

# THE FARQUHAR NEWS

## William H. Farquhar Middle School

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WEEKLY EDITION

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2010

April 28: Student Member of the Board (SMOB) voting during social studies classes

April 28: Soccer game: Argyle -- girls home, boys away

April 29 & 30: Maryland State Assessment (MSA) science testing 8<sup>th</sup> grade

### Modified 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule

Thursday, April 29: Testing: 7:50-9:38 a.m., periods 1,2,3,4,5,lunch,6,7 (testing 1,2)

Friday, April 30: Testing: 7:50-9:38 a.m., periods 3,4,1,2,5,lunch,6,7 (testing 3,4)

### 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule

Thursday, April 29: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Friday, April 30: 3, 4, 1, 2, 5, 6, 7

May 3-7: Staff Appreciation Week

May 4: Soccer game: Parkland – girls home, boys away

May 6: National Players Performance: *Much Ado About Nothing*, 8<sup>th</sup> grade a.m.

May 7: Honor Roll and Straight A celebration and picture, p.m.

May 10-20: MAP-R testing window

May 11: PTA general meeting, 7-8:30 p.m., library media center

May 12: Interims mailed home

May 12: Soccer game: Rosa Parks – boys home, girls away

May 14: Cultural arts assembly

May 14: PTA newsletter deadline

May 18: High School Assessment (HSA), algebra, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, a.m.

May 18: Eighth grade class picture, 2 p.m.

May 20: Last day for after-school activities, except for exam review sessions

May 21: PTA dance, 7-9 p.m.

May 25: High School Assessment makeup #1, algebra

May 28: 6<sup>th</sup> grade end-of-year program, 8:30 a.m.

7<sup>th</sup> grade end-of-year program, 10:30 a.m.

May 28: 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Hershey Park

May 31: Holiday: Memorial Day

## ALGEBRA HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT (HSA)

The HSA will be given May 18 to all students taking algebra. Please go to the Maryland State Department of Education [HSAexam.org](http://HSAexam.org) website to learn more about the testing program.

## SEEKING KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Parents & Students: Farquhar would like to invite all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to apply to be the keynote speaker at their respective end of the year programs on May 28<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>. This exciting opportunity is open to all students who wish to share their middle school experiences and memories in an engaging and entertaining way. All of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade English teachers are excited and eager to help students write and practice their 5-7 minute speeches. Draft speeches are due to English teachers on May 14; auditions and selections will occur between May 18 and 20. Students, please see your English teacher with any questions. Thank you

## COLLEGE READINESS NEWSLETTER -- *PREPTALK*

The *PrepTalk* newsletter is a Montgomery County Public Schools and Montgomery College partnership project. The newsletter is full of helpful information for parents and students regarding college preparation and readiness. The most recent issue of *PrepTalk* is available on line at:

<http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/careercenter/resources/preptalk.aspx>.

## STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING (SSL)

Form 560-51 (SSL Activity Verification) for Student Service Learning performed during the second semester (to be reflected on the final report card) is due to Mrs. Rodriguez, SSL coordinator, by the Friday before second semester exams begin. This year: **June 4, 2010**.

Documentation of service occurring after that date and throughout the summer will be reflected on the first report card of the 2010-11 school year when submitted by the last Friday in September. Next year **September 24, 2010**.

**Please note:** All 8<sup>th</sup> grade folders will be sent to their high schools **Monday June 14**. **NO** SSL from 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be accepted after this date. For additional modifications to the middle school SSL awards program, please visit the MCPS SSL website at: [www.mcpsssl.org](http://www.mcpsssl.org).

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

Summer course offerings have been finalized! Course offerings will include intervention programs in reading and math, as well as for acceleration into Algebra next year. Courses will include:

**Reading 7/8** (July 6-30, Cost \$95, check made out to MCPS)

**Mathematics 7** (July 6-30, Cost \$95, check made out to MCPS)

**Focus on Algebra** (July 12-30, Cost \$75, check made out to MCPS)

**Writer's Workshop** (July 12-30, Cost \$150, check made out to FMS)

Courses will be filled on a first-come basis, with priority registration given to students recommended by their teacher for intervention. The courses will be held from 7:45 – 11:30 a.m. each day. Bus transportation is available, as is financial assistance for students who demonstrate financial need.

Parents of selected students will receive an invitation letter in the mail during the week of April 23. The registration window will last until May 7, at which time enrollment will be open to all students in the Sherwood Cluster. Classes will then be filled on a first-come basis until course enrollment meets capacity. Please note: We have partnered with Rosa Parks MS to offer a wide range of course offerings in our local area. The following courses will be offered at Rosa Parks and Farquhar students are welcome to attend: Reading 6, Math 6, Math 8, and IM.

Contact Mr. Geddes ([Walter C Geddes Jr@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Walter_C_Geddes_Jr@mcpsmd.org)), summer school coordinator, with any questions about summer reading and math programs, or Mr. Heifetz ([Adam M Heifetz@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Adam_M_Heifetz@mcpsmd.org)) for *Writer's Workshop* information.

## PREPARE FOR COLLEGE

County middle school students and parents are invited to attend a free Way2GoMaryland event Saturday, May 8. Sponsored by the University System of Maryland, the event is to encourage more students to begin preparing for college. The event is open to county students in sixth- through eighth-grades and their parents or guardians. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Universities of Shady Grove, 9630 Gudelsky Drive in Rockville. Check-in will begin at 9 a.m. The program will include a discussion by a panel of college students and an admissions counselor, who will answer participants' questions about preparing for college. A mini-college fair will follow: Representatives from the admissions and financial aid offices of USM's universities, the Maryland Higher Education Commission financial aid office, and the College Savings Plans of Maryland will be available to talk with students and their families. Online registration for the May 8 event at [www.way2gomaryland.org](http://www.way2gomaryland.org) by May 3.

Interested residents also can register by completing and mailing the registration form to:  
Way2GoMaryland May 8, University System of Maryland, 3300 Metzert Road, Adelphi, MD 20783  
All forms submitted via mail or fax must be received by April 30. Call 301-445-2756.

## HELPFUL LINKS

Updates News & Information: [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/farquharms/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/farquharms/)  
Calendar: <http://coldfusion.mcps.k12.md.us/cfms/webteam/calendar/calendar.cfm?calendarID=farquharms>  
Staff Directory: <http://coldfusion.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/directory/index.cfm?s=dbd&pl=03507>  
Edline: [www.edline.net](http://www.edline.net)  
Edline Assistance: [Beth A Hopkins@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Beth_A_Hopkins@mcpsmd.org)  
Sign Up For the Email List: [www.farquharpta.org](http://www.farquharpta.org)  
PTA Information: [www.farquharpta.org](http://www.farquharpta.org)  
Lunch Pre-Payments: [www.myLunchMoney.com](http://www.myLunchMoney.com)  
Daily Cafeteria Menu: [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/foodserv](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/foodserv)  
H1N1 Information: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/h1n1/>  
Student Service Learning: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/ssl/>  
Bullying: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/230-35.shtm>  
*PrepTalk*: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/careercenter/resources/preptalk.aspx>  
NEC Information: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/nec>  
Parent Academy: [www.mcpsparentacademy.org](http://www.mcpsparentacademy.org)  
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