

## *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 1

- Northwest Cluster PTA Meeting at GSCES @ 7:00

#### Tuesday, October 2

- PTA Meeting @ 7:00

#### Wednesday, October 3

- Walk to School Day

#### Thursday, October 4

#### Friday, October 5

- Market Day orders due

#### October PTA Meeting

Join us on Tuesday, October 2 for the monthly PTA meeting. In addition to hearing updates on events and fundraisers, Ms. Lisa Norris, GSCES Media Specialist, will be presenting a lesson using the Promethean Board. Come gain a first-hand understanding of how the fundraising efforts of the PTA strengthens the instructional program at The Creek.

#### 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).

#### Hats Off to Athletes Day

On Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> Great Seneca Creek will hold its first Hats off to Athletes Day! All students are encouraged to wear sports apparel to school on this day. They can wear something from a sport or team they play, or from a favorite team. Then for a **\$1 contribution, they can wear a hat in school all day!** All proceeds from "Hat Day" will go directly to the Jane and William McQuain Sports Scholarship at the Dwelling Place.



#### Walk to School Day

All children and adults need to learn and practice essential pedestrian skills. Walking to school enables children to incorporate the regular physical activity they need each day while also forming healthy habits that can last a lifetime. Walking to school also helps reduce the amount of air pollutants emitted by vehicles. GSCES is proud to join with thousands of schools across America by participating in International Walk to School Day. Please join us by walking to school with your child on Wednesday, October 3.

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!

**Free and Reduced Meals Application Forms**

Parents, Free and Reduced application forms need to be turned in as soon as possible if you wish to apply. The Division of Food and Nutrition Services have thousands of applications to process. Meal benefit eligibility from last year will remain current only through September 2012 or until a 2012-2013 application is processed. Students who received meal benefits last year must have a new application approved by the end of September in order to continue receiving free or reduced-price meals. Beginning October 1st, all students who do not have an approved application for the current year must pay for meals until a new application is processed.

**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/uploadedFiles/schools/greatsenecacreekes/Matthew%20Lichvar%20Spotlight.pdf>

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

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/greatsenecacreekes/Leap%20Creek%20Vol%202%209-21-12.pdf>

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