



The Goshen Link

Connecting Home and School

Goshen Elementary School

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Dates to Remember

October

23 Kindergarten classes to
Green Meadows Farm
10:00 am-1:00 pm
PTA Sponsored "Family
Night" 7:00 pm

30 Walk for the Homeless
9:30 am

Hispanic Month Assembly
10:15 am

Halloween Parade 2:00 pm

From Your PrincipalLinda King

Thank you to all of you who visited during our annual Open House last week. We heard many positive comments on all the excellent teaching and learning that is happening at Goshen ES. The students especially enjoyed having their parents join them for part of the day.

Our annual Halloween parties and parade will be held on October 30. Our parade will start at 2:00 p.m. and classroom parties will follow. As your child/children plan their costumes, please keep this guideline in mind: *No props that are weapons (even "pretend") such as knives or guns should be brought to school.* We also ask that your child not dress in costumes that portray violence or are extremely frightening. We want this afternoon to be fun and enjoyable for all, including our younger students and visitors. Students should wear regular school clothes on that day and bring their costume to school in a bag. There will be time to change into costumes before the parade begins. If you do not want your child to participate in the Halloween activities, please notify your child's teacher. We will provide an alternate activity.

Also, on October 30 at approximately 9:30 a.m., Goshen students and staff will be participating in the annual Walk for the Homeless.

The first marking period ends next week on Friday, October 30. Parent conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 11 and Thursday, November 12. Please be sure that you have signed up for a conference with your child's/children's teachers. Our goal is to meet with the parent/guardian of **every** student!

Our Gaithersburg Cluster Saturday School is now in session! It is held each Saturday from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Gaithersburg High School. The classes focus on the MCPS Reading/Language Arts curriculum, as well as on the math curriculum. I encourage all students to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for a little "extra" tutoring in reading and math. It is free; if you need assistance with the \$30 registration fee, please let me know.





Attention All Families of Fifth Grade Students! There's Still Time !!

The application materials for the Upcounty Center Programs for the Highly Gifted at Roberto Clemente will be available online in mid-October at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms. **All fifth graders are eligible to apply.** These are exciting opportunities for interesting and challenging experiences at Roberto Clemente Middle School. One program focuses on math, science, and computer science, while the other program focuses on humanities and communication arts. Please complete the form on the attached flyer and return it to your homeroom teacher. Some important dates to remember:

Thursday, October 29, 2009, 7:00 p.m. Application Workshop at Gaithersburg HS
Monday, November 2, 2009, 7:00 p.m. Application Workshop at Wheaton HS
Monday, November 9, 2009 Application deadline, postmarked or delivered

Please also visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms for information about the Middle School Magnet Consortium programs at Argyle Middle School, Loiederman Middle School, and Parkland Middle School. The *Choice Form* is due November 9, 2009. Information meetings and Open Houses are as follows:

Wednesday, October 28, 2009 7:00 p.m. Argyle Magnet MS for Digital Design & Development
Thursday, November 5, 2009 7:00 p.m. Parkland Magnet MS for Aerospace Technology

Community Service Day

The 23rd Annual *Montgomery County Community service Day* is being observed on Saturday, October 24, 2009. This annual event, also known as *Make a Difference Day*, is part of President Obama's *United We Serve* national campaign. MCPS is partnering with the Montgomery County Volunteer Center for Community Service Day with thousands of residents offering their service back into the community. If your family or organization is interested in participating, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgtmpl.asp?url=content/volunteer/csd2009.asp to be matched to a project or learn how to organize your own self-directed service project. Many of the projects listed are already preapproved for students to earn student service learning hours. For more information, contact Harriet Shugerman, Community Service Day coordinator at 240-777-2620 or via e-mail at harriet.shugerman@montgomerycountymd.gov.

The Holiday Giving Project If you are in need of assistance this holiday season (Thanksgiving and/or December holidays) *Interfaith Works* can help. The *Holiday Giving Project* is a coalition of nonprofit, faith-based, public and private groups that collect and distribute food, gifts, and/or gift cards for the holiday season. As in the past, Amy Recks, Goshen School Counselor, is able to refer you and your family for this program. You will then be notified by *Interfaith Works* either by phone or mail as to where and when to pick up your gift. **It is your responsibility to pick up your gift at the directed location. Resources are limited. Please apply only if you and your family are truly in need.**

Deadlines: All referrals for the Thanksgiving Holidays must be received by Amy Recks, Goshen School Counselor by **October 30, 2009**. All referrals for the December holidays must be received by **November 30, 2009**. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Recks at 301-840-8165 or Amy_J_Recks@mcpsmd.org.

Montgomery College Youth Programs

Montgomery College Youth Programs is accepting applications for *Kids College*. After school and Saturday courses for students in grades K - 12 are held on the Rockville and Germantown campuses. These courses provide enrichment and advancement and cover a wide range of topics including science, math, art, drama, game design, music, study skills, and keyboarding. Courses fill quickly, so register right away! For brochures or registration forms, access our website at www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth. For additional information, contact YOUTH PROGRAMS office at 240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917.

Saturday Discoveries at Montgomery College

It's time to register for this school year's first *Saturday Discoveries* with more exciting workshops being offered! *Saturday Discoveries* is a one-day enrichment program offered for gifted and talented students in grades 4 and 5, scheduled for Saturday, November 14, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. on the Takoma Park campus. Students will have an opportunity to select four workshops to participate in during the day. Workshops cover a variety of topics including science, problem solving, creative writing, computer gaming, and much more. **Workshops fill quickly, so register right away!** For additional brochures or registration information, contact Workforce Development & Continuing Education at 240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917 or access our website at www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth.

We want your feedback! Please tear off and return:

How are we doing? _____

How can we help you? _____

Do you have any questions that have not been answered? _____

