

THE FARQUHAR NEWS

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WEEKLY EDITION

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010

March 23-25: Port Isobel field trip, departure 3/23—8 a.m., return 3/25—3 p.m.

March 25: Career Café, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Speaker: Mr. Kenneth Roy, IBM's Green Solutions and Building a Smarter Planet

March 26: Third marking period ends

March 29-April 1: Spring break: no school for students and teachers

April 2 & 5: Holidays: Good Friday and Easter

April 6: Professional Day: report card preparation and planning; no school for students

April 7: Fourth marking period begins

April 8: Parent/Student Expo, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Imc & classrooms, please see attached flyer

April 13: Soccer game: Briggs Chaney -- girls home, boys away

April 13: Science Inquiry Exposition, 7th & 8th graders, café, 6:30-8:30 p.m., please see attached flyer

April 13: PTA Business Meeting, 7-7:30 p.m., Imc

April 14: Report cards distributed

April 15: Career Café, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Speaker: Dr. Elise Geldan, veterinarian

April 15: Soccer game: Wood -- boys home, girls away

April 16: PTA newsletter deadline

April 21-25: FMS student artwork on display, White Flint Mall: 4/21: 6-9 p.m., 4/22-24: 10a.m.-9 p.m., 4/25: 12 – 5 p.m.

April 22: Take-Your-Child to Work Day: Classroom instruction continues as normal. If your child is absent, please follow normal absentee procedures and send a note to excuse the absence.

April 23-25: Spring play: Beauty and the Beast, Jr.: 4/23 & 24: 7:30 p.m., 4/25: 2 p.m.
Tickets: children 18 or under--\$6, adults: \$8

April 28: Student Member of the Board (SMOB) voting during social studies classes

April 28: Soccer game: Argyle -- girls home, boys away

April 29 & 30: Maryland State Assessment (MSA) science testing 8th grade (modified 8th grade schedule coming soon)

Have a safe and enjoyable spring break!

STATE GRANTS WAIVER FOR FIVE SNOW DAYS—CLASSES END ON SCHEDULE

Maryland State Superintendent Nancy Grasmick has granted a five-day waiver to Montgomery County Public Schools, meaning the district will not have to make up the snow days that resulted from back-to-back blizzards in February.

If there are no more emergency school cancellations this school year, the calendar will not be adjusted and classes will end, as scheduled, on June 16, 2010.

MCPS has lost nine days of instruction due to snow this year—December 21-23, February 3 and February 8-12. The Montgomery County Board of Education had already built four snow days into the 2009-2010 calendar.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT CARD FOR MCPS

The 2009 School Performance Report Card for MCPS provides you with state, county, and individual school performance data, as well as information on student attendance, graduation rates, and the professional qualifications of teachers at the state, district, and school levels. The 2009 report was distributed to students and can also be found at the Maryland State Department of Education website at www.mdreportcard.org.

ALGEBRA HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT (HSA)

The HSA will be given May 18 to all students taking algebra. Please go to the Maryland State Department of Education HSAexam.org website to learn more about the testing program.

STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING AWARD MODIFICATION

Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, all students who meet the 75 hour Student Service Learning (SSL) graduation requirement by the first Friday in April of a middle school year will receive a Superintendent's SSL Award. Due to this year's scheduled spring break and the holiday on April 2, 2010, middle school students will have until the second Friday in April (April 9, 2010) to qualify for this award. For additional modifications to the middle school SSL awards program, please visit the MCPS SSL website at: www.mcpsssl.org.

HELPFUL LINKS

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

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

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

Edline: www.edline.net

Edline Assistance: Beth.A.Hopkins@mcpsmd.org

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>

Parent Academy: www.mcpsparentacademy.org

Giant Food A+ Bonus Bucks Program (use code 00691): www.giantfood.com/aplus

Yearbook Order Form:

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/farquharms/news/Yearbook%20Order%20Form%202009.jpg



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Presents:

Parent & Student Expo

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2010 @ 6:30 PM

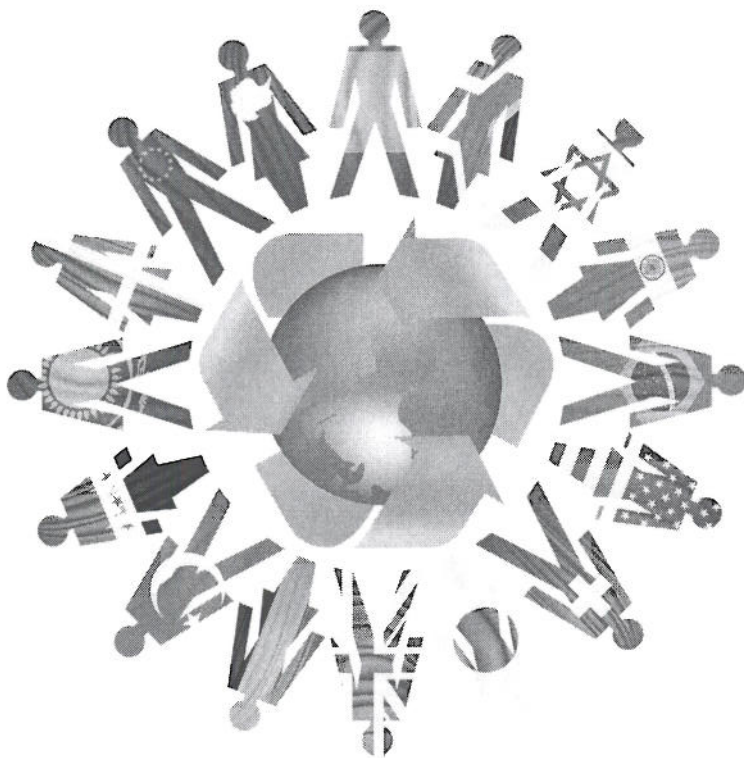
Join us for an evening with local experts
on adolescent behavior...

4 INFORMATIONAL SEMINARS FOR TEENS AND ADULTS:

- ⇒ Empowering Parents
- ⇒ Talking to Your Teen about Sex & Making Healthy Choices
- ⇒ Mom/Dad, Will you Please Just Listen to Me!
- ⇒ What is a Healthy Relationship?

Featuring Guest Speakers:

Officer Brett Mavritte,
Montgomery County Police Department
Molly Love, LGSW
Teen & Young Adult Health Connection
Dr. Robert Roth, PhD.
Montgomery General Hospital



For More information contact:

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Registration Forms available
online March 12, 2010

Light Refreshments
&
Informational Materials
Will be provided

Farquhar Middle School **SCIENCE EXP**

The Farquhar Science Department is pleased to invite the Farquhar community to the 2010 Farquhar Science Expo! View Science Inquiry Projects that FMS students have been working on this year in science, view and participate in demonstrations and hands-on labs, eat, drink, and socialize. Bring the whole family and friends for a fun and educational evening!

What: The Farquhar Middle School Science Expo!

Who: All Farquhar students, families, and friends!

When: 6:30pm — 8:30pm, Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Where: Farquhar Middle School Cafeteria

Hands-On Lab Activities

Free Food!

Student Projects!

Free Raffle!

Live Demonstrations!

MCPS Safe and Drug-Free Schools Symposium
Enhancing School Climate Through School Connectedness

Marijuana and Other Drug Use Prevention

April 30, 2010

**The Universities at Shady Grove
Building 3**

*Directions at
www.shadygrove.umd.edu/about/directions/*

Featuring National, County and Local Presenters

Open to MCPS employees and community members
MCPS employees register on PDO Course # 52698
Community members register
by calling 301-279-3041
Seating Limited

Register a.m. and p.m. for
Continuous Full-day Workshop
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

or
Register for a.m. or p.m. session only

