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VMMS FRIDAY FLYER

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VETERANS MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

6TH GRADE ADVANCED PATHWAY PROGRAM

The Advanced Pathway Program (APP) at VMMS will begin after Labor Day. Because of the limited space, records are being reviewed to determine student eligibility. We are looking at CRCT scores from last year as well as attendance, discipline and grades. We have more students signed up than expected therefore we will have to go strictly by the criteria for entrance. Letters will be sent home to all students who turned in an application to inform them of their acceptance or non-acceptance. Students are currently covering our Essential 51 rules during Extended Learning Time (ELT). We will be finished on time to start APP after Labor Day. Students who are accepted into APP will be working with an APP teacher during ELT every Monday through Thursday. They will work on community service, academic competition preparation, science, social science & technology fair projects and much more! These students will also be expected to learn and follow all Essential 51 rules daily as they are VMMS role models. Students who are not accepted into APP will still get credit in their regular classes for any homework they completed during the summer. If you have any questions, please contact tclarke@mcsdga.net.

STUDENTS!!! DO YOU LOVE READING BOOKS?

Come to the VMMS Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Organizational Meeting on September 2nd from 3:45 to 4:30 PM. Be there if you plan to be part of the team. Your attendance is required. Contact gbaxter@mcsdga.net for more information.

CONGRATS ON A CORRECT SOLUTION IN THE CSU MATH CONTEST!

Anyone can compete with new problems each week! Go to <http://www.colstate.edu/mathcontest/index.php> and you will find the student's names listed below along with people from all over the world who had the correct solution this week. Which VMMS students will we see on there next week?

This week's winners were:

Alex Jones (8th Grade) Daniel Faught (8th Grade)
Robin McCollum (7th Grade) Jacob Epley (6th Grade)

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	HAPPY BIRTHDAY! – Rebecca Overton HAPPY BIRTHDAY! – Stephanie Robinson • MAP Testing • World of Work (WOW) Friday • Soccer Game @ Eddy (5PM).
MON 31	CHEERLEADING PRACTICE CANCELLED!!!
TUE 1	Picture Day! HAPPY BIRTHDAY! – Danielle Perry Elementary Early Release Day ACADEMIC BOWL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING! Room 801 3:45-4:30 Informative Workshop for parents & teachers 6:00 – 8:00 PM South Columbus Senior Center 1441 Benning Drive
WED 2	VMMS Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Organizational Meeting 3:45 to 4:30 PM HAPPY BIRTHDAY! – Teresa Edwards MAP Testing – Math The Firefly Girls Meeting in Ms. Hedger's room (804) After School
THURS 3	HAPPY BIRTHDAY! – Melanie Knight MAP Testing – Social Studies & Science
FRI 4	World of Work (WOW) Friday 5PM Soccer – VMMS @ Arnold
MON 7	No School - Labor Day 6PM VMMS Athletic Booster Club Executive Board Meeting

GOLF NEWS | Golf Tryouts Saturday Aug 29 @ 9am | Godwin Creek (\$5)

RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION, 504 PLANS, IEP & PARENT RIGHTS WORKSHOP!

An informative workshop for parents & teachers Tuesday, September 1, 2009 (6:00 – 8:00 PM). South Columbus Senior Center 1441 Benning Drive. Please park in the front parking lot. The meeting will be held in the dining room area. Child care will be provided. For more information contact Brenda Tyson @ btyson@mcsdga.net or Judy Stanford @ jstanford@mcsdga.net. Also @ 706-748-2205.

PICTURE DAY!

Picture day for students will be Tuesday, September 1st. These pictures will be in the yearbook. If you would like to purchase a package they are prepay only. Look for the order forms to go home this week.

ACADEMIC BOWL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING!

September 1st Room 801 (3:45-4:30) Contact rburch@mcsdga.net for more information.

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PTSA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who has joined PTSA. We currently have 250 members. We have 700 students at VMMS. So, we can do better. It only costs \$5.00 per member. We need everyone to join please! We are offering a pizza party to each homeroom that receives 100% membership by Friday, August 28th. Hopefully you saw the flyer that was sent home two weeks ago. If not, you can go to the VMMS website. The form is in the "PTA" link. We had to change our dance from 9/11 to 9/18. The band was unable to perform on 9/11. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Thank you to everyone who made it to our PTSA Open House! We have an awesome school, staff, teachers, and of course students. Diane Fausti PTSA 706-992-2071 or rdimg@hotmail.com.

COUNSELING GROUPS AT VMMS

Parents, if you think your child would benefit from participating in group counseling due to the recent loss of a loved one, please email tfox@mcsdga.net, give your child's name & specify the group that you would like him/her to join.

LAST YEAR PEER HELPERS MUST RE-SUBMIT APPLICATION

A message for our peer helpers from last year: We must have a 2009-10 application for you to participate this year. Please come see a counselor for more information!

ANNUAL COLUMBUS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL!

Sunday, September 13th from 12 pm - 5 pm at Peachtree Mall, and is free to the public. This festival will present students with a unique opportunity to learn about Columbus's different ethnic and international cultures. Website: <http://www.columbusga.org>

6TH GRADE SCOLIOSIS SCREENING

All parents of 6th graders, please be aware that the State Health Dept. will be conducting scoliosis screenings in September. You must sign and return the scoliosis form if you do not want your child to participate.

WANT TO BE A FIREFLY GIRL?

Are you a girl & not afraid of bugs? The Firefly Girls will have their first meeting in Ms. Hedger's room (804) after school Wednesday, September 2nd. The girls must have a ride in front of the school no later than 4:45. Contact thedger@mcsdga.net or sdmorris@mcsdga.net for more information.

FALL BOOK FAIR @ VMMS! SEPTEMBER 14 - 18

VMMS SPORTS NEWS

SOCCER INFORMATION FOR PARENTS!
The 1st soccer games will be TODAY, August 28th @ Eddy (5PM).

FOOTBALL WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER.
VOLLEYBALL WILL BEGIN IN OCTOBER.
BASKETBALL WILL BEGIN IN DECEMBER.
TRACK WILL BEGIN IN MARCH.



CHEERLEADING PRACTICE CANCELLED!!!

Cheerleading practice for Monday, August 31st is cancelled!

WORLD OF WORK (WOW) FRIDAY PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Parents, come share your career one Friday this year. . . We have several dates available. Please contact Mrs. Fox @ tfox@mcsdga.net to sign up!

WE NEED MILITARY ITEMS FOR DISPLAY

Veterans Memorial Middle School has dedicated a display case to military veterans. If you or someone you know has military items/memorabilia that you would be willing to loan or donate to VMMS, please reply to this email. The display case is kept locked and all items would be treated specially with care.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CAR-RIDERS!

Please consider allowing your child to ride the bus or come at 3:45 PM when there is little or no wait to pick up your child. Also, parking in the circle is not permitted during car-rider pick-up. If you must park, please use a parking space in the school parking lot. At 3:30 PM (when students are released), parents who have been waiting in the car line may move into the circle to begin pick-up.

NEW CELL PHONE POLICY PROCEDURES!

This is a reminder that effective Thursday, August 20th; the Muscogee County School District will implement and enforce new cell phone procedures, which outline the consequences for inappropriate use and violation of cell phone or electronic device policies or procedures. Parents and students should review, sign, and return the new cell phone procedure form to the child's school. No student cell phone use is allowed in middle school or high school during the instructional school day. Before school and after school use is appropriate, but not on the school bus. Elementary students are not allowed to have cell phones. Parents should contact their child's school to obtain the dedicated phone line that deployed military parents/guardians should use to contact their child. If you have questions, please contact the principal/school. Thank you for your support.

