



The Goshen Link

Connecting Home and School

Goshen Elementary School

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October 7, 2009

Dates to Remember

October

- 12 Open House
9:30—11:30 am
1:30—3:00 pm
- 12 Individual Student Photos
- 15 Flu Mist Clinic for students- Cancelled
- 16 No School
- 23 Kindergarten classes to Green Meadows Farm
10:00 am-1:00 pm
PTA Sponsored "Dad's Night" 7:00 pm
- 30 Hispanic Month Assembly
9:30 am
Walk for the Homeless
10:30 am
Halloween Parade 2:00 pm



From Your PrincipalLinda King

It was great to see so many of you at our Back to School nights the past two weeks. We hope you enjoyed the new format. The students seemed to enjoy being part of the evening and helping to explain what happens in their classrooms. I encourage you to join the PTA, become involved (your involvement can be as short as a few minutes each month!), and support the fundraisers (which help to provide the 'extras' for our Goshen students).

Our annual **Open House—Parent Visitation is Monday, October 12**. Our visitation times will be 9:30—11:45 a.m. and 1:30 —3:00 p.m. We know that many of you would love to eat lunch with your child; however, our lunch periods are very crowded and we cannot accommodate your 'lunch requests.' Please do plan to visit either in the morning or afternoon—or both!

Hopefully, at Back to School night, you signed up for a parent/teacher conference in November. If not, the sign-up sheets will again be posted on October 12. Please be sure to sign up.

Interim/progress reports will be sent home this week. I encourage you to review them with your child/children and help them set goals for improvement. Don't forget about the George B. Thomas Saturday School. The sites (at all our nearby high schools) meet each Saturday from 8:30—11:30 am. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child/children to get some extra help in the academic subjects.

Reminder: The Flu Mist Clinic, scheduled for October 15, has been cancelled. Additional information will be sent home this week.



Newsworthy



Halloween Young Run

The 21st Annual Halloween Young Run is scheduled for October 18 in Rockville. This is a fantastic event for kids 12 and under. The cost is only \$5 and your child can choose from 3 distances: $\frac{1}{4}$ mile, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, or 1 mile. This is a NON-COMPETITIVE event. Parents are welcome to run with their children. Each child who runs the $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ mile will receive a ribbon. All 1 mile runners will receive a medal. Goshen hopes to have a lot of participation among students. Many Goshen staff members will be there to support our runners! Information brochures will be available at both Back to School Nights. You can also go to the website: www.halloweenyoungrun.com

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:

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| Wednesday, October 14, 2009, 7:00 p.m. | Information meeting at Clemente MS |
| 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:

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| Thursday, October 15, 2009 | 7:00 p.m. | A. Mario Loiederman Magnet Middle School for the Creative and Performing Arts |
| Wednesday, October 28, 2009 | 7:00 p.m. | Argyle Magnet Middle School for Digital Design & Development |
| Thursday, November 5, 2009 | 7:00 p.m. | Parkland Magnet Middle School for Aerospace Technology |

Annual Conversion from Air Conditioning to Heat

The school system has begun its annual changeover from air conditioning to heat in schools and offices to prepare for the winter season. It is expected that the process may take up to one day to convert the system at our school and office, and two to three weeks to convert all facilities. Unlike residential systems, most MCPS schools and buildings cannot automatically switch from air conditioning to heat because the same piping is used for heating and cooling. *Early fall temperatures can be erratic, so during the conversion process, students and staff should dress with the weather forecast in mind.*

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? _____
