

THE FARQUHAR NEWS

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WEEKLY EDITION

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

August 31-September 24: MAP-R testing window

September 6: Holiday--Labor Day: No school for students

September 7: Girls' and boys' softball and cross country tryouts, see information below

September 9: Rosh Hashanah: No schools for students

September 10: PTA newsletter deadline

September 13: After-School Activities fair during 7th period, students will sign up to participate in after-school clubs and intramurals

September 14: Holiday--Primary Election: No school for students

September 16: Back-to-School Night, 7-9:30 p.m.

September 21: After-school activities begin and there will be three activity buses

September 23: Individual school pictures taken

September 24: Documentation of all Student Service Learning (SSL) performed during the summer is due in the main office.

September 24: School dance: music department sponsored, 7-9 p.m., tickets \$6

September 29: Parent Health Education meeting, all grades: health curriculum, room 4, 7-8 p.m.

September 30: Interims mailed home

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL – MESSAGE FROM MRS. MORRIS

We had a great opening day! The staff worked extremely hard to get ready for the return of our students. The building never looked so wonderful and teachers had students engaged in lessons from the moment the students entered their classrooms. Once again, we are thrilled to welcome all of our students back and excited for an outstanding year.

The first marking period is the most important time to get off to a good start, form good habits, and begin the year on a positive note. Remember – effective effort is the key.

Hard Work/Effort → Success → Confidence → Desire to Give More Effort

STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING (SSL)

Documentation of service occurring after June 3 and throughout the summer will be reflected on the first report card of the 2010-11 school year. Blank SSL forms (MCPS 560-510) are available in the main office or webpage. September 24 is the deadline to submit documentation.

ACTIVATE YOUR ONLINE ACCOUNTS

The **PTA email list** is the primary means by which important school information is emailed directly to parents. Not only will the weekly News be emailed to subscribers, but the Email List is also used for emergency communications. All parents must sign up now at www.farquharpta.org.

All parents and students must have active Edline accounts! For new parents—activation codes and instructions for account activation will be sent home in the U. S. mail, so please look out for this envelope on or around September 1. For returning parents, usernames and passwords will remain the same as in 2009-10. If you have difficulty, please go to www.Edline.com and click “forgot Username” or “Forgot Password.” Students will receive their activation codes at school. For advanced assistance with your Edline account, please contact Beth Hopkins:

[Beth A Hopkins@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Beth_A_Hopkins@mcpsmd.org), or go to <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/oars/>.

IMPORTANT ITEMS TO RETURN TO SCHOOL

Many important pieces of information were sent home with students this week. Please be sure to carefully read all items. The following important papers need to be returned as soon as possible:

Emergency Information sheet (yellow). Please be sure to include cell phone and email address that can be used in cases of emergency.

Emergency Parent/Child Reunification Authorization sheet (blue)

Free and Reduced Meals (FARMS) application

FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES PROGRAM

Students who were eligible for FARMS during the 2009–2010 school year are eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals until at least October 12, 2010. This provides benefits to eligible students while the applications are being processed for this year. Once the 2010–2011 applications are processed, that eligibility determination carries through the school year or until another application is processed.

SOFTBALL AND CROSS COUNTRY TRYOUTS FOR 7TH & 8TH GRADERS

Softball and cross country tryouts start, Tuesday, September 7. Tryouts and practices are held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 2:50-4:20 p.m. A sports bus is available after tryouts/practices and departs at 4:30 p.m. Students must have all of the following paperwork turned in before tryouts: current physical (MCPS Form SRS-6 Health Inventory-- Parts 1, 2, & 3; Part 2 requires the physician's signature), parent permission form, and medical card. If you have any questions, please email the appropriate coach:

Boys softball: Mr. Ingram, [Jason R Ingram@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Jason_R_Ingram@mcpsmd.org)

Girls softball: Mr. Bready, [Michael F Bready@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Michael_F_Bready@mcpsmd.org)

Cross Country: Mr. Geddes, [Walter C GeddesJr@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Walter_C_GeddesJr@mcpsmd.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](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

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:

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