

September 15, 2023

Good evening Georgian Forest Families,

This is Dr. Ennis calling you from *#theForest: Where Learners Grow!* This weekly message will be provided in English and Spanish.

The 5 things I'd like to share with you are: Hispanic Heritage Month, 5th Grade Parent Meeting, Saturday School, Merienda Coffee with the Principal, COVID-19 Information, and Important dates.

1. **Hispanic Heritage Month: September 15th - October 15th**

- As part of our school's celebration, we invite you to send us a family photo or a short 30-40 second video that shows your Hispanic and Latinx heritage. It can be a photo of your family dressed in your native attire, or your family doing an activity that teaches us about your heritage.
- Please email your photos or 30-second video to jocelyn_y_rivera@mcpsmd.org. We will share them across our school community and our website.

2. **5th Grade Parent Meeting**

- Please join our counselor, Ms. Borkin on Wednesday, September 20th from 6pm-7pm for an informational meeting on the middle school selection process.
- Spanish and Portuguese interpretation will be available.

3. **Saturday School Courses**

- Academic tutoring and instruction available Saturdays through George B. Thomas Learning Academy for K through 12.
- See attached flyer for more information

4. **Fall 2023 COVID-19 Information**

- Schools are required to follow CDC recommendations. Please notify Georgian Forest Elementary if your child tests positive.
- Click the [link](#) for some health reminders and COVID-19 information.

5. **Merienda Coffee with the Principal - Friday September 29 at 9:30am**

- All Georgian Forest parents and guardians are invited to our monthly Merienda Coffee with the Principal. This event will take place in our school's cafeteria.
- Transportation will be provided to/from Peppertree Leasing Office every Merienda.
- We will share some information about the significance of Georgian Forest being a Title I and a Community School.
- You will also have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom and observe them as they engage in learning activities.
- Please see attached flyer for more information.

6. **Please add the following items to your calendar:**

- September 20th: 5th Grade Parent Middle School Meeting 6-7pm
- September 22nd: Bus Stop Visit - PreK, HS, and Kindergarten Team at 9am
- September 22nd: Early Release Day - Dismissal at 1:20 pm.
- September 25th: Non-Instructional Day - No school for students and teachers
- September 29th: Merienda Coffee at 9:30am - Transportation Provided

Have a wonderful weekend!