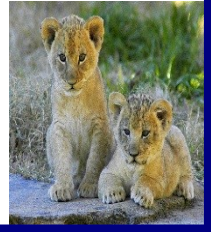




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The Galway Pledge : We pledge to respect one another, to be trustworthy and fair. We will care about each other, and be good citizens. Above all else, I will take responsibility for my actions, in a quest to build a better you...and a better me.

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

Principally Speaking: *Thoughts on "Parent Voice"*

I am pleased to share with you that I am returning to work on Wednesday, October 7. Ms. Wallen did a monumental job as the acting principal during my absence. I cannot thank her enough for her commitment and success in orchestrating a smooth virtual opening. I am so excited to come back and visit classrooms. I missed the students and staff, and parents, I also missed you. In years past, I interacted with many of you during phone calls or communicated through email or in parent conferences. The most rewarding encounters were the face-to-face during school events, arrival or dismissal, or conversations in the office. These were the places and encounters where relationships developed and often where we heard your thinking and feedback which helped us make adjustments to become a better school.

I know parents have been asked to participate in surveys and you have attended BTSN as well as curriculum nights. Your questions six weeks into the school year may be a little different than questions you had in the beginning of the year when we all were trying to adjust to the new platforms and technology. I want to provide a forum to hear your heartbeat, concerns and questions about school. We are serious about our commitment to partner with you to make Galway a school of excellence.

I am inviting you to the first **Principal's Tea and Talk** session. Ms. Wallen, the assistant principal and I are looking forward to this additional vehicle for hearing your voice. This is an opportunity for parents to ask questions, share ideas and get clarification about school policies. A special guest will be featured at each event with relevant information of parent interest. Get your cup of tea and join us on October 14 from 6:30-7:30 pm. You can send topics you would like to hear about ahead of time to Dorothea_fuller@mcpsmd.org or Nichola_A_Wallen@mcpsmd.org or ask them that evening. This will not replace resolving individual classroom questions that should start with the teacher.



Principal's Tea & Talk

October 14 6:30-7:30 pm
"Where there's tea, there's hope"
Arthur Wing Pinero



October

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 8

Food Distribution & free flu shot
3:00 pm-Galway bus loop

October 14

Principal's Tea 6:30-7:30 (Zoom link)

October 16

Hispanic Heritage Literacy Day

October 24

PTA General Meeting 11:00 am
Galway Bus Loop

October 30

Harvest Night Event (PTA sponsored)



National Hispanic Heritage Month September 15-October 15

From mid-September through mid-October, America recognizes the contributions, culture, and heritage of Hispanic Americans. The month-long celebration began on September 15, the anniversary of independence for five Hispanic countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico achieved independence on Sept. 16 while Chile



Class Attendance

Attendance is expected from 9-11:30 and 1:00-3:15 each day in the live zoom sessions. We are noticing that some students do not return to class after lunch. They are missing valuable instruction and the result may have a negative impact on the quarter grade. Should a family opt out of some or all live zoom sessions on a regular basis, this information should be communicated with the school. Students not attending live zoom sessions on a regular basis are required to access the recording of each missed lesson within 72 hours and complete all related work.

Triple Meal Service on Friday

MCPS is increasing to a triple meal service on Fridays to help address food insecurity for MCPS students over the weekend. The district will also continue to partner with local nonprofits, faith-based organizations, County Government agencies, and others to provide food and other critical resources to the community. More information is available at: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/reopening/meals/.



Lunch Applications - Although we are in a virtual setting and MCPS is providing free meals to students, parents still need to complete the 2020 - 2021 Application for Free and Reduced Priced Meals. I am requesting that you complete the application as soon as possible and no later than **October 16, 2020**. You can apply online <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>.



Attention 5th Grade Parents: MCPS Middle School Magnet Consortium & the Choice Process

MSMC Open Houses: Grade 5 students and their parents are invited to attend all three MSMC open houses to learn about each school's unique magnet program.

All meetings begin at 6 PM.

- A. Mario Loiederman MS, Thursday, October 15, 2020**
- Parkland MS, Thursday, October 22, 2020**
- Argyle MS, Tuesday, October 27, 2020**

Students will use their MCPS student Gmail account to complete and submit a Choice form at <http://bit.ly/choiceMSMC> (out of consortium) or <http://bit.ly/inMSMC> (in consortium*). These case-sensitive links will be active in mid October. The deadline for Choice forms is **November 6, 2020**.



How to get in touch with us:

The school is open to MCPS Staff only. The main office staff is currently operating on a rotating schedule which means we have limited staff in the office during the week. We ask for your patience and understanding as there is usually one person in the main office and at times he/she may not be at their desk. We will contact you within 24 business hours.

Our current office hours are from 8:30 AM -3:30 PM Monday-Friday (with limited staff). If no one is available to take your call in the main office, please call:

- ◆ Ms. Lohr, school registrar, for enrollment and registration@ (301) 595-2930 or email Jean_R_Lohr@mcpsmd.org
- ◆ Ms. Trejo, admin secretary, for administrative related matters @ (301) 595-2930 or email Yesenia_Trejo@mcpsmd.org
- ◆ Ms. Gilchrist, parent community coordinator, for family needs (food, clothing, shelter) information about a MiFi@ (301) 595-2930 or email Jade_L_Gilchrist@mcpsmd.org

Galway ES Specialist Team Newsletter

School Year 2020-2021

October

Art

Kindergarten and first grade are working on lines of all kinds and shapes. Listening to stories and practicing our best.

Second and third grade are working on emotions and how we show emotions through facial features. How emotions change our mood and expressions.

Fourth and fifth grade are looking at Greek pottery. They are observing the different geometric and organic shapes that the early artists used to decorate their vases. They will choose a shape for their vase and add details using geometric and organic shapes.

Media

Media is very pleased to be teaching all classes and all grade levels. While we are all disappointed that in-person learning cannot take place at this time, one silver lining of the online schedule is the opportunity to touch base with every child who attends Galway.

Online books ongoing: Even after we return to the building, media lessons will include sharing new ways to read online or exploring these applications in depth. This will be included in all grades prominently while distance learning occurs.

In October, coding education will restart with media leading these lessons at all grade levels. We will be following the curriculum for coding put forth by MCPS and code.org for teaching coding in a virtual environment.

Each grade and class will receive at least one Common Sense Digital Citizenship lesson in October.

Each grade will also receive one or more information literacy lessons which connect directly and expand on their classroom instruction in reading, social studies, and STEM for that week. We will collaborate with the teachers in each grade to discover where and what subject we can best enrich their teaching for their grades at that time.

All families are encouraged to have their child's public library card handy in order to take advantage of MCPL digital subscription and other services. If you or your child don't have one, [you can obtain a digital library card](#) by visiting the [MCPL website](#).

Music

Kindergarten, First and Second Grade students are working on musical opposites of loud/soft and fast/slow with second grade using Italian terms piano/forte and presto/largo. We are singing and moving to these differences to show and hear how they make music more interesting.

Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade students have reviewed known pitches and rhythms and are adding more to their working musical knowledge base. 3rd graders are learning about meter signatures. 4th graders are learning how to divide measures and beats with 16th notes. 5th graders are learning about Jazz instruments and the 12 bar blues

PE

Kindergarten, First and Second grade students will be working on finding safe personal space and moving safely and in control through general space. Students will also learn about cooperation and playing fairly. Students will begin learning the locomotor skills (walking, running, hopping, skipping, sliding, and jumping).

Third, fourth, and fifth grade students will be learning at home basketball skills and transitioning into soccer skills. They will also learn rules and routines of PE and the importance of working with others.



Galway Lions PTA

News for October 2020



The newly elected Galway Lions PTA board has been busy discussing ideas on how to best help the community during this challenging time. We thank everyone who participated in the PTA survey and were excited to read your wonderful ideas.

We are working on sponsoring an **Art Supply Drive** and setting up a **"Read-A-Thon"** Fundraiser to raise donations and money for the Galway community. More information to come.

The PTA will hold a **socially distanced General Membership Meeting on Saturday, October 24, 2020** in the **Galway Bus Parking Lot** to vote on the PTA budget for the school year. For voting, Maryland PTA has mandated in-person meetings. Please remember to bring your mask. There will be treats for the children! We hope you are able to join!

On **October 30, 2020**, the PTA will hold a **"Virtual Harvest Celebration"**. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for details and the link to the zoom event.

Please consider becoming a Galway Lions PTA member! To join the PTA, please sign up with the link provided here <https://galwaylionspta.memberhub.com/join/5ihmey> or by going directly to our store at <https://galwaylionspta.new.memberhub.store/store>. Dues are only \$5 (plus a \$0.68 online convenience fee). For information on check or cash payment, please email info.galwaylionspta@gmail.com.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact any of us via email with questions, concerns, and ideas or visit us on FaceBook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/galwaylionspta>. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

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La junta directiva de la PTA de Leones de Galway recién elegida ha estado ocupada discutiendo ideas sobre cómo ayudar mejor a la comunidad durante este tiempo desafiante. Agradecemos a todos los que participaron en la encuesta de la PTA y estaban emocionados de leer sus maravillosas ideas. Estamos trabajando para patrocinar una campaña de suministros de arte y organizar una recaudación de fondos "Read-A-Thon" para recaudar donaciones y dinero para la comunidad de Galway. Más información próximamente.

La PTA llevará a cabo una reunión general de membresía socialmente distanciada el sábado 24 de octubre de 2020 en el estacionamiento de autobuses de Galway para votar sobre el presupuesto de la PTA para el año escolar. Para votar, la PTA de Maryland ha ordenado reuniones en persona. Recuerde traer su máscara. ¡Habrán golosinas para los niños! ¡Esperamos que puedas unirte!

El 30 de octubre de 2020, la PTA llevará a cabo una "Celebración de la cosecha virtual". Marque sus calendarios y esté atento a los detalles y el enlace al evento de zoom.

¡Considere convertirse en miembro de la PTA de los Leones de Galway! Para unirse a la PTA, regístrese con el enlace proporcionado aquí <https://galwaylionspta.memberhub.com/join/5ihmey> o vaya directamente a nuestra tienda en <https://galwaylionspta.new.memberhub.store/store>. Las cuotas son solo \$ 5 (más una tarifa de conveniencia en línea de \$ 0.68). Para obtener información sobre el pago con cheque o en efectivo, envíe un correo electrónico a info.galwaylionspta@gmail.com.

Como siempre, no dude en ponerse en contacto con cualquiera de nosotros por correo electrónico con preguntas, inquietudes e ideas o visítenos en FaceBook en <https://www.facebook.com/groups/galwaylionspta>. ¡Esperamos tener noticias tuyas!

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Clean Out Your Closet Challenge

Galway Elementary School is participating in the **Clothing To Cash**  **Recycling Program**

Help our School Raise Money!
Bring in Clothing, Shoes, Sneakers, Towels and Textiles.
Every Bag Counts!!!



Bring items in all conditions, unneeded, outgrown and out of style.



Galway Elementary School will be paid for every pound we collect. All materials will be Reused, Repurposed or Recycled and saved from landfills.

Look for the large white collection bin in the school parking lot. The goal is to **FILL** our collection bin **WEEKLY** with as many **PLASTIC BAGS** of clothing, shoes and other textiles as possible!

Recycling at schools now goes beyond bottles and cans. We are teaching our students the benefits of recycling while helping our school raise money for necessary resources that our students deserve.



Help Support Our School & Save The Environment One Bag At A Time!

