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Our Vision: Galway Elementary School will empower students to be valued, productive members of a global society.

The Galway Pledge : We pledge to respect one another, to be trustworthy and fair. We will care about each other, and be good citizens. Above all else, I will take responsibility for my actions, in a quest to build a better you...and a better me.

Principally Speaking: *“Persistence and Hard Work”*

I am re-posting an article from last year about hard work. Author Paul Tough makes the case that persistence and grit are the biggest indicators of student success. Being resilient against failure, he says, is the fundamental quality we should be teaching kids.

Persistence refers to how long a child will keep at a task. Highly persistent children stick with things even when they get frustrated or the task becomes too difficult. The ability to persist at a task and see it through to the end is one of the most important success attributes that you can develop in a child.

Parents and teachers can develop persistence in children and also impede its development by making life too easy for children so that they don't have opportunities to persist or hang in there. Parents can promote persistence by encouraging their children to keep going and not give in at the slightest hurdle or difficulty.

You will often hear teachers at Galway encouraging students with key statements, *“Keep going, I believe in you or I won't give up on you or your effort will pay off.”* One way Galway is helping to build a persistence for students is the Hard Work Café. Once a month, students will be recognized for their exemplary or hard work on a task, assignment, or a project. The students will eat lunch in a special place in the cafeteria with the principal or assistant principal. The monthly event is one of the leadership opportunities for fifth graders.

Four practical strategies you can use to build persistence in your children:

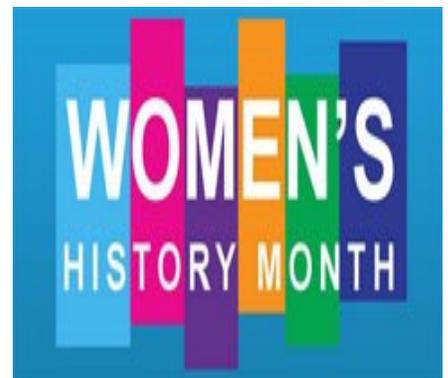
1. Develop a vocabulary for persistence. Words like “Hang tough”, “Work Hard” and “Hang in there” can become part of their everyday vocabulary.
2. Point out to children when they stick at a task. Most parents know it pays off when they catch their children being good but it also pays off to catch them being persistent. The behaviors you focus on as parents expand so let them know when they have been persistent. Also remind them that persistence generally pays off.
3. Help children to remember times when they experienced success when they were younger. Let them know that persistence has paid off before and it will again.
4. Talk about HARD WORK with your children. They need to understand that to be successful they need to do things that are NOT fun or easy. While it would be good if all work and learning was fun or easy, in reality, this is not always the case.

“Nothing ever comes to one, that is worth having, except as a result of hard work.”
Booker T. Washington



UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 2**
Family Life Parent Meeting 6:00-7:00
- March 8**
Professional Day
- March 9 & 10**
Asynchronous Learning
- March 12**
Early Release Day
- March 15**
School Opens Grades K-3
- March 22**
PTA General Meeting 7:30
- March 23**
2nd Grade Performance 6:00-7:30
- March 24**
Women's History Month Literacy Day
- March 29-April 2**
Spring Break





Elian Vinodh & Assa Traore were selected to represent MCPS and Galway in the 5th grade MCPS Honors Chorus.

Christopher Lawson, Carter Poindexter and Abena Registre were winners in the African American Quiz Bowl.

Way to go!

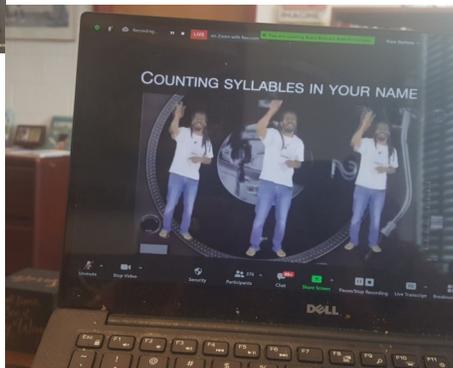
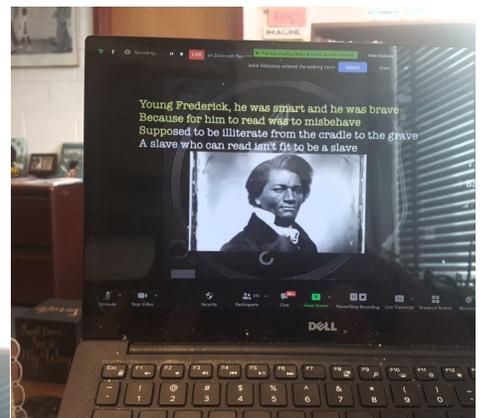
Help Wanted - Classroom Monitors: As we prepare for our return to an in-person learning experience, we anticipate a need for adults to support the supervision of students. If you know any adults with a high school diploma/GED who would be interested in monitoring students at \$15.72 per hour, please encourage them to apply to be considered for the position of classroom monitor. Duties include monitoring classrooms for teachers who are providing virtual instruction to students in the building and supporting in-person teachers. Interested individuals need to apply on <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/careers/> . We may need classroom monitors at our school; however, we cannot guarantee our site would be the location all interested individuals would be assigned to work.

IMMUNIZATIONS ALERT

Students who do not have immunizations in compliance will be excluded from returning to in-person learning. Please contact your health care provider to obtain the necessary documentation that the immunizations have been administered. Parents/guardians may register at the Maryland MyIR website (md.myir.net) to download a copy of immunizations that have been entered into the state's immunization database.

Email immunization records to SHSIZ@montgomerycountymd.gov

Baba Bomani: I want to thank the PTA for sponsoring our cultural arts performance by Baba Bomani and Story Tapestries. The student body was entertained and enlightened by hip hop flavor infused with writing, history, grammar and reading. **Story Tapestries** provided an event with "Rapping with Mr. Root" in January for 3-5th graders. In March 2nd graders will experience an artist in residence with Ms. Valerie Baugh-Schlossberg.





Galway Lions PTA

News for March 2021



Dear Galway Families,

March is here and this month marks a full year of the ongoing global pandemic and challenging times. The Galway Lions PTA keeps trying to help the Galway community cope with the challenges by keeping kids active, smiling, and participating in events.

We wanted to thank everyone who participated in “Galway’s Fitness Week” during February. A special thanks to our fantastic PE teachers for literally running with the idea and making “Galway’s Fitness Week” a reality while also supporting the *Kids Heart Challenge*.

Thank you also for helping celebrate Black History Month. We hope your kids enjoyed the *Black History Month Performance* on February 26 as well as the PTA’s “Virtual Family Fun Night” that same day.

To put a smile on our Galway Lions’ faces, the PTA is working on showing appreciation for our wonderful students and outstanding staff. We hope our K-students will enjoy the book that the PTA purchased for every K-student to help support our youngest readers. Look for “*Otis and the Kittens*” in the next material distribution bag. Also, look for another “PTA Spring Student Greeting” for every student included with the next materials. We sure hope our wonderful Galway staff will enjoy the “Staff Appreciation Bags” that our PTA was able to pack for every staff member at Galway to say “Thank You” for their hard work during this unusual time.

We are always looking for further input. Please don’t hesitate to reach out with other ideas and needs! The PTA welcomes you to brainstorm ideas and needs your help for the following:

Collecting Recipes for “Feeding our Galway Lions – A Recipe Book from Galway’s Community”

Thanks to a PTA member’s wonderful idea, the PTA would like to put together a “Recipe Book”. Our community has so many different backgrounds, it would be fun to show our diverse culture through delicious recipes. Please email your favorite recipe (appetizer, main dish, dessert) in a word document to info.galwaylionspta@gmail.com.

Planting Galway’s Flower Beds

Are you looking for something to do while being socially distant? Do you like to work in the yard, but already beautified your yard during the long months of isolation? We are looking for volunteers to plant Galway’s flower beds in front of the school. If you are interested, please contact info.galwaylionspta@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars for the General Membership Meeting on Monday, March 22, 2021 from 7:30-8:30p.m.

Please join us on Zoom for our General Membership Meeting. We would love to see you there to simply chat and to help us vote on bylaws as well as a budget amendment. Zoom information to follow.

Please know: It is not too late to become a Galway Lions PTA member. This school year, dues are only \$5 (plus a \$0.68 online convenience fee). Please click on <https://galwaylionspta.new.memberhub.store/store> to join the PTA. We’d love to have you! Also, visit our FaceBook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/galwaylionspta>. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

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New Year’s Greeting



Books for K-students



Staff Appreciation Bags

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Noticias de marzo 2021

Estimadas familias de Galway,

Marzo está aquí y este mes marca un año completo de la pandemia global en curso y tiempos desafiantes. La PTA de los Leones de Galway sigue tratando de ayudar a la comunidad de Galway a enfrentar los desafíos manteniendo a los niños activos, sonriendo y participando en eventos.

Queríamos agradecer a todos los que participaron en la "Semana del fitness de Galway" durante febrero. Un agradecimiento especial a nuestros fantásticos maestros de educación física por literalmente correr con la idea y hacer realidad la "Semana del acondicionamiento físico de Galway" y al mismo tiempo apoyar el Kids Heart Challenge. Gracias también por ayudar a celebrar el Mes de la Historia Afroamericana. Esperamos que sus hijos hayan disfrutado de la presentación del Mes de la Historia Afroamericana el 26 de febrero, así como de la "Noche de diversión familia virtual" de la PTA ese mismo día.

Para poner una sonrisa en los rostros de nuestros Leones de Galway, la PTA está trabajando para mostrar su agradecimiento por nuestros maravillosos estudiantes y personal sobresaliente. Esperamos que nuestros estudiantes de Kinder disfruten del libro que la PTA compró para cada estudiante de Kindergarten para ayudar a apoyar a nuestros lectores más jóvenes. Busque "Otis y los gatitos" en la siguiente bolsa de distribución de material. Además, busque otro "Saludo para estudiantes de primavera de la PTA" para cada estudiante incluido en los siguientes materiales. Esperamos que nuestro maravilloso personal de Galway disfrute de las "Bolsas de agradecimiento al personal" que nuestra PTA pudo empacar para cada miembro del personal en Galway para decirles "Gracias" por su arduo trabajo durante este tiempo inusual.

Siempre estamos buscando más ideas. No dude en comunicarse con otras ideas y necesidades. La PTA le da la bienvenida a intercambiar ideas y necesita su ayuda para lo siguiente:

Recopilación de recetas para "Alimentar a nuestros leones de Galway: un libro de recetas de la comunidad de Galway"

Gracias a la maravillosa idea de un miembro de la PTA, a la PTA le gustaría armar un "Libro de recetas". Nuestra comunidad tiene tantos orígenes diferentes que sería divertido mostrar nuestra cultura diversa a través de deliciosas recetas. Envíe por correo electrónico su receta favorita (aperitivo, plato principal, postre) en un documento de Word a info.galwaylionspta@gmail.com.

Plantar macizos de flores de Galway

¿Estás buscando algo que hacer mientras estás socialmente distante? ¿Le gusta trabajar en el jardín, pero ya lo embelleció durante los largos meses de aislamiento? Estamos buscando voluntarios para plantar los macizos de flores de Galway frente a la escuela. Si está interesado, comuníquese con info.galwaylionspta@gmail.com.

Marque sus calendarios para la Reunión General de Membresía el lunes 22 de marzo de 2021 de 7: 30-8: 30 p.m.

Únase a nosotros en Zoom para nuestra reunión general de miembros. Nos encantaría verlo allí para simplemente charlar y ayudarnos a votar los estatutos y una enmienda presupuestaria. Mas información a seguir.

Por favor sepa: No es demasiado tarde para convertirse en miembro de la PTA de Leones de Galway. Este año escolar, las cuotas son solo \$ 5 (más una tarifa de conveniencia en línea de \$ 0.68). Haga clic en

<https://galwaylionspta.new.memberhub.store/store> para unirse a la PTA. ¡Nos encantaría tenerte! Además, visite nuestra página de Facebook en <https://www.facebook.com/groups/galwaylionspta>. ¡Esperamos tener noticias tuyas!

Su Junta Directiva 2020-2021

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