

# The Refrigerator Page

## Meadow Hall Elementary School PTA Notes

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March 7, 2007



### Monday Press Conference at Meadow Hall

Rockville's new speed cameras will be officially introduced right here on Monday morning at 9am! While you should follow your normal routine for getting students to school, here are some important changes everyone needs to know to make this event run smoothly...

- The event will take place in front of the school – no inside activities are scheduled.
- The staff lounge will serve as a “green room” for dignitaries to gather. Coffee, tea, soda, etc. and light snacks will be available for them.
- Some parking will be reserved – the entire lower level that runs parallel to Twinbrook Pkwy and the spaces along our side of Twinbrook in front of the flagpole. Please honor these reservations.
- Participants will start arriving at 8 and should be clear by 10. Most of the activities will take place between 9 and 9:45am.
- Five Safety Patrols (all 4<sup>th</sup> graders) have been selected to participate. No other students will be directly involved.
- Several dignitaries will attend: Ike Leggett; police chiefs from Montgomery County, Gaithersburg, Rockville, and Silver Spring; Rockville Mayor Giammo. Several other officials are expected, including county council members, city council board members, school board members, etc.

### Good news from City Hall

Big thanks go to Koby Kovacs and Scott Soldavini and their families for their appearances before Rockville's Mayor and City Council this past Monday. The boys made a wonderful case for our extended gym.

After the Citizen's Forum was concluded, Mayor Giammo said that on behalf of him and the Council, they wanted to give us the bigger gym. A measure that includes our project in the current year's budget was passed and now we will see if the complete budget is approved in May! The fight is not completely over, but thanks to efforts from many in our community, we're getting there!

### Book Fair Needs You!

If you haven't already signed up to help with our Spring Book Fair, please contact Laurie Bennington at [LaurieB@calusa123.com](mailto:LaurieB@calusa123.com) or 301-946-4181 a.s.a.p. Some help is still needed for set-up, breakdown, and for the hours the fair will be open during the days (March 22-28) including the two evenings, Friday, March 23 and Wednesday, March 28. It's great fun and the more hands we have, the more fun we'll all have!

### Social Studies Fair Contest

Social Studies Fair packets came home in backpacks this week, extras are available in the front office or visit [MHESpta.org](http://MHESpta.org). The fair is Wednesday, March 28, 2007. If you choose to theme your project around the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary you are eligible to have your project chosen to be on display at the gala in May, and to win commemorative prizes from this historic event.

### In Sympathy

The staff, students, and families at Meadow Hall wish to express their deepest sympathies to student Cristian Carbajal-Andrews and family on the death of Cristian's father, Ricardo Carbajal

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**SPRING BOOKFAIR: March 22-28, 2007**  
Two family evenings! Fri., Mar. 23 and Wed., Mar. 28

### Brick Forms are Due Monday!

We are only halfway to our goal of purchasing a new sign for Meadow Hall's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Please be a part of history, forms attached on the back!

### Maryland School Assessment (MSA) Testing Schedule

Monday, March 12 – Gr. 5 Reading  
Tuesday, March 13 – Gr. 5 Reading  
Wednesday, March 14 – Gr. 3 & 4 Reading  
Thursday, March 15 – Gr. 3 & 4 Reading  
Friday, March 16 – Gr. Math  
Monday, March 19 – Gr. 5 Math  
Tuesday, March 20 - Gr. 3 & 4 Math  
Wednesday, March 21 – Gr. 3 & 4 Math  
March 22, 23 & 26 are test make up days

All testing will take place between 9:15 and 11:45 with the following exceptions: some current and former ESOL students in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be tested in the afternoon.

### Wed., March 21

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser at Outta the Way Café (5-9pm)

### Fri., March 23

Staff-Sponsored Spaghetti Dinner  
MSA party

### Wed., March 28

Social Studies Fair 6:30-8pm