

THE FARQUHAR NEWS

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WEEKLY EDITION

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IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

- October 13-15: Sixth grade outdoor education program at Summit Lake, Group 1
- October 15: Seventh grade Medieval Times field trip, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- October 15: PTA newsletter deadline
- October 15: No after-school activities
- October 16: Maryland State Teachers' Association Convention: no school for students and teachers
- October 19-21: Sixth grade outdoor education program at Summit Lake, Group 2
- October 26-30: Red Ribbon Week (anti-drug & alcohol awareness)
- October 26: Red Ribbon assembly, guest speaker from the Richard Caron Foundation, 7th & 8th grades
7th grade attend 2nd pd, 8th grade attend 3rd pd
- October 29: Red Ribbon "Wear Something Red Day"
- October 30: Individual school picture retakes in the a.m.
- October 30: School dance: Student Government Association (SGA) sponsored, upper gym,
7-9 p.m., tickets \$6
- October 30: First marking period ends
- November 2: Professional Day: report card preparation and planning; no school for students
- November 3: Second marking period begins
- November 5: Bridging the Achievement Gap for Students, 6:30 p.m.,
lmc, organized by the NAACP Parent Council, see attached flyer
- November 6: Career Café, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., all grades
- November 10: PTA general meeting, Attorney General Douglas F. Gansler, guest speaker,
Topic: Cyber Bullying & Keeping Our Children Safe on the Internet,
7-8:30 p.m., lmc
- November 11: Report cards distributed
- November 11 : Early release day, 12:10 p.m. dismissal, parent conferences, MSA reading
practice test in the a.m.
- November 12: Early release day, 12:10 p.m. dismissal, parent conferences, MSA math
Practice test in the a.m.
- November 13: PTA newsletter deadline

November 20: Sixth grade science assembly: Under the Sea
November 20: PTA Variety Night: Night of 1,000 Stars, 7 p.m.

WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT – DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT HE OR SHE MISSED? USE EDLINE!!!

Farquhar teachers are posting assignments, due dates, weekly updates, and supplementary lesson materials on their Edline sites. Please be sure to check Edline **daily** for assignments when your child is absent. Students are also encouraged to check Edline to stay up to date. After checking Edline, if an assignment is not posted, please call the main office for assistance. If you are having trouble accessing Edline, please email [Beth A Hopkins@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Beth_A_Hopkins@mcpsmd.org). Let Edline help you to stay informed! Thank you

H1N1 PREPARATIONS AND EDLINE

MCPS officials, the county health department, and Farquhar staff are continuing to monitor the flu situation and are making plans accordingly. At this point, student and staff absences are in the normal range and there has not been widespread absences due to illness. Information on vaccination programs in our area will be coming soon. Please stay informed by checking the school and PTA websites, as well as the MCPS H1N1 Information website:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/h1n1/>.

Parents- we need your help in supporting this effort. Please be sure that your emergency contact information is up-to-date in the main office, and please contact us immediately if a phone number or email address changes. Also, please be sure to sign-up for the PTA Email Listserve (<http://farquharpta.org>) and activate your Edline account, which will be used for communication. Edline can be used to find out assignments that your child missed when absent, and it will also be used to continue instruction should there be a major disruption to school operations. Finally, please continue to reinforce good hygiene habits and keep your children home if they have a fever or show any flu-like symptoms. We will continue to keep you updated on this situation and thank you for your support.

HELPFUL LINKS

Updates News & Information: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/farquharm/

Calendar: <http://coldfusion.mcps.k12.md.us/cfms/webteam/calendar/calendar.cfm?calendarID=farquharm>

Staff Directory: <http://coldfusion.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/directory/index.cfm?s=dbd&pl=03507>

Edline: www.edline.net

Sign Up For the Email List: www.farquharpta.org

PTA Information: www.farquharpta.org

Lunch Pre-Payments: www.myLunchMoney.com

Daily Cafeteria Menu: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/foodserv

H1N1 Information: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/h1n1/>

Student Service Learning: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/ssl/>

Bullying: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/230-35.shtm>

PrepTalk: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/careercenter/resources/preptalk.aspx>

NEC Information: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/nec>