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## Weekly PAW ALERT

Georgian Forest Elementary School

Good evening Georgian Forest Families,

This is Dr. Ennis welcoming you to the new school year at *#theForest: Where Learners Grow!* This is August 30th **Weekly PAW Alert** and will be provided in English and Spanish.

I am grateful to my staff, students, and to all parents/guardians for a smooth and excellent first week of school! Classroom instruction started on the first day and our students are doing well with our new routines, procedures and expectations. Thank you for your support at home!

Below are the 5 things you need to know: *School Hours Information, Back to School Fair, Free School Meals, Arrival and Dismissal Procedures, Free ESOL Classes and Important dates.*

1. **School Hours:** Please make a note of the times below:
  - **9:10 a.m** ~ Morning drop-off for car riders & Breakfast
  - **9:25 a.m** ~ Instruction begins
  - **3:50 p.m** ~ Dismissal
  - **1:20 p.m** ~ Early Release day
  - **3:30 p.m** ~ Early dismissal for Appointments occurs before 3:30 p.m
  - If your child is a car rider, we ask that you stay in your vehicle and display your yellow paper on the dashboard and drive through the car loop.
  - Please **do not** get out of your car as this impedes our efficient dismissal process. We will make sure to get your child to you as quickly as possible.
2. **Back-to-School Fair: Sept. 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**
  - Will be held Thursday, September 5th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM
  - Please see the attached flyer for additional information. We hope you can join us!
3. **Free Breakfast and Lunch for the 2024-25 school year!**
  - Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is providing free breakfast and lunch at our school in the 2024–2025 school year.
  - Households do **NOT** need to complete Free And Reduced-price Meal (FARMS) applications in order to receive free meal benefits at our school.
  - We encourage students to enjoy our breakfast and lunch, please check out [menus here.](#)
4. **Free ESOL Classes starting September 19**
  - Virtual English ESOL classes provided by JSSA beginning September 19.
  - For more information and to register see the attached flyer.
5. **Please add the following items to your calendar:**
  - **September 2nd: No School - Labor Day**
  - **September 5th: Back to School Fair at 6:00 pm**
  - September 16, 18 & 20th: EBB After-School Program Registration (more info to come)
  - September 27th: Merienda Principal's Parent Coffee at 9:30am

**Have a wonderful & restful weekend!**