

September 22, 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: Merienda Principal's Coffee, Free ESOL and English Conversation Classes, Hispanic Heritage Month, Georgian Forest Volunteers, and Important dates.

1. **Merienda Principal's Coffee - Friday September 29 at 9:30am**

- All Georgian Forest parents and guardians are invited to our monthly Merienda Principal's Coffee. This event will take place in our school's cafeteria.
- Transportation will be provided to/from Peppertree Leasing Office every Merienda. Come & Join us!
- 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.

2. **Free ESOL and English Conversation Classes**

- Virtual English conversation classes and ESOL classes provided by Sheppard Pratt beginning September 26.
- To sign up, please contact Cindy Newland at Cindy.Newland@SheppardPratt.org.
- Please see attached flyer for more information.

3. **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.

4. **Volunteers Help Beautify Georgian Forest**

- Thank you to our parents, Community School volunteers, and Habitat for Humanity for their help beautifying our Community Garden with new mulch!
- Click the [link](#) for our highlight in MCPS Things to Know

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

- September 25th: Non-Instructional Day - NO school for students and teachers
- September 29th: Merienda Coffee at 9:30am - Transportation Provided
- October 5th: 4th Grade Field Trip to Skate Zone
- October 6th: Bus Stop Visit - 1st Grade Team at 9am

Have a wonderful weekend!