



MOUNT EAGLE MESSENGER

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Principal's Message

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome to the 2007-2008 school year! We have had a wonderful start to a new and exciting school year! We have been in school for nine days and began learning and sharing from the first minute. We see smiles on everyone's faces.

There have been a few first-week glitches, such as the cafeteria line, but the students and staff have adjusted quickly to the changes that needed to be made. Please work with your child by helping them to memorize their 3 digit lunch number and by sending in money on a weekly or monthly basis instead of daily. We sincerely appreciate your support.

Although your child has one classroom teacher, there are many other teachers who work in a collaborative way to support all the needs of every student. Mount Eagle is a community and we all take ownership for your child's education. We look forward to meeting you (parents and families) during our Back to School Night, which will be held on Thursday, September 20th, at 6:30 PM.

As a reminder, our school hours for students are 8:30 am to 3:05 PM each day. It is fine to drop your children off at 8:00 AM so they can have breakfast. Thank you for your telephone calls and emails these past two weeks. Please continue to keep the lines of communication open! We are looking forward to a wonderful school year!

Our school telephone number is 703-721-2100.

We can also be reached via email at Brian.Butler@fcps.edu and Dawn.Hendrick@fcps.edu.

Thank you for the sharing your children with us!

Sincerely,

Brian K. Butler
Principal

Dawn Hendrick
Assistant Principal



PICTURE DAY

Tuesday, September 18th
8:45 – 11:45 AM
Wear your best smile 😊

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Thursday, September 20th
6:30 – 7:30 PM
All are encouraged to attend

Mount Eagle Tutoring Program
Volunteer Tutors and Substitutes
Wanted



For almost 20 years this award winning partnership between Mount Eagle School and Calvary Presbyterian Church has been providing one-on-one tutoring each Wednesday evening from October to May.

The school selects the students for the program. The tutors, all volunteers, come from the neighborhood and several area churches. Each tutor is assigned one student for the year. Together they do homework, read and talk. The tutor does not need to do any advance preparation, just have a willingness to help our neighborhood children.

There are two sessions each Wednesday at Calvary Presbyterian Church from 7 to 8 pm and from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. There is one orientation/training session on Wednesday October 3 from 7 to 8 pm. Tutoring starts October 10.

If you would like to give a child an hour of your time each week for seven months (with time off for vacations and snow days), please call Co-Directors Claride Mayo, 703-768-4582 or Dot Heil, 703-780-6658 or the Mount Eagle School office, 703-721-2100. Remember both substitutes and regular tutors are needed.

Clinic Corner

Cold weather is just a few months away. Many students get chapped lips, and coughs, and sore throats when the weather changes.

Students are allowed to bring CHAPSTICK or VASELINE to school for chapped lips but they must keep it on them or in their backpack and must not share with anyone.

They are also allowed to bring COUGH / THROAT Drops, but they have to be in the original bag or box with their name on it, and are not to be given to any other students.



National Book Festival – Saturday, September 29, 2007

In just over 2 weeks, the 2007 National Book Festival will be held on the National Mall in Washington, DC between 7th and 14th Streets. It will be open from 10 AM until 5 PM. This festival, sponsored by the Library of Congress and Laura Bush, is FREE and everyone is invited!

There will be pavilions with over 70 American authors. Children will want to look for their favorite authors, including:

- Carmen Agra Deedy, author of *The Library Dragon*
- Mercer Mayer, author of *There's an alligator under my bed* and *Just Me and My Dad*
- Megan McDonald, author of *Judy Moody*
- Rosemary Wells, author of *Max's dragon shirt* and *Emily's first 100 days of school*
- David Wiesner, author of *Tuesday* and *Flotsam*
- Jack Prelutsky, author of *The new kid on the block* and *A pizza the size of the sun*

Adults will be interested in David Baldacci, Lisa Scottoline, Joyce Carol Oates Terry Pratchett, Harry Turtledove, Susan Vreeland, and Ken Burns, as well as many more.

Another popular event is the Pavilion of the States. Here you will find representatives from every state with information about writers, book festivals and awards. Be sure to pick up a free map of the United States of America. Then when you visit each table, you can get a sticker or stamp from that state.

For more information, log onto the Library of Congress website www.loc.gov or call them at 888.714.4696.