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This Week

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| Mon., Nov. 9 | Winter Coat Drive all week
Scout Troop 4387, 3:50 pm, rm. 128 |
| Tue., Nov. 10 | Winter Coat Drive |
| Wed., Nov. 11 | Early Release at 1:20 pm, No Head Start
Winter Coat Drive
No after school activities
Parent/Teacher Conferences by appointment |
| Thur., Nov. 12 | Early Release at 1:20 pm, No Head Start
Winter Coat Drive
No after school activities
Parent/Teacher Conferences by appointment
Report Cards Distributed |
| Fri., Nov. 13 | Last day of Winter Coat Drive
Model UN Club, 8:00 am, rm. 149
Odyssey of the Mind, 3:50 pm, Media Center |

A Look Ahead

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| Nov. 16 | Principal's Tea for Gr. 2/3 Parents, 7:00 pm, APR |
| Nov. 17 | Head Start Parent Meeting, 10:00 am, APR |

- **This week the SGA is sponsoring a winter coat drive for Syrian kids who are living in a refugee camp in Jordan.** Many of them have lost both parents and have no family. New or gently used coats are needed in sizes 6-14. The coats will be delivered to George Mason Conflict Resolution Center for distribution to the Syrian refugee children. Last day to donate is November 13. Questions, email Mitra Bagheri at fbfb@bellsouth.net.
- **Gr. 2/3 parents are invited to the Principal's Tea on Monday, November 16, 7:00-8:00 pm, in the APR.** This is an informal evening that provides you with an opportunity to ask questions that are specific to the Gr. 2/3 programs.

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences are held on the two early release days, November 11 and 12.** If you haven't already done so, please contact your child's teacher and schedule a conference to discuss your child's progress. Your involvement in education is critical to your child's success. ***Dismissal is at 1:20 pm on both days, and there is no Head Start on those days.***
- **MCPS has an agreement with Schaeffer's Piano Co. that gives you the opportunity to purchase a piano for your family at a considerably reduced price.** The liquidation sale is closed to the public and will take place on November 13, 14, 2015, at 105 N. Stonestreet Ave., Rockville. Call 301-424-1147 to schedule an appointment. On November 15 the sale will be open to the general public.
- **Bells Mill parents are invited to attend a free workshop, Cybersafety and Social Media, Monday, November 16, 7:00-8:30 pm, Robert Frost MS Media Center, 9201 Scott Dr., Rockville.** Learn about common websites and applications used by children and safety issues related to computer and cell phone use. Hear strategies for monitoring the use of social media. Childcare (4-year-olds and up) and interpreter services provided. To register go to www.mcpsparentacademy.org or call 301-517-5940.
- **MCPS parents and community members are invited to attend the Forming a Common Agenda for Black Students in Montgomery County educational symposium on Saturday, November 21, 2015.** The event will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Universities at Shady Grove, located at 9630 Gudelsky Drive in Rockville. This free event, hosted by the Montgomery County Public Schools African American Student Achievement Action Group (AASAAG), will provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to collaborate and share their personal experiences around education; learn of new trends and initiatives to address the student achievement gap; and develop an action plan to communicate and advocate for African American students. For more information about the symposium and to RSVP, please contact the MCPS Office of Community Engagement and Partnerships at 301-279-3074.
- **Head lice is a common occurrence among school children.** We encourage parents to check their children's heads for any sign of lice on a regular basis. As cold weather approaches remind your children not to share hats, scarves, etc. If discovered, the infestation should be promptly treated. Please contact the Health Room for any questions or concerns.
- **Streptococcal sore throat is a common illness in childhood.** It usually occurs as a sore throat, which may or may not be red, and is commonly accompanied by a fever. Children may also present with swollen glands, headache or abdominal pains. A definite diagnosis can only be made through a throat culture done by your source of medical care. Infection is spread by direct or intimate contact through discharges from the nose, throat and skin of the infected person, who may or may not have any symptoms. Infection can also be spread indirectly through contaminated hands or objects. Symptoms appear between 1-3 days after exposure. Persons are no longer infectious 24 hours after the start of treatment. We emphasize the importance of prevention of infections through proper hand washing.

Thank you for being partners in your child's education