

Husky Herald

Clearspring ES

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Gilbertson's Good News

Great things happen here!!

Happy Autumn!!!

Teachers are wrapping up their **assessments in math and reading**. These are snapshots in time and do not replace the on-going assessment that takes place day to day in the classroom. We will revisit these assessments in the winter and again in the spring to look for growth in our students' learning. If you have any questions about the assessments themselves, please contact your child's teacher.

Halloween is coming. As is the tradition here at Clearspring, we will have a parade around the front of the building at 2:30 p.m. With our late lunch schedule, we will not have time for the parade and classroom parties. However, if you would like to provide a "goodie bag" for your child's class, you can do so. We ask that **NO CANDY**

or **FOOD** of any kind be in those bags. They can have stickers, pencils, erasers, etc. only. Children should bring their costumes with them and **NOT** wear them to school. They will have plenty of time to prepare that afternoon. Also, "weapons" that go with costumes are not to be brought to school. Thank you for understanding.

Open House is this **Monday, October 9th from 9:00–11:00 a.m.** We hope you will join us! This is a great opportunity for you to observe what is occurring within your child's classroom.

Have a fantastic weekend and we'll see everyone on Monday!!!

☺ *Mrs. Gilbertson*

Mark your Calendars

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EVENTS

- **Oct 5–Early Release** at 12:55, 10:50 a.m. for PreK
- **Oct 8–Picture Day**
- **Oct 8, 9-11 a.m.–Open House**
- **Oct 10, 7-8 p.m.–PTA Meeting**
- **Oct 11–No School for Head Start Students.**
- **Oct 16–Kindergarten Trip to Gaver Tree Farm**
- **Oct 16–Grade 1 Field Trip to Clarks Elioak Farm**
- **Oct 18–No School for PreK Students**
- **Oct 21, 3-4 p.m.–Trunk or Treat in the Clearspring ES Parking Lot**
- **Oct 24–Grade 5 Gen Ed – Camp Flintlock in school field trip**
- **Oct 25–Grade 5 trip to The Music Center of Strathmore**
- **Oct 26–Grade 4 CES trip to Walter's Art Gallery**
- **Oct 30–PreK Ramdat's class trip to Sharps in AM - no afternoon PreK.**
- **Oct 31–Halloween Parties 2:30 pm**
- **November 29, 6:30-8 p.m. – Academic night**

All dates and events are listed on: [Clearspring ES](#) and the [Clearspring PTA](#) websites.

Upcoming Info

Please stay up to date by visiting our web page. It's a "one stop shop" for all things Clearspring.

Clearspring PTA Photo Fundraiser:

The Clearspring PTA annual photo fundraiser is back again by popular demand! Sign up today to get a spot for this awesome opportunity on Sunday, October 7, 2018. A \$50 sitting fee for several digital images that are ready in plenty of time for holiday cards is unbeatable! Deadline to sign up is Tuesday, October 2, 2018. Click below for details and to grab a spot! Thank you for your support!

[Clearspring PTA Photo Fundraiser Sign-Up](#)

Important Forms:
[Alternative to Halloween Party](#)

MCPS Info & Links:
[MCPS information](#)

[Lice Information](#)

[HPV Virus Information](#)

When your child is sick, keep him/her home from

school. This not only benefits your child but other children and staff in the classroom at school. Here is a link from the Montgomery County Department of Health.

[When to Keep Your Child Home From School](#)

There are Flu Clinics offered at various MCPS high schools for ages 3 to 18 year olds.

[Flu Clinics.pdf](#)

Counselor's Corner *October 2018*

Happy October Clearspring Families! My lessons during the month of October will be focusing on a variety of topics including stress management, mindfulness, bullying, and conflict resolution. If you see a worksheet from one of my lessons in your child's folder, please ask him or her to tell you about it! I always tell students to share what they learned during my lessons with their parents. Talking about your perspectives on topics like dealing with worries, getting along with friends, etc. is very important for your children to hear. These conversations can be very beneficial for the whole family to have.

October is Mental Health Awareness Month throughout MCPS. We will be sharing tips with students on the morning announcements about ways to destress, practice mindfulness, and use positive coping mechanisms starting October 16th. I will be promoting mental health awareness during all of my lessons this month as well.

During the month of November, I will be going into every classroom to deliver Personal Body Safety Lessons (please read the attached letter). These lessons were developed by MCPS to make sure all children know how to respond in dangerous and/or uncomfortable situations. These lessons emphasize knowing how to escape from child predators and how to tell a trusted adult about what happened. Be on the lookout for worksheets coming home about this topic. As always, I encourage you to continue this discussion with your children at home. It is important that they know they can talk to you if they ever do find themselves in an uncomfortable or dangerous situation.

Additionally, this is Clearspring's 12th year as a

PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports) school! Students earn Husky Paws for following the Clearspring Expectations (being respectful, responsible, and safe) and use them when the Rewards Cart comes by every other week to order both tangible and intangible items (including special events!). You can always view the PBIS catalog of items on Clearspring's website under the PBIS tab. The Rewards Cart has already started making its rounds. If you would like to volunteer to help out with the Rewards Cart, please email me directly and let me know - we still need volunteers for 3rd and 4th grade.

Here are two articles that may help shed some light on how to help your children cope with worry in healthy ways:

[Six Ways Good Parents Contribute To Their Child's Anxiety](#)

[What To Do \(And Not Do\) When Children Are Anxious](#)

As always, feel free to contact me at [Tara B Gray@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Tara_B_Gray@mcpsmd.org) or 240-740-2587 (direct line).

Tara Gray, NCC
School Counselor

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Interested in the Middle School Magnet Program?

The Upcounty Center Program at Roberto Clemente Middle School (RCMS) is hosting an informational night for interested 5th grade students and their parents on October 12, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. It will take place at RCMS and those in attendance will learn details about the program and the application process. There will be a question and answer session as well. The application for this program is due on November 3rd and the testing date for interested students is on January 6th, from 8-11AM.

Also, there will be a Parent/Guardian/Student Information Meeting about Middle School Magnet Options – October 15, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Gaithersburg High School

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SGA Happenings

The SGA has chosen our meeting dates for the year. We will meet on the first Wednesday of each month

beginning in November, except in June, when will meet on Thursday, June 6th.

5th graders who were running for officer position; President, Vice President, and Secretary, gave their speeches on Monday, October 1st.

Class Representative permission slips will go home after the elections, and anyone interested should return the permission slip signed by a parent by Friday, October 5th.

We will begin our first philanthropy of the year Monday, October 1st. We will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the Manna Food Center, who will distribute them to families in need throughout Montgomery County. The home room that collects the most we get free admission into the PBIS fall party. We will collect through Tuesday, October 31th.

Worth Repeating
Children need to **be in class by the 9:00 bell** or they will be marked tardy

When children are absent, they MUST have a note upon returning to school. Or report the via the online form [Online Absence Notice](#)

