

## *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, September 24**

- Vocelli Pizza Spirit Night

#### **Tuesday, September 25**

- Volunteer Training @ 11:30 and 4:00

#### **Wednesday, September 26**

- No School – Yom Kippur

#### **Thursday, September 27**

#### **Friday, September 28**

- Early Release Day – Grading/Planning
- KidStuff Coupon Book orders due

### **FYI...**

**Calling all Volunteers!!!!** Please mark your calendars as we will be conducting volunteer training sessions for parents new to Great Seneca Creek and returning volunteers. The sessions will be held in the media center on Tuesday, September 25th. In order to accommodate schedules, we are offering a choice of two training times, 11:30-12:30 p.m. or 4:00-5:00 p.m. If you plan to attend, RSVP to Mrs. Redman ([Rebecca E Redman@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Rebecca_E_Redman@mcpsmd.org)). We welcome and appreciate all volunteers and look forward to working with you in support of our students. Thank you for your support!

**Kidstuff Coupon Books** Our PTA fundraiser for Kidstuff Coupon Books will be coming to a close this Friday, 9/28. The coupon books were sent home to the youngest in the family for students in Kindergarden and 1st grade. For the families that received the books, we ask that you either send in the \$25 for the book or return it to your student's teacher. Families that have students in 2nd - 5th grades should have received an order form that



was sent home. The order form can be returned to your student's teacher with payment for a book(s) and the coupon book(s) will then be sent home with your child shortly thereafter. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Morrison at [taymor101@yahoo.com](mailto:taymor101@yahoo.com) or 301-613-7599. Thank you for your support!

### **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).

### **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.

**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.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Please join me in congratulating Ms. Michelle Miller for being recognized with the Career Elementary Art Teacher Award by the Maryland Art Education Association (MAEA). She has always done an incredible job of supporting her students, as well as the arts program for MCPS. She has modeled and demonstrated a love for art that is contagious with her students. She will be presented the award at the state conference on October 19, at James Hubert Blake HS in Silver Spring. Congratulations Ms. Miller!

### **IN CASE YOU MISSED IT**

Recently, The Washington Post sent a reporter to Great Seneca Creek to see how technology was integrated into our instruction. The reporter observed 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes, as well as a class visiting the media center. The reporter was able to gain a firsthand understanding of how technology engages students in their learning, leading to a deeper understanding of content topics. The article from her visit can be found at: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/montgomery-schools-plan-to-buy-2000-interactive-whiteboards-upgrade-wireless/2012/09/16/e1052cdc-fb7c-11e1-8adc-499661afe377\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/montgomery-schools-plan-to-buy-2000-interactive-whiteboards-upgrade-wireless/2012/09/16/e1052cdc-fb7c-11e1-8adc-499661afe377_story.html)

### **PEACE WEEK**

Thank you so much for helping to make Peace Week a success. Our Bullfrog students learned about the meaning of world peace week, Nobel Peace Prize winners, displayed over 2,000 peaceful acts of kindness and participated in a

peace walk! Thank you again for your ongoing support!

<https://twitter.com/CurryAtTheCreek/status/249177284001538049/photo/1>

### **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>

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