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PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES OCTOBER 22, 2007

Every parent should have already received a yellow scheduling form for the upcoming P/T conferences. Appointments will be scheduled on a first-come, first served basis, beginning with families with multiple children. Appointments requested after Friday must be made directly with the classroom teachers.

SALLY FOSTER ORDERS ARE IN

Mistakes on orders must be reported by Oct. 17. See back for details.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ **OCT 16 Tue** – Field Trip to Science Center (grades K-6)
- ◆ **OCT 16 Tue** – Family dinner for 1st and 2nd grade at 6:00 pm
- ◆ **OCT 18 Thurs** – Field Trip to Science Center (gr. 7-10)
- ◆ **OCT 19 Fri** End 1st Quarter
- ◆ **OCT 22 Mon** Parent/Teacher Conferences – No School
- ◆ **OCT 25 Thurs** – Dyslexia Seminar for parents at 7 pm
- ◆ **NOV 15 Thurs** – Mid-term
- ◆ **NOV 16 Fri** – Thanksgiving Banquet
- ◆ **NOV 19-23** – Thanksgiving Vacation

FIELD TRIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note the corrections for field trip scheduling. Grades K-6 will go the Science Center on October 16, and grades 7-10 are going to the Science Center on Oct. 18.

Each child must wear their field trip shirt (burgundy with logo) to the science center. Because students will be actively participating in the various events during the day, students may wear school-approved jeans if they wish. Please note that jeans are appropriate for this trip only. Restrictions on jeans: not too tight, not too low, no patches, no holes, no extra designs or writing. If there's any question, send the regular uniform pants.

COGNITIVE GENESIS SURVEYS

Thank you to the 70 families that participated in the Cognitive Genesis project by submitting their

surveys. Today is the last day this school year to participate.

DON'T WANT TO RAKE LEAVES—CALL A 10TH GRADER

Grade 10 students are raising money for their annual spring study tour. If you need your leaves raked, please contact Beth Reynolds, grade 10 teacher, to schedule a crew. The following Sunday afternoons are available: Oct. 21, Oct. 28, Nov. 4, and Nov. 11. Ms. Reynolds can be reached at 301-828-7420.

CLOSINGS AND DELAYS

Just a reminder that we are fast approaching winter conditions, whether it be fog, ice, or snow. AAS follows Howard County public schools with regard to delays and closings. If you hear of a delay or closing for Howard County on your

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TV or radio, know that it applies to us, too. Please see page 21 in the *Handbook* for details. In addition to radio and TV, you may access information through the internet at schoolsout.com.

STUDENT VIOLIN RECITAL

Mrs. Baasch's violin students have been practicing diligently and are now ready for a recital on Sunday, October 14, at 3:30 pm. The recital will be held at the Sligo Church Atrium (not at Beltsville Church as previously announced). Six of our Atholton students will be performing. All are welcome! Come enjoy the music.

AFTERNOON SPORTS PROGRAM

Just a reminder that any soccer games for grades K-4 that we missed (Oct. 2-4 and Oct. 9) will be made up at the end of the season. Football is now underway for grades 5-10. Athletes – don't forget to wear your Jagz T-shirt.



FIELD TRIP SHIRT

Just a reminder that all students are required to wear their field trip shirts to chapel on Fridays until further notice. Students will be fined \$5.00 if they forget to wear their shirt. Students are NOT allowed to call a parent to bring a shirt. If they forget, they pay.

HOME AND SCHOOL CORNER

SALLY FOSTER ORDERS

The orders were delivered and sent home on Wednesday this week. Please look over the order ASAP for any mistakes. If any corrections need to be made, you must let Becky O'Fill (301-498-5695) know by Wednesday, October 17. That is the absolute deadline for adjustments to your order.

FAMILY DINNER: 1st & 2nd GRADE

Our next Family Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, October 16, at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be provided by the Home and School Association. Bring parents, grandparents, siblings, etc. to the school gym for an evening of fun, good food, and fellowship. Please note there is no charge for the meal.

DYSLEXIA SEMINAR

Does your child have trouble recognizing rhyming words, mispronouncing words, or learning names of letters or their sounds? Does your child struggle with reading fluently? Has school become harder and harder for them? The Home and School Association is sponsoring a seminar for parents about dyslexia on Thursday evening, October 25, at 7:00 pm. A representative from Spell Read P.A.T. will talk about what dyslexia is, how a person's brain functions with it, how common it is, how important early detection is, and effective ways to overcome it. Come learn how to be aware of the signs of dyslexia and what can be done to help your child succeed.