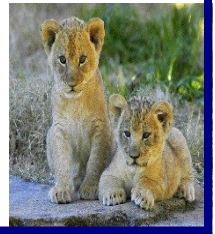




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The Galway Pledge : We pledge to respect one another, to be trustworthy and fair. We will care about each other, and be good citizens. Above all else, I will take responsibility for my actions, in a quest to build a better you...and a better me.

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

Principally Speaking: *Thoughts on “Reading as a Priority”*

“Once you learn to read, you will be forever free.” Frederick Douglass

Reading continues to be the instructional focus for Galway. Reading is the key to all other content and the key to school success for students. Children get better at reading by reading. This success in the classroom can be supported at home. Encouraging children to read at home is one of the powerful ways to support students’ learning. Just 20 minutes of reading at home a day can increase students’ reading fluency. Keep a book on hand in the car, waiting in line at the grocery store, or in the doctor’s office. Prioritize reading with these tips:

- Read more non-fiction texts to your child. Have your child read more non-fiction text.
- Provide your child with books on topics that interest him or her. Read books that tell how things work or read books about historical events. Discuss the ideas presented in the books.
- Read challenging books together. Show your child that challenging books are worth reading.
- Ask for evidence in every day discussions or disagreements. Talk about the books and ask your child to provide evidence from the text when he or she gives an answer or share an idea about the text.
- Read aloud or read the same book as your child and discuss what you read.
- Read several books on the same topic and discuss the topic with your child using academic, sophisticated vocabulary.
- Encourage writing at home. Write “books” together. Have your child add reasons and facts to the writing.

“You cannot uneducate the person who has learned to read.”
“No se puede deseducado a la persona que ha aprendido a leer.”
César Chávez

“Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs is good for him.” Maya Angelou



UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 15**
Back-to School Night (K-3)
6:15-8:00 pm
- September 16**
Back-To-School Night (4-5)
Instrumental Music 5:30-6:00
Classroom Meetings 6:15-8:00 pm
- September 22**
Benchmark Curriculum Night (1-5)
6:30-7:30
- September 23**
Benchmark Curriculum Night (K)
6:30-7:30
- September 28**
Schools Closed for Students
- September 30**
Eureka Curriculum Night(K-5)
6:30-7:30



NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE - 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 gained independence on Sept. 18.



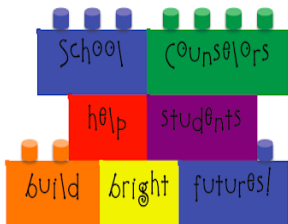
BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

We hope everyone will join us for these very informative nights. **Back-to-School-Night** presentations will focus on classroom and school routines, parent-teacher communication, classroom schedules, and other curricular topics. Each night will feature two sessions which allows parents with students in more than one grade the opportunity to visit more than one classroom. You will hear how to join the PTA and about school initiatives. Teachers will send the Zoom links to parents.

September 15	Grades K-3	Session #1 6:15-7:00pm	Session #2 7:15-8:00pm
September 16	Grades 4-5.	Session #1 6:15-7:00pm	Session #2 7:15-8:00pm

(Instrumental Music meeting at 5:30 pm)

SCHOOL COUNSELING



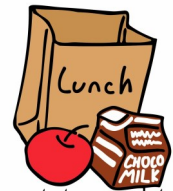
Dear parents,
Welcome back, we look forward to working with you and your students. As the counseling department we will continue to provide a comprehensive, developmental counseling program to address the academic, career, and personal/social needs of all our students. Furthermore, in unison with the students, staff, parents, and community members, we will facilitate a positive, supportive, and culturally sensitive program that will ensure a school community that is safe, healthy, and nurturing environment. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out. Our contact information is below.

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SCHOOL LUNCH APPLICATIONS

All families may pick up breakfast and lunch at Galway by giving their child's name at no cost. It is still important for parents to complete the FARMS (Free and Reduced Meals) application because it helps the school qualify for additional funds and staffing. Parents must complete the free and reduced meals application every year to re-qualify for meals. Complete applications on-line at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>. Ms. Jade Gilchrist, PCC, will support parents with completing forms if needed.



MAP TESTING



During the month of September, your child will take a MAP Reading Fluency test from NWEA on a computer or tablet. MAP Reading Fluency is the universal screener for Montgomery County Public Schools and helps us to meet the requirements outlined in Maryland Senate Bill 734, Ready to Read Act. MAP Reading Fluency measures beginning readers' foundational skills, like phonemic and phonological awareness, and it measures oral reading for children who are ready. We use these results to better understand your child's individual reading needs and to help them progress as readers.

Since MAP Reading Fluency provides immediate and accurate information about your child's reading, it is easy for teachers to identify or predict whether a student may be at risk for poor learning outcomes, and then plan accordingly.

MAP Reading Fluency takes about 20 minutes, features an encouraging character, and is age appropriate for young students. Student reading is voice recorded during the test, and the voice recording can be shared with parents used by teachers to track reading skill development.

We are truly excited to focus on your child's individual growth and reading achievement. For more information about MAP Reading Fluency, visit: www.NWEA.org/MAP-Reading-Fluency and for more information about MCPS universal screener visit <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/>.



Parent Resources for Virtual Learning

The MCPS Parents page has been updated to include various online resources for families to help them navigate virtual learning. Visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/parents/ to see the list of resources.

Recursos para padres para el aprendizaje virtual

La página para padres de MCPS ha sido actualizada para incluir varios recursos en línea para las familias a fin de ayudarlos a navegar por el aprendizaje virtual. Para ver una lista de los recursos, visite www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/parents/.



County Offers Immunizations for Children Returning to School

County health officials are offering free immunizations to eligible children so that immunization requirements are met for the 2020–2021 school year. Immunizations for students new to MCPS and children in kindergarten through Grade 12 are available Monday through Friday, by appointment, at locations in Silver Spring and Germantown.

Appointments are available at:

Dennis Avenue Health Center, 2000 Dennis Avenue, Silver Spring; Phone: 240-777-1050

Germantown Health Center, 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown; Phone: 240-777-3380

There will be two additional clinics offered on Saturday, September 12 and Saturday, September 19 at the Dennis Avenue Health Center location.

Parents/guardians can access their child's vaccination record online at no cost on the Maryland Department of Health's web portal. Users can view and print official copies of vaccination records without a request to their health care provider. More information about Maryland's immunization requirements can be found on the [Maryland Health Department's website](#).

El condado ofrece vacunas para los niños que regresan a la escuela

Los funcionarios de salud del condado están ofreciendo vacunas gratuitas a los niños elegibles para que se cumplan los requisitos de vacunación para el ciclo escolar 2020–2021. Las vacunas para los estudiantes nuevos en MCPS y los niños desde el kindergarten hasta el grado 12 están disponibles de lunes a viernes, con cita previa, en ubicaciones en Silver Spring y Germantown.

Se puede hacer cita en:

Centro de Salud de Dennis Avenue (Dennis Avenue Health Center), 2000 Dennis Avenue, Silver Spring; Teléfono: 240-777-1050

Centro de Salud de Germantown (Germantown Health Center), 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown; Teléfono: 240-777-3380

Se ofrecerán dos clínicas adicionales el sábado, 12 de septiembre y el sábado, 19 de septiembre en el Centro de Salud de Dennis Avenue.

Los padres y guardianes pueden acceder al registro de vacunación de sus hijos en línea, sin costo, en el portal de Internet del Departamento de Salud de Maryland. Los usuarios pueden ver e imprimir copias oficiales de los registros de vacunación sin una solicitud a su proveedor de atención médica.

Puede encontrar más información sobre los requisitos de vacunación de Maryland en el [sitio web del Departamento de Salud de Maryland](#).



Galway Lions PTA (Parent Teacher Association) **Welcome Back to School for the 2020-2021 School Year**

Dear Galway Families and Staff,

The Galway Lions PTA welcomes all of Galway's returning staff and families to the school year 2020-2021 and extends a special welcome to everyone who is new to our Galway community this year. While it will be an unusual school year with a virtual start, we want our new families to know that you have joined a very strong community of students, parents, families, teachers, administrators, and staff committed to the academic growth and the overall success of all our children. Living by Galway's ROARS (**R**espectful, **O**n-task, **A**ccountable, **R**eady to learn, **S**afe) every day provides a wonderful foundation for all of Galway's students and its community.

The Galway Lions PTA is an active and integral part of that community. The PTA connects families and advocates for every child at the national and state level. It gives you a voice to do the same for your own child. We hope that you will join the Galway Lions PTA to help us carry out our mission to enrich and engage all children. We believe that every parent, grandparent, teacher, and community member has something valuable to offer in achieving a common goal: the education of our children. We all have different skills, talents, interests, and resources – together, we can support our children who are our future! Education and critical thinking empower our kids to shape our future and make the world a better place!

Joining the PTA will send a clear message to your child that their education is important to you! We recognize that your time is limited, but any involvement with the PTA will give you and your family many new experiences: working with other parents, with teachers, and staff to make your voice heard. We are hoping you will support Galway by becoming a PTA member. Please visit www.galwaylionspta.memberhub.com to register as a PTA member and click on "shop" to pay the 2020-2021 membership dues of \$5 only (plus a \$0.68 online transaction fee) or email info.galwaylionspta@gmail.com for information on check or cash membership payment. Looking forward to a wonderful year together!

Given the circumstances of the ongoing pandemic, the PTA will look different this year and might not be able to host all those fun and exciting events that we usually do. However, we are still here to support our community as best as we can. We want to help Galway's community during these difficult times and welcome your creative ideas on virtual events, needed donations, and/or fundraisers! Please click on this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TNRWM2P> to fill out the PTA survey. Thank you in advance for your help and ideas!

Please don't hesitate to contact us. Again, welcome to Galway Elementary School for the 2020-2021 school year!

Your Galway Lions PTA Officer Board 2020-2021

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Bienvenida al nuevo año escolar 2020-2021 de la Asociación de Padres y Profesores de la Escuela Primaria Galway (Galway Lions PTA)

Estimadas familias de Galway,

La asociación de padres y profesores de la Escuela Primaria Galway, (Galway Lions PTA, por sus siglas en inglés) les da la más cordial bienvenida al nuevo año escolar 2020-2021, en especial queremos saludar a las familias que se unen por primera vez a nuestra comunidad. Si bien este año escolar es bastante inusual, por empezar de manera virtual, queremos que las nuevas familias sepan, que se han unido a un grupo muy sólido de estudiantes, padres y representantes, profesores, y personal administrativo sumamente comprometidos con el crecimiento y el éxito académico de nuestros hijos. El lema de Galway (ROARS, por sus siglas en inglés), es fomentar el Respeto, la Responsabilidad, el Compromiso, y el Entusiasmo de Aprender en un ambiente Seguro para todos los estudiantes, personal docente y administrativo de esta comunidad educativa.

Nuestra Asociación es una parte fundamental de esta comunidad, conecta a las familias y aboga por cada niño a nivel nacional y estatal. Le da voz para hacerlo por su propio hijo. Esperamos se unan a nuestra asociación (Galway Lions PTA) para colaborar con la misión de ayudar a todos nuestros niños. Sabemos que cada padre, abuelo, maestro y miembro de la comunidad tiene algo valioso que ofrecer para lograr el objetivo común: que es la educación de nuestros hijos. Todos tenemos diferentes habilidades, talentos, intereses y recursos; juntos, podemos apoyar a nuestros hijos que son nuestro futuro. ¡La educación y el pensamiento crítico capacitan a nuestros niños para dar forma a nuestro futuro y hacer del mundo un lugar mejor!

¡El que se una a nuestra asociación (Galway Lions PTA) le enviará un claro mensaje a su hijo de que su educación es importante para usted! Estamos conscientes de que su tiempo es limitado, pero cualquier apoyo que nos pueda brindar le dará a usted y a su familia la oportunidad de trabajar con otros padres, profesores y personal administrativo para hacer que se escuche su voz. Esperamos apoye a Galway, convirtiéndose en miembro de "Lions PTA" que tiene un costo de solo \$5 dólares (\$5.68 en línea) por persona. Visite www.galwaylionspta.memberhub.com para hacer el pago de su membresía.

Debido a la pandemia en curso, este año nuestra asociación no podrá llevar a cabo los divertidos y alegres eventos que hemos realizado en años anteriores. Sin embargo, seguiremos apoyando a nuestra comunidad educativa lo mejor que podamos. ¡Ahora más que nunca, queremos ayudar a nuestra comunidad durante estos inusuales y difíciles momentos! Así que esperamos nos comparta sus iniciativas y sugerencias sobre, ¿qué eventos virtuales o de distancia social podríamos realizar este año?, así como también, ¿cómo obtener donaciones, y qué actividades podríamos programar para recaudar fondos para nuestra comunidad? Por favor, haga clic aquí <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TNRWM2P> para contestar una pequeña encuesta sobre ¿qué actividades le gustaría que nuestra asociación se encargara de hacer este año escolar?

¡Gracias de antemano por su ayuda y participación! Esperamos que sea un año maravilloso para todos.

Por favor, no dude en contactarnos a nuestros en info@galwaylionspta.com.



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!

