

Mechanicsville Elementary School
School-to-Home Connection
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Friday, October 16th, I had the privilege of attending a reception in which Mechanicsville Elementary School was recognized for their participation in the American Heart Association's "Jump Rope for Heart" Program. Last year, MES raised approximately \$20,000 for the American Heart Association. MES ranked fifth in Maryland and ninth in the Mid-Atlantic for the total amount of funds raised. I would like to extend a very special thank you to Mrs. Schlipper, Mrs. Forman, Mrs. Koslowski, and Mrs. Buenger for their support of the Jump Rope for Heart Program. More information about this year's Jump Rope for Heart Program will be coming home later in the school year. Way to go MES!!!

This past week was National School Bus Safety Week. On Tuesday, our bus drivers were recognized for all their hard work as part of Bus Driver Recognition Day. We would like to thank all of our bus drivers for all they do for our students.

We would like to thank the MES community for their support and understanding as we continue to persevere through this period of increased student illness. We continue to ask parents and guardians to keep children home until they are fever-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. When a child is going to be absent, we welcome your phone calls reporting that a student will not be in attendance that day. If a student is absent for multiple days, please don't worry about calling us each day. In these instances, where a student may miss more than one day of school, please just send a note to school upon the child's return indicating the reason for the absence. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at school.

MES has designated two evenings in November for parent/guardian and teacher conferences. Conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 10th and Thursday, November 19th from 3:30 to 7:15 each evening. More information about scheduling a time for a conference will be coming home soon.

Thanks,
Nick Shockney and Natalie Crist

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ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

The Board of Education of Carroll County does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or provision of services, programs, or activities. Information concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act is available from the Director of Facilities, 410-751-3177. Persons needing auxiliary aids and services for communication should contact the Office of Community and Media Relations at 410-751-3020 or publicinfo@carrollk12.org, or write to Carroll County Public Schools, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, MD 21157. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, use Relay or 7-1-1. Please contact the school system at least one (1) week advance of the date the special accommodation is needed.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM – MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

Level II Volunteers (classroom helpers, tutors, chaperones, mentors, etc) are required to attend an annual training session at least seven (7) school days prior to volunteering. School Days are defined as days when schools are open for students. Many schools include volunteer training sessions with other school activities/events, so look for dates and times in school newsletters and AlertNow updates. Volunteer training obtained during the 2008-2009 school year is valid through September 30, 2009. Plan to attend a volunteer training session before October 1, 2009 to avoid a break in your volunteer service. Listed below are the training dates/times for Mechanicsville:

November 5th @ 9:30 a.m.

November 18th@ 6:30 p.m.

Thanks in advance for supporting student achievement by volunteering in our schools. Additional information about the school system's volunteer program can be obtained by contacting Jane Farver, CCPS Volunteer Program Coordinator at ejfarve@carrollk12.org or 410-386-1536.

CAFETERIA NEWS

Please remember to return any borrowed lunch money the **NEXT SCHOOL DAY**.

BREAKFAST: The cost is \$1.25 and will be served from 8:15 to 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. Breakfast is also available for free and reduced.

The November menu's are attached to this newsletter.

Cafeteria Lunch Menu: 10/26 – 10/30

Mon. 10/26 – oven baked cheesesticks, w/dipping sauce, green beans, pears, Italian Ice

Tues. 10/27 – ham & cheese sub, or turkey & cheese sub, potato rounds, veggies w/dip, fruit, cookie

Wed. 10/28 – popcorn chicken, hot vegetable, roll, fruit and cookie

Thur. 10/29 – scrambled eggs, sausage patty, French toast w/syrup, orange juice, baked cinnamon apples

Fri. 10/30 – cheese pizza or fiestada, tossed salad, peaches, cookie

IMPORTANT DATES

10/13 -26: Scholastic Book Fair

10/22: Volunteer training at MES @ 6:30 p.m.

10/26: Book Fair Family Night 4 – 7 p.m. & pick-up of
Fall Fundraiser orders

10/28: 1st Grade field trip to Summers Farm

10/29: Early dismissal

11/05: Volunteer training at MES @ 9:30 a.m.

11/06: Report Cards

11/09: Early Dismissal

11/12: 4th Grade Fall Musical Program @ 7 p.m.

11/13: Spirit Day (be sure to wear blue and white)

11/16: Picture Retake Day

11/18: Volunteer training at MES @ 6:30 p.m.

OCT. 19 – 23RD IS A RED WEEK FOR SPECIALS

OCT. 26 -30TH IS A BLUE WEEK FOR SPECIALS

REQUEST FROM SCHOOL NURSE

When sending in absent notes, please be sure to provide us the detailed information regarding the illness (i.e.: fever, sore throat, stomach ache, cough, etc). Sending a note telling us your child "did not feel well" is not enough information. Thank you for your cooperation. **Please remember that your child must be fever-free for 24 hours without medication(s) before returning to school.**

H1N1 FORMS – DUE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

LATE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED – NO ACCEPTIONS!

If you want your child to receive the nasal-spray vaccine H1N1 Flu vaccine, please complete both forms by Friday, October 23rd. These forms were sent home with your child a few days ago.

LOST AND FOUND IS OVER-FLOWING

The Lost and Found container located in the cafeteria is over-flowing with jackets and lunch boxes. If your child is missing a jacket or lunch box, please have them check the Lost and Found container. Thank you.

MECHANICSVILLE WINNERS FOR FIRE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as the MES 2009 Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association (CCVESA) Fire Prevention Poster Contest winners :

- 1st grade: Katie Grim, Lydia Houle, Alliyah Gregory
- 3rd grade: Lillian DeJordy, Clare Preston, Ugochi Mezu
- 5th grade: Alyssa Knych, Kimberly McThenia, Ashlee Edwards

RE-TAKE PICTURE DAY

Picture re-takes will be November 16th from 9 – 11 a.m.

SPIRIT WEAR

Spirit Wear will be sold during the Bookfair Family Night, October 26th, 4 – 7 p.m. Pre-orders for hoodies will be accepted.

BOX TOP UPDATE

Many thanks for all those box tops that were turned in so far this year. As a result, we have earned \$915.20. Keep up the good job sending them in.

Destination BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is up and running. The students are browsing the book fair during their regularly scheduled media time and are completing their "wish lists." Look for the "wish lists" to come home and you can choose books that you would like to purchase. Send the completed wish list along with your payment (don't forget to add 6% sales tax) back to school and your order will be filled and sent home with your child.

The fair will be open until Monday, October 26th.
Family Night is Monday, October 26th from 4:00-7:00pm. You can bring the whole family to school this night to purchase books and also pick up your fall fundraisers. There will be a guest appearance from Geronimo Stilton! So, bring your camera and even a Geronimo Stilton book that he will sign by Geronimo himself! There are several Geronimo Stilton books that we have at the book fair for your purchase as well. It will be a fun time for all!
If you have any questions feel free to call Jessica Davis (410-215-2910) or email jbdavis65@comcast.net. Thanks for making our school the best and for all of your support!
