, November 23**

- No School – Thanksgiving Break
- Five Below fundraiser begins thru 11/25

### **Thanksgiving Thoughts**

As we finish up the days before Thanksgiving, I am thankful for the opportunity to be leading a school with such a supportive and collaborative community. The partnership between Bullfrog families and staff truly makes The Creek a great place for kids. I thank you all for welcoming me with open arms during the first quarter of the school year. During the Thanksgiving Break, take time to enjoy your families and return refreshed and ready to learn together.

### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

It was wonderful to see so many of you during our conferences this past week. We had almost 95% of the families attend parent conferences with classroom teachers. We always enjoy an opportunity to meet with each of you and share celebrations and areas of focus regarding your children. It demonstrates your involvement in our school program and gives us all an indication of "what's going on at home" so we can support you in your work as you continue to support us in ours.

### **ESOL Parent Night**

Thank you to everyone who came out to our first ESOL Parent Night of the year. We had over 30 parents attend. What a show of commitment to our Bullfrogs!



### **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](mailto:allipta@yahoo.com).

### **Outdoor Recess Policy**

Temperatures have dropped and it is getting colder with each passing week. Generally, students will go outside for recess when it is 32°F or warmer. Anytime the temperature falls below 32°F, then we will stay inside. Please help us by making sure that your children are coming to school with appropriate winter clothing, coats, hats and gloves, as they will be going outside for recess on most days.

### **Coat, Hat and Glove Drive**

Please help us keep our students warm this season by donating a NEW or gently used coat to our school. Sorry, but we will only be able to accept NEW hats and gloves. We will be accepting all school age sizes with a focus on 8-14. All donations will be given to our home students first and then to other nearby schools with a need. There will be a collection box located in front of the All-Purpose Room for your donations. For more information please contact Daniele Richmond [richmondkids237@gmail.com](mailto:richmondkids237@gmail.com).

### **Thai Taniam Restaurant Night...**

is Monday November 19<sup>th</sup> from 5 until 10 pm. Please stop in and show your support! Their menu can be found at <http://www.thaitaniumrestaurant.com/>. For more information contact Susan Strawser at [Strawserfamily@verizon.net](mailto:Strawserfamily@verizon.net).

### **Five Below Fundraiser...**

is Black Friday November 23<sup>rd</sup> thru Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>. GSCES PTA will get 15% back on every order. You must present a flier which will go home this week! For more information contact Susan Strawser at [Strawserfamily@verizon.net](mailto:Strawserfamily@verizon.net).

### **Bingo Night**

It's that time of year, BINGO NIGHT at The Creek. We are looking for volunteers, both parent and student, to help make our Bingo Night a big success. We need help with selling and counting Bingo sheets, selling and handing out pizza and drinks, set up and clean up, working the prize table and the most important of

all...Prize Donations! We are looking for prizes to give to our big Bingo winners. Both big and small are welcome, the more prizes we receive the more winners. Sign up for a volunteer slot or a prize donation at SignupGenius at:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0C4BA5AC2EA20-bingo](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0C4BA5AC2EA20-bingo)

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0C4BA5AC2EA20-bingol](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0C4BA5AC2EA20-bingol)

For more information contact the Colwells' at

[pgcolwell@yahoo.com](mailto:pgcolwell@yahoo.com).

### **After-School Clubs**

Due to Hurricane Sandy, we missed our Tuesday Club on October 30<sup>th</sup>, but don't worry, we will make it up.

Tuesday clubs will be extended and end on Tuesday December 11, 2012. This will be the last day for Tuesday clubs. Thursday clubs will end on December 6. Please make a note!

### **Staff Spotlight**

This month's staff spotlight features a new teacher to The Creek. Please welcome Mrs. Waugh-Clayton to our GSCES family.

[http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/greatsenecacreekes/staff/Maria\\_Clayton\\_Spotlight.pdf](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/greatsenecacreekes/staff/Maria_Clayton_Spotlight.pdf)

### **Leap Into The Creek (bi-monthly newsletter):**

[http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/greatsenecacreekes/Leap\\_Creek\\_Vol\\_6\\_11-16-12.pdf](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/greatsenecacreekes/Leap_Creek_Vol_6_11-16-12.pdf)

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