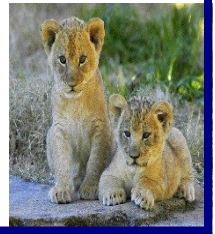




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The Galway Pledge : We pledge to respect one another, to be trustworthy and fair. We will care about each other, and be good citizens. Above all else, I will take responsibility for my actions, in a quest to build a better you...and a better me.

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

Principally Speaking: "The Beauty of Diversity"

"In diversity there is beauty and there is strength." Maya Angelou

I want to share an earlier post that certainly is appropriate for the current challenges and lack of tolerance we are seeing in the nation. Galway Elementary is special because of the diversity of our students, families, and staff that make up our school community. We are fortunate to have the multitude of cultures, ethnicities, and races in our school and the benefits from this influence is priceless. This diversity reflects not only this area of the country and the global society, but represents the principles that make America great.

As I greet students each day, I never lose sight of the opportunity we have at this school. It warms my heart as I reminisce about my own school experiences, my younger brothers, my daughters, and the innocence of childhood. This strengthens my resolve to provide the best learning environment possible for our students. I want our students to know how special they are and understand that there is no one else like them on the earth. I want them to realize the unique skills they have will make this world a better place. I know part of our responsibility at Galway is to make sure every student gets that message and feels empowered to reach their potential.

The staff and I commit to acknowledge the rich heritage that each child brings to the schoolhouse and understand we are better because of it. I want every child here to know his or her value and their importance in our school community. We want Galway to be a safe place where your children can flourish and excel. We will not tolerate bias, bullying, or shaming because of one's race, culture, or heritage. Words matter and words that demean or dehumanize another are not acceptable. Everyone in this building is committed to partnering with you and supporting the dreams you have for your children. The first way we demonstrate that is celebrating our diversity. Hold us accountable to this commitment.



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 15

Food Distribution-Grab & Go-5:00 pm
2nd Grade Performance 6:00-7:00 pm

April 16

School Closed-Grading & Reporting
School Material Distribution 10:00-3:00

April 19

Principal's Tea 6:30-7:30

April 21

Secretary Appreciation Day
Arab American Literacy Day

April 22

1st Grade Performance 6:00-7:00 pm

April 28

Kindergarten Registration Day
Reading Night

April 29

Food Distribution-Grab & Go-5:00 pm



GIFTED & TALENTED IDENTIFICATION-2ND & 3RD GRADERS

We are in the process of planning for next year. As part of the process, all *second and third grade students participate in a gifted and talented identification process. One component of the process is having you, as a parent, provide information that will support the process. This calls for you to complete a short survey. Letters were sent home from Central Office. In case you did not get the letter, the link below will provide you with information how to complete the survey. If you need support in accessing the survey or have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Tova Irving, Reading Specialist and GT Liaison at tova_irving@mcpsmd.org.*

English version: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sV2VO26p8boDd1auU_IcRaoJWlsnQaG3xq0RWMNiGl/edit?usp=sharing

Spanish version: https://drive.google.com/file/d/15otWcykiVAo2mPP9hH-knnGk8XRJ_abB/view?usp=sharing

French version: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QhwTiPmcXvsC9LPKBUtRHHABNog7tzhE/view?usp=sharing>

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Chinese version: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Uk_s4vI3ENnhs6Zwyb-FBuLOHKqTVgBY/view?usp=sharing

COVID-19 POOL TESTING

Dear parents,

COVID-19 testing will begin at our school on Thursday, April 15, 2021. We must all do our part to prevent the transmission of the COVID-19 virus in our schools. This includes participating in school-provided COVID-19 testing to identify cases where the student or staff member may not be showing symptoms. MCPS families were notified about this new effort in February and March. Tests will be provided for all students and staff on a weekly basis. Each swab will be placed in a common tube for that classroom or group and sent off to a central testing laboratory. The test detects whether the virus that causes COVID-19 is present in that pooled sample. Schools will receive results within 2-3 days. A consent form was sent via ConnectED to every parent and a hard copy was sent home with each student. If you do not complete the consent form, your child will not be able to participate in testing. Please contact us if you have any questions.

[CLICK HERE for consent form](#)



**4th Quarter Material Distribution
April 16 10:00-3:00
Contactless Delivery-anyone can pick up
Child's name, ID#, grade needed**



PRINCIPAL'S TEA

APRIL 19 6:30-7:30

Ask any questions you may have and hear about school plans
Zoom Link will follow

PTA BOARD NOMINATIONS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2021 - 2022

It is the time of year to solicit nominations for next school year's PTA Executive Board Officers. We seek parent volunteers who are willing to devote their time and energy to serve on the Galway Elementary School's Executive Board. The job descriptions are attached to the newsletter and on the PTA website.

Schedule of Nomination and Election Process:

- ◆ **April 30, 2021:** Deadline to submit nomination forms and statements. *Please email all nominations to najah4@comcast.net*
- ◆ **May 17, 2021:** Elections for the 2021 - 2022 Executive Board are held during the General PTA

TUTOR ME FREE SERVICE IS NOW AVAILABLE

TutorMe.com, a new, free student online tutoring and homework help service, is now available in any subject for students in grades 3-12. TutorMe.com is a secure, online resource easily accessible through MCPS student Canvas and StudentVUE accounts and offers on-demand assistance. More information is [available here](#).

Nasal Swab Self-Collection Instructions for Pooling

1

Clean Hands

First, make sure that your hands are clean (by using soap or hand sanitizer).



2

Open Swab

Remove the swab from its packaging. Be careful not to touch the tip with your hands.



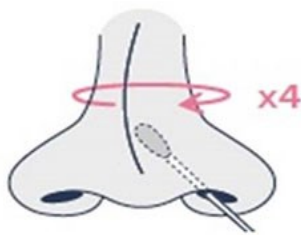
3

Swab Nose

Gently insert the entire soft tip of the swab into one nostril until you feel a bit of resistance. Using a circular motion, rub the swab around the inside of your nostril **4 times**. You should use medium pressure to push the swab against the inside of your nostril. The swab tip should be touching the inside of your nose throughout. Repeat the process with your other nostril using the same end of the swab as before.



The swab should push against the inside and outside wall of the nostril.



Swab BOTH nostrils.

4

Put Swab in Tube

Put the swab into the collection tube indicated by the supervisor. Finally, sanitize your hands thoroughly.



Galway Elementary School



Will your child be 5 years old by September 1, 2021?
Register your child now for Kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year.
Please do not wait until summer to enroll!

Registration URL for Parents/Guardians New to MCPS

https://md-mcps.edupoint.com/PXP2_OEN_Login.aspx

Registration URL Parents/Guardians with ParentVUE accounts

https://md-mcps.edupoint.com/PXP2_Login.aspx

Call Ms. Jean
Lohr if you have
questions about
Kindergarten
Registration
301-595-2930

Early Entrance to Kindergarten

Children who will turn five years old between September 2 and October 15, 2021 are eligible for consideration for the early entrance to kindergarten process. Complete the early entrance application. Call Galway so your child can be on a list for an assessment appointment.

Prekindergarten

Montgomery County Pre-K registration is available for children who will be 4-years old by September 1, 2021. Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is now open. Registration for Pre-K is not done at the local school. Please go to this website:

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/dtecps/earlychildhood/prek/>

https://bit.ly/MCPS_Registration_Survey