

The "Friday" October 30th, 2009

Mark Your Calendar:

Nov. 2nd – 5th grade Starbase Atlantis Graduation
Nov. 3rd – 3rd grade to the National Museum of the American Museum
Nov 4th – Early Dismissal 1p.m.
Nov. 4th – CPCS Math Night 5:30-7pm
Nov. 11th – Veteran's Day No School

Portfolio Review Day & Narrative Reports:

This year, CPCS will hold a portfolio review day in December. This is our first review of student work with parents and it will take place on **December 11 from 1-3 pm**. Parents are welcome to join their students for that afternoon to participate in a student-led portfolio review. Stay tuned for more information. Narrative reports will be written in January for your child and sent home on January 29th.

Daylight savings time:

Daylight Savings happens overnight Saturday, Oct. 31st. **Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!**

Math Night:

Mark your calendar! We'll be having a **Math Night on November 4th from 5:30-7:00p.m.** RSVP by Oct. 31st. Email RSVP may be sent to Chesapeakepubliccharterschool@gmail.com

St. Mary's College of Maryland Concert Choir, Chamber Singer and Orchestra:

are presenting John Rutter's "Gloria" on Friday, November 6th in Montgomery Hall Rm 125. The concert is being presented at 4:00p.m. and 8:00p.m. The concert is free. **This is an excellent opportunity for our music students especially those students in chorus and band to experience the beauty of those disciplines performing together.** An added bonus, Ms. Gates and daughter, Molly are singing in the performance!

Introducing Mr. Adams:

Mr. Matt Adams has recently joined our staff as a long term substitute. He will be assisting with Special Education as well as co teaching Middle School Social Studies/IT with Ms. Sullivan. We're happy to have him on board!

Wreath Sales:

Celebrate the Holiday Season and decorate your home, office or give a special gift by **purchasing fresh greenery or poinsettias** from the CCS Alliance. Order forms will be sent home Monday in Family Folders. An electronic version is attached to the Friday email communications. All orders due Nov. 13th and will be delivered to the school for pick up the first week of December.

Scrapbooking and Craft Event:

If you are interested in helping with the **Scrapbook Crop/Craft Day** scheduled for Saturday, January 30th at CPCS please contact Michelle Gagnard at gagnard@md.metrocast.net . **We need help securing food, door prizes and organizing the event for vendors and guests.**

Night of the Arts:

Save the Date! Wednesday December 16th. More information will be sent out soon regarding participating class rehearsals from classroom teachers, Mrs. Gates and Mr. Parrish.

March of Dimes:

10 classes from CPCS are participating in a March of Dimes reading fundraiser this month. If your child brought home the large white March of Dimes envelope, then their class is participating. This is a great way to teach your child about helping others, as well as practicing reading! Envelopes and money are due to their teacher on **Friday, November 6**. We'll get a final total the following week and let everyone know how much CPCS raised to help this great organization.

Safety around the building:

Please remember that **children should not be running around the rear of the building at pick up time**. We are renters of this property and share it with other tenants. The rock areas are not a safe place for children to play. Please be respectful of our landlord and fellow tenants.

How Family Folders Work:

Family folders are sent home with students on Mondays as needed. This means some weeks you will receive one, some weeks you won't. **Because we are a green school we use our electronic communications as much as possible**. This reduces waste, electricity use, staff and volunteer time, etc.

Please remember to empty the folder of its contents and return the folder to school in a timely manner. You may use the folder to send in communications to the school as needed.

How Scripts Work:

Scripts orders are very simple! Every other week we submit an order for families for gift certificates or cards. **The certificates or cards are worth the full value you pay**. The company who supplies us with the cards gives us a percentage of the value. The percentage varies from company to company.

Several of our parents gather orders from family members or coworkers. This is a wonderful idea! We've even taken orders from businesses for their holiday bonuses for their employees! **A parent testimonial: "We purchase our gift cards through the Alliance to use for personal shopping, dining, and for gift giving. It's very convenient, the turnaround time is very quick."**

Scripts is an easy fundraiser for us. **Please consider how scripts can work for your family!** For your ordering convenience, we've included an order form in the Family Folders going home on Monday!

From the Wellness Center:

We are anticipating a vaccination clinic on November 10, 2009 for H1N1 as long as supplies continue on schedule.

Parent Volunteer Sign In/Sign Out:

Please remember to sign in and out through the main office. This is for safety reasons and is very important! In case of emergency we need to know who is currently in the building. **We value our parents and their commitment to our school, so we want to make sure that in the event of a fire or other crisis, we know where you are!**

Habitat For Humanity Cans:

We have begun **collecting aluminum cans again for Habitat for Humanity!** Last year CPCS collected the most cans each month of all the schools participating! Let's see if we can meet that goal again this year! Send in your rinsed and drained aluminum cans (make sure they are bagged). Collection sites are in the office and the cafeteria. **More cans equals more houses!**

Substitute Teacher Training:

Parents interested in taking the **Substitute Teacher Training** should contact Monica Jaster at mhjaster@smcps.org. The Sub training will be held at CPCS on Thursday, November 5th and Friday,

November 6th from 9 am – 3:30 pm each day. Participants are asked to bring a pen and pad. Snacks provided, but please, bring your lunch.

Upcoming Meetings:

Community meetings are open to the CPCS Community as a whole. **We strongly encourage active parental involvement** in these meetings, either by serving on the committee or participating as an attendee.

- Governing Board Tuesday, Nov. 3 at 5:30p.m.in the CPCS Café.