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This Week

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| Mon., Oct. 19 | Manna Food Drive continues through Oct. 30
Gr. 1 Daisies, 3:50 pm, rm. 150 |
| Tue., Oct. 20 | |
| Wed., Oct. 21 | Picture Day (student individual portraits)
Head Start field trip to Butler's Orchard, 10:30 am-1:00 pm
Celebrity Scoop Night at Baskin-Robbins, 4:30-9:00 pm
Parent Resource Meeting, Media Center, 7:00-8:30 pm |
| Thur., Oct. 22 | Daisies Troop 1643, 3:50 pm, rm. 155 |
| Fri., Oct. 23 | No Head Start today
Model UN Club, 8:00 am, rm. 149
Gr. 4 to Imagination Stage, 9:30 am-1:00 pm
Odyssey of the Mind, 3:50 pm, Media Center |

A Look Ahead

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| Oct. 28 | Gr. 5 to Strathmore concert, 9:40 am-1:00 pm
Principal's Tea for K-1 Parents, 7:00 pm, APR |
| Oct. 30 | Halloween Parade 2:20 pm, Parties 2:35 pm |

- **Attention parents of students in Gr. 3: Montgomery County Public Schools offers students in Gr. 3 the opportunity to apply to the Center Program for the Highly Gifted, a two-year program that begins in Gr. 4.** The center program is designed for highly gifted and motivated learners whose need for advanced instruction may not be easily met in their local school. Admission is competitive. To learn more, please attend a parent meeting, visit the website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/ and/or call 301-592-2040. **The deadline to submit the application is Friday, November 6, 2015, to DCCAPS, 11721 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902.**
- **The Student Government's Kids Helping Kids Food Drive for Manna Food Center continues through October 30.** Items of most need are: canned vegetables/fruit /tuna/meats/soups/chili, dried soups, brown rice, rolled oats, quinoa, low sugar/high fiber cereal, plain oatmeal, vegetable oils, evaporated milk, tea, coffee, infant cereals and formulas, crackers, and whole wheat pasta.

- **Freed Photographers will be at Bells Mill on Wednesday, October 21, to take individual student portraits.** Your student will be photographed outdoors in natural light. You will have the opportunity to view and order portraits online. In the event of rain, portraits will be rescheduled for Wednesday, November 4. Check backpacks for informational flyers.
- **We need five parent volunteers to help on portrait day, Wednesday, October 21.** Volunteers will help the students get lined up for their photos. Volunteers should be available between 9:15-11:30 am or 12:00-2:30 pm. Each volunteer will receive a discount coupon code to be used when ordering portraits. Please call the office if you are willing to give your time (301-469-1046).
- **Celebrity Scoop Night at the Cabin John Baskin-Robbins is on Wednesday, October 21, 4:30-9:00 pm.** Come enjoy a cold treat served to you by our own staff members. Proceeds benefit the PTA.
- **FluMist Clinics in schools POSTPONED due to the unavailability of the flu vaccine.** We will provide you with an update on new dates and locations as soon as that information becomes available. Supplies will be limited. You may want to consider contacting your healthcare provider for your flu vaccine.
- **Gr. 4 students will attend a play at Imagination Stage in Bethesda on Friday, October 23.** Students will depart school at 9:30 am and return at 1:00 in time for their regular lunch period. Please return permission forms with payment.
- **Attention parents of students in Gr. 5: November 6 is the application deadline for the Middle School Magnet Programs at Roberto Clemente, Eastern and Takoma Park Middle Schools.** Please visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms for application forms, test preparation materials and a list of dates for important parent meetings. Testing for the middle school magnet application programs will take place on December 5. More information regarding the December 5 testing will be available on the above website after November 6.
- **The GTLD Network will offer a presentation by Cindy Walsh, Assistive Technology Specialist, regarding useful apps for helping GTLD students, Thursday, November 19,** Walter Johnson HS Media Center, 6400 Rock Spring Dr., Bethesda. The presentation is for parents and students and begins at 6:30 pm, followed by a meet-up with other families.
- **MCPS is conducting a study of the district's use of choice and special academic programs that provide options for families to enroll students in schools outside of their home attendance zones.** MCPS offers a variety of rigorous, engaging and specialized academic programs for students at all grade levels, such as magnets, language immersion programs, and regional consortia. Some programs are open only to students in the sponsoring schools, while others are open to all students in the county. MCPS parents/guardians will be offered multiple opportunities to be involved in the study and provide feedback on these programs. Parents can complete a short survey online and/or submit their feedback through a comment box. The deadline to complete the survey is **Thursday, Oct. 22**. More information about the study and the list of *Choice* and special academic programs is available online at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/choice/>.

Thank you for being partners in your child's education