

THE FARQUHAR NEWS

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WEEKLY EDITION

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26 2010

May 24-27: School Spirit Week: Pajama Monday, Dress-up Tuesday, Wacky Wednesday, FMS Spirit Thursday

May 25: High School Assessment makeup #1, algebra

May 28: **6th grade** end-of-year program, 8:30 a.m. and **7th grade** end-of-year program, 10:30 a.m.
Parents should have received an invitation by mail if their child is being recognized with an award during the end-of-year programs.

May 28: 8th grade field trip to Hershey Park, 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. See reminders next page

May 31: Holiday: Memorial Day

June 1: Spring Music Concert, Sherwood HS, 7-9 p.m.

June 2: High School Assessment makeup #2, algebra

June 4: Yearbooks distributed through science classes to students who have paid. There are yearbooks still available to purchase, \$33. Order forms are available in the office & online.

June 5: Eighth grade dance, 7-9:30 p.m.

June 8: Exam review day

June 9-14: Final exams: The exam scheduled is attached and posted on the website

June 15: Eighth Grade Farewell 1-2 p.m. followed by ice cream social for 8th grade students

June 15: Final exam make-ups second semester

June 16: Fourth marking period ends

June 16: Last day of school for students: early dismissal 12:10 p.m.

June 17: Professional day for teachers

June 23: Report cards mailed home

July 6-30: Summer School Classes, registration still open, see information next page

8TH GRADERS: HERSHEY PARK TRIP

- **Trip Specifics:**
May 28, 2010
8:00am - Depart FMS
8:30pm – Arrive at FMS
- **Please be sure that students are on time to school on the day of the trip.** We will board buses at 7:50am and leave Farquhar at 8:00am. Students may ride the school bus as on any other day.
- **Please arrange for your child to be picked up at Farquhar at 8:30pm on the day of the trip.** Students should have transportation arrangements prior to the trip.
- **Hershey Park does not allow radios, tape/CD/MP3 players, food, or beverage to be brought into the park.** (Exceptions will be made for medical reasons. Please alert us to any issues).
- **Students will be permitted to bring cell phones, but each student will be responsible for his or her personal belongings.**
- **Lockers are available for public use (for a nominal fee).** They are on a first come, first served basis.
- **Please remember to give your child money for food while in the park.** Unless required medically, food and drink are not allowed to be brought in. \$20-\$25 will be more than adequate for lunch and dinner.
- In the rare circumstance that a student must be picked up by parents at Hershey Park, the student must be signed out. Please allow as much notice as possible. If there is a family emergency during the trip, please contact the Farquhar Main office so we can set up the safe pickup of your child.
- **In case of emergency, staff may be contacted through the following channels:**
Farquhar Main Office: 301-924-3100
Hershey Park First Aid Station: 717-534-3370
(Located in the CVS Family Health and Services Center)

ATTENTION 8TH GRADERS

Check out these transition to high school programs this summer, offered to all incoming 9th graders:

Sherwood HS STARS Program:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/sherwoodhs/news/news.aspx?id=113024>

Blake HS: High School 101:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/blakehs/hs101/index.htm>

STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING (SSL)

Form 560-51 (SSL Activity Verification) for Student Service Learning performed during the second semester (to be reflected on the final report card) is due to Mrs. Rodriguez, SSL coordinator, by the Friday before second semester exams begin. This year: **June 4, 2010.**

Documentation of service occurring after that date and throughout the summer will be reflected on the first report card of the 2010-11 school year when submitted by the last Friday in September. Next year **September 24, 2010.**

Please note: All 8th grade folders will be sent to their high schools **Monday June 14.** **NO** SSL from 8th graders will be accepted after this date. For additional modifications to the middle school SSL awards program, please visit the MCPS SSL website at: www.mcpsssl.org.Summer

If you have any questions over the summer, please call 301-279-3454.

SUMMER CLASSES FILLING FAST!

Registration is still open for summer courses and courses are filling fast! Times are from 7:45 – 11:30 a.m. during the dates listed below. Courses include:

Reading 7/8 (July 6-30, Cost \$95, check made out to MCPS)

Mathematics 7 (July 6-30, Cost \$95, check made out to MCPS)

Focus on Algebra (July 12-30, Cost \$75, check made out to MCPS)

Writer's Workshop (July 12-30, Cost \$150, check made out to FMS)

Courses will be filled on a first-come basis until filled. Bus transportation is available, as is financial assistance for students who have financial need. All registration information is available on Edline and the school website. If there are any questions,

Please contact Mr. Geddes ([Walter C Geddes Jr@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Walter_C_Geddes_Jr@mcpsmd.org)), summer school coordinator, with any questions about summer reading and math programs, or Mr. Heifetz ([Adam M Heifetz@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Adam_M_Heifetz@mcpsmd.org)) for *Writer's Workshop* information.

Also, enrichment packets in reading and math will be sent home with students prior to the end of the school year. This information will also be posted on our website throughout the summer.

SPRING FEVER

As our work continues into the fourth marking period, "spring fever" typically arrives and students can get distracted with the excitement of the warm weather and the end of the school year. Thank you for your support as we emphasize with students how important it is to remain on task, concentrate on academic priorities, complete homework, and take school seriously during the final weeks. We are also reinforcing our expectations for a "hands-free" school environment— no physical contact with others, no physical aggression, no hugging or other affectionate behavior, no electronics— and wearing appropriate dress to school. Please note that students will lose privileges such as Hershey Park and other end of year events for behavior infractions. Please see the student agenda book for more information, and we appreciate your reinforcement of these important items in the final marking period.

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](mailto: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

Farquhar MS
June 2010 EXAM SCHEDULE

6th Grade Exam Schedule

	Wednesday June 9	Thursday June 10	Friday June 11	Monday June 14	Tuesday June 15
7:50-10:00	Exam 7 th	Exam 3 rd	Exam 1 st	Exam 2 nd	Regular Schedule
10:04-10:35	2 nd 10:04-10:35	1 st	3 rd	3 rd	Make- Up Exams
10:35-11:05	Lunch 3 rd 11:09-11:58	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
11:09-11:44	4 th 12:02-12:51	2 nd	4 th	5 th	
11:48-12:26	5 th 12:55-1:44	5 th	7 th	7 th	
12:30-2:40	6 th 1:48-2:40	Exam 6 th	Exam 5 th	Exam 4 th	

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10:39-11:18	3 rd 10:39-11:28	2 nd	4 th	5 th	
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