

The PTA Refrigerator Page

Meadow Hall Elementary School PTA



CONTEST: We are turning 50!

And as part of the year-long celebration, a special T-shirt is being produced to commemorate the anniversary. If you have a catchy slogan for the 50 year (1957-2007) MHES t-shirt, please submit to Ms. Baughman: Christine_Baughman@mcpsmd.org or send in your child's backpack in an envelope marked "50 Year Slogan" before Friday, October 27th. The winning slogan will appear on the T-shirts, and the author will receive a free shirt and be announced right here!

It's not too late!

Join the PTA! Download the form at: www.mhespta.org Just click on the "Forms" link at the top of each page. Or call Holly King at 301-294-0181

From the Counselor's Office:

October 23rd - 27th is **Red Ribbon Week campaign**, co-sponsored by the Maryland Alliance for Drug-Free Youth and MCPS Safe and Drug-Free Schools. The students will celebrate making healthy choices for our bodies and minds throughout this week in the following ways:

Monday the 23rd – Sign a Stay Drug Free pledge and wear your very own red ribbon bracelet!

Tuesday the 24th – Wear crazy mismatched socks for "Sock It To Drugs" day

Wednesday the 25th – Wear your favorite sneakers for "Kick Drugs to the Curb" day

Thursday the 26th – Wear your favorite hat for "Hats off to Stay Drug Free" day

Friday the 27th – Wear something red to show your drug free healthy pride!

Counseling groups are starting at the end of this month. If parents would like to refer their child to either of the following groups, please contact Ms. Alcarese at (301)279-4988 or Brett_Alcarese@mcpsmd.org by Wednesday October 25th.

1) **Making and Keeping friends** for 4th and 5th graders on Wednesdays during lunch and recess.

2) **Family Changes** for 2nd and 3rd graders – time TBA.

Each group can have 6-8 students in it. Groups will run for 8 weeks and then new groups will be formed for different topics and needs.

On **Wed., Nov., 8th** from 8 to 9am Ms. Alcarese, School Counselor, Mrs. Diana Thompson, from the MCPS Division of Family and Community Partnerships, and will present a **tour of the new parent room and a personal computer tutorial** for navigating and accessing the Montgomery County Public Schools and Meadow Hall websites! Learn how to find what every parent needs on the MCPS website! There are only 28 spots available, so reserve yours now by calling Ms. Alcarese at (301)279-4988!!!!

Upcoming Events:

International Night: Is coming up quickly! Would you like to bring a display or be part of the clean-up crew? Please contact Mrs. Barturen ASAP! Frida_Barturen@mcpsmd.org

Science Fair is less than a month away! Get those projects started! Lost your instruction packet? Visit www.mhespta.org and click on "forms" on the top of any page!

From the PTA President:

It is application season! Information Sessions on the Consortium and Application Programs offered in MCPS are being held throughout November. Please visit <http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/departments/enrichedinnovative/events.shtm> for detailed information.

Elementary Centers for the Highly Gifted: Open to current **Grade 3** students, **Nov. 6 - 7 p.m.** at John F. Kennedy High School

Middle School Magnet/Centers Programs for the Highly Gifted: open to current **Grade 5** students, **Nov. 15 - 7 p.m.** at Takoma Park Middle School for Math/Science and **Nov. 13 - 7 p.m.** at Eastern Middle School for Humanities/Communication

Middle School Magnet Consortium (MSMC) open to current Grade 5 students has many meeting/open house options from Nov 6 - Nov 30, please visit the website <http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/departments/enrichedinnovative/events.shtm>

NO SCHOOL

Fri., Oct 20

International Night

Fri., Oct. 27 @ 6:30-8 pm

NO SCHOOL

Wed., Nov. 1

PTA Monthly Meeting

Mon., Nov. 6 @ 7 pm

NO SCHOOL

Tues., Nov. 7

Keep Your Child

Safe Online:

Rockville Cluster
Parent Information
Night -

Internet Safety
presented by Mr. Tom
DeGonia, Asst. State
Attorney, **Hosted at
Rock Creek Valley ES**
Wed., Nov. 8 @
7:30pm.

Science Fair /

Sally Foster

Distribution

Wed., Nov. 15
@ 6:30-8 pm

NO SCHOOL

Thurs. & Fri.,
Nov. 23 & 24

PTA Monthly Meeting

Tues., Dec. 5 @ 4 pm