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Bethesda Elementary / Bethesda Elementary PTA Newsletter

October 4, 2019

Seymour's Shout Out...

SAVE THE DATE: October 7, 2019 -- Division of Construction is hosting a meeting at Bethesda ES.

Time: 6:00p.m. – 7:30p.m.

Where: Bethesda ES cafeteria.

Purpose: Share results of the capacity study for schools in the BCC cluster. Seth Adams – Director of the Division of Construction and his team will shared considerations for expansions of existing school sites and/or the possibility of building a new school in the BCC cluster.

Special Notice: The PTA will provide child care.

Parent Visitation Day will be held on **Monday, October 14, 2019**, which is **Columbus Day**. This is a day for parents to visit their child's classroom to see the wonderful things they are learning. Visitation hours will be between **9 A.M.- 11 A.M.** Please note, due to space, **parents are not permitted into the cafeteria for lunch shifts**. Although we will have many visitors on that day, we will make every attempt to maintain an environment that is conducive for students to learn. For this to happen, please understand that we are unable to accommodate non-school age children. Food and beverages are not permitted in the classrooms as well. **Cameras are also not permitted (no pictures or videotaping during the school day).**

The **PTA Used Book Sale** will be going on during the Open House, and remain **open until 12:00 P.M.**, so please make sure to stop by and check out the great selection of books! ***Please note that parking is limited to visitor spaces only for this event and parking on the curb is not permitted. There are local garages within walking distance, if parking at the school is full.*** Parking in numbered spaces is not permitted, as these are reserved for staff.

E.S.O.L. night is on Wednesday, October 16th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Mrs. Petrossian, Ms. Pluznik and Ms. Hu will speak about Montgomery County's English for Speakers Of Other Languages (E.S.O.L.) program and the structure of the E.S.O.L. program at Bethesda Elementary. Please bring a dish to share. We will chat and eat in the cafeteria before the meeting. Children will watch a movie while parents go to the library for an informational meeting. Looking forward to seeing you then! *Please contact your child's ESOL teacher if you need an interpreter.

Halloween: Parade and Class Parties- Thursday, October 31st, SCHOOL WIDE PARADE: 2:00 PM (weather permitting).

See Page 2 for additional information and the parade route.

-Lisa Seymour

Mark your calendar...

October 4th- Early Release Day (students dismissed at 12:55 PM)

October 9th– NO SCHOOL for students and teachers

October 14th– Open House K-12 (9-11 AM)

October 16th– ESOL NIGHT (6:30 pm)

October 31st– Halloween Parade and Classroom Celebrations

November 8th- Early Release Day (students dismissed at 12:55 PM) END OF Q1

November 11th & 12th- Early Release Day (students dismissed at 12:55 PM) PARENT CONFERENCES

November 20th– Report Card Distribution

November 27th- Early Release Day (students dismissed at 12:55 PM)

November 28th & 29th- NO SCHOOL for students and teachers

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Halloween: Parade and Class Parties- Thursday, October 31st, SCHOOL WIDE PARADE: 2:00 PM WEATHER PERMITTING. In the event of rain, the students will have an opportunity to “parade” the hallways. This will be a student only event. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate visitors in the event of rain. Classroom parties will occur rain or shine.

The parade (and/or non-participatory activity) will begin at 2:00 and classroom celebrations will begin at 2:30 and end at 3:15 p.m. **Due to activities and limited space, only party coordinators are invited to the classroom celebrations. All parents and guests are invited to join us outside for the parade from 2:00-2:30.** Please check with classroom teacher for specific grade level/classroom celebrations and parent volunteer information.

If you would like to request that your child not participate in the Halloween activities, please contact our school counselor, Mrs. Fried.

Parade Route:

- ALL GRADE LEVELS– starting with 5th grade, will walk out the front doors, turn right and walk up Moorland Ln, cross at the 4-way stop and walk back down Moorland Ln. to the playground.
- ALL students will walk around the perimeter of the blacktop and then walk back into the building using the FRONT DOORS and return to classrooms for room celebrations (grade 5 to the APR).
- The parade route will be marked with cones. Please avoid parking on Moorland Ln.
- For additional parking options: there are metered parking garages on St. Elmo Ave/Cordell Ave and Auburn Ave/Del Ray Ave.

All About BE...

If you were unable to attend the PTA meeting on October 1st, please see the link below for the presentation that was shared. Note, this will be posted on the school website once the system updates occur and we have access to the website again!

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1-cn8BDiam7sho3r9jVc_YE5Hb8rmNEXdb3mtAxrviFE