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From the PTSA

Is Your Jaguar Pride Alive and Well?

On May 10th, Vicky Parcan was named to be the fourth principal in the six year history of Silver Spring International Middle School. On May 11th, you elected me to be your PTSA President. We are both firmly committed to building a school of which all of us can be proud. Our first joint project in building Jaguar Pride was a number of work days this summer and fall to improve the physical appearance of our school. With the help of our new assistant principal, Joe Mamana, and great work crews including staff, parents, students and a large group of volunteers from Comcast Communications, we have been able to make some real gains in the appearance of our historic building.

I believe that in order for us to have pride in our school, we need to know each other as a school community. That is why we began the school year with a PTSA Welcome Picnic instead of a traditional PTSA meeting. Although we will have a few traditional PTSA meetings this year, we have scheduled several opportunities for our community to come together and learn about each other.

International Night is our first event – read more about it in Emily Sudbrink’s article and see how you can become a part of this exciting festival of all the cultures in the world that come together to make Silver Spring International. In early February, join us to explore Sports and Fitness and to get out of the midwinter slump on Sports Night, February 3^d. Finally, in May, help us to celebrate the artistic accomplishments of our students at the Spring Festival of the Arts on May 20th.

Come to the school –
Wear blue, green and silver –



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Principal’s Message

Welcome parents and guardians, to the 2005-06 school year at Silver Spring International Middle School. I hope the beginning of this school year has been as exciting and positive for all of you as it has been for us at the school. I have been very pleasantly surprised at the exceptional quality of students present at Silver Spring International. I am proud of each and every one of them for meeting the high expectations we have set for their achievement and behavior at Silver Spring International. As I visit classes on a daily basis, I can readily see the effort of our teachers in presenting students with a high quality, rigorous academic program designed to meet all of their learning needs. I hope all of you had an opportunity to participate in our back-to-school night on September 7, and heard first-hand from your child’s teachers about the information that will be taught to them during this school year.

I would like to share with you a few changes that we have adopted for this school year. Beginning with when your children first arrive to school, all students are now allowed to enter the building at 7:35 AM. From 7:35 until 7:50 AM, students may go to their lockers, stop by the guidance office (if needed), go to the Media Center,

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PTSA President

Tell your friends about our great school and students –

Show your pride in being the parent of a Silver Spring

International Jaguar!

Mary Abe
PTSA President

International Night Returns To SSIMS!

On Friday, November 11th, from 7 to 9 PM, in the SSIMS Field House, the SSIMS PTSA will be sponsoring our International Night. We plan to have displays from countries all over the world, yummy international dishes to taste, and engaging performances to enjoy. To make this truly a community event though, we need your help! Please look at the list below and see if you could volunteer to ...

... Set up a display table about a country, either one from your family's cultural heritage, or that you have visited, or worked, or lived in. Some ideas for your display could include a map of the country, arts/crafts from the country, pictures of special places, clothing, a simple game, or an activity (like origami, or writing a name in Arabic or Chinese script).

... Suggestions and contacts for performers for International Night (like a music, dance, or storytelling troupe... or if you perform, we'd love to have you!)

... Help planning the decorations for the event (we would especially like interested students to help with this part).

... Help setting up the event, and cleaning up afterwards.

... Brainstorm ideas to make this event very special.

If you'd like to help in any way, please contact Emily Sudbrink, International Night Co-Chair, at 301-593-1001, or by email at ee.Sudbrink@verizon.net. This is going to be a very fun community event, and we hope you will be able to join us!

Emily Sudbrink



Principal's message

Speak with any of their teachers to ask questions or get clarification of assignments, or go directly to their first period class. At lunch time, we are no longer escorting students either to or from lunch, nor are they being asked to line up prior to entering the cafeteria. The expectation that was shared with them during the first few days of school was that as middle school students, there was no reason they could not handle this responsibility and they have certainly lived up to the expectation set for them.

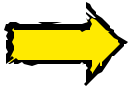
Another change you may have heard about is the addition of "Jag Time". Jag Time takes place every Wednesday, during the last 30 minutes of 1st period. Students remain with their 1st period teacher, but the focus of this 30 minute period is on ensuring all of our students are well prepared for the MSA's (Maryland State Assessment) which they will all be taking in March of 2006. A schedule for Jag Time has been developed:

- ? 1st Wednesday of the month: Reading Practice Test
- ? 2nd Wednesday of the month: BCR – Content-Specific
- ? 3rd Wednesday of the month: Math Practice Test
- ? 4th Wednesday of the month: BCR – Content-Specific

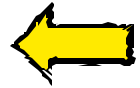
Both the Reading and Math Practice Tests have been developed by our teachers to assess the content covered in English and Math classes. The BCR's (Brief Constructed Responses – what most of us were taught as writing a well constructed paragraph), are content-specific. In other words, the BCR is directly connected to the content taught in 1st period: English, reading, science, math, social studies or foreign language. Strong and cohesive writing skills are necessary for academic success in school and on the MSA. Through the regular administration of BCR's, we will be able to provide feedback to all of our students on their strengths and areas of need and teachers will be able to reteach and reassess to ensure student mastery of the content.

Finally, as a Baldrige school, we are interested in collecting data from a variety of sources, and making decisions based on the results of the data collected and analyzed. As we continue on our path to ensure success for all of our students, I encourage all of you to talk with your children about their individual academic achievement. Also, I invite you to stop by and take a look at some of the data we are collecting to ensure Silver Spring International's success. I have no doubt that working collaboratively- students, staff and parents, our school is destined to become an example of the wonderful achievements than can occur when we set our goals high and expect only the best from all stakeholders.

L. Victoria Parcan
Principal, Silver Spring International MS



High School Choice : An Important



Choosing Your High School!

Important Down County Consortium (DCC) Meetings for 8th Graders and Their Parents/Guardians

By December 13th, each family needs to select, in rank order, the high school(s) of their choice, based on the academies of interest. The five DCC high schools are Blair, Wheaton, Kennedy, Einstein, and Northwood. Students are guaranteed their base school if it is their first and/or second choice. Base schools are determined by the elementary school to which a student's home address is assigned. Blair High School is the base high school for students living in the Rolling Terrace Elementary School attendance area and in the Takoma Park portion of the Sligo Creek Elementary School attendance area. Northwood High School is the base high school for students in the rest of the Sligo Creek Elementary School attendance area and in the Highland View and Forest Knolls Elementary School attendance areas. Language immersion students should check their "home" elementary school to determine their base high school.

For more information on the DCC, please see www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/downcounty/. There you will find information in English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, French, and Vietnamese.

DCC Choice Information Meetings. All meetings start at 7:00 PM. Feel free to attend any of the following information meetings as the program will be the same at all of the middle schools. Representatives of the five DCC high schools and their academies will be present.

Sligo MS – Tuesday, September 27th
 Takoma Park MS – Thursday, Sept, 29th
 Silver Spring International MS – Thursday, Oct. 6th
 E. Brooke Lee MS – Monday, Oct. 17th
 Eastern MS – Monday, Oct. 10th
 Newport Mill MS – Wednesday, Oct. 19th
 Loiederman MS – Tuesday, Oct. 25th
 Parkland MS – Wednesday, Oct. 26th
 Argyle MS – Thursday, Oct. 27th



DCC High School Evening Open Houses. Start time 7:00 PM. The open houses will introduce the specialized courses of study (academies) and the extracurricular opportunities at each school. Some academies begin in 9th grade, but most begin in 10th grade. Academies are designed to offer the experience of small "schools-within-schools."

Blair HS – Monday, November 14th
 Einstein HS – Thursday, November 10th
 Kennedy HS – Wednesday, November 9th
 Northwood HS – Monday, November 7th
 Wheaton HS – Wednesday, November 2nd

REMEMBER THE DEADLINE FOR SCHOOL CHOICE FORMS IS DECEMBER 12.

The Downcounty Consortium Choice Process does not impact the application process for magnet and application programs. DCC parents interested in participating in the application process for the magnet and application programs should also participate in the Choice Process.

Application Programs Informational Sessions: Information sessions on high school application programs are held in the fall. Please watch for more information or contact the program office directly for more information. Application programs that are available to students include: Communication Arts Program (Blair HS), Science, Mathematics, Computer Science Magnet (Blair HS), Global Ecology Studies (Poolesville HS), International Baccalaureate Program (Richard Montgomery HS), Visual Arts Center (Einstein HS), Leadership Training Institute (Kennedy HS) and Technical and Career Education (Edison-11th and 12th graders only).

For more information see the DCC web site: (www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/downcounty/). For information about course offerings at each school, see the DCC High School Program Overview and Pathways, 2005-2006 booklet or the pathways section of each academy web site, accessible through the DCC web site. Consult academy staff directly or ask your middle school counselors for help.

Cultural Arts

Cultural Arts for the Fall

The PTSA Cultural Arts Committee Co-chairs, Claire Schwadron and Ann Bullock, have begun booking for the 2005-06 school year. Bilingual storyteller, **Antonio Sacre**, will visit SSIMS in October and nationally and internationally known slam poet, **Gayle Danley**, will be back in December for 7th grade students. The 8th grade performance is still under consideration --- check the next newsletter.

Unlike most MCPS middle schools, SSIMS lacks a performance space. Our Cultural Arts performances are held in the Café. Since this space is not large enough to hold more than half of any grade level, we are required to have two performances for each grade, greatly increasing the price of each grade level performance. Please consider supporting the efforts of The Old Blair Auditorium Project (www.oldblairauditorium.org) that seeks to reopen what was once a major Silver Spring performing arts venue, which is housed in our school building and has been boarded up since 1998, after 29 years of operation. The Montgomery County Council has already funded \$50,000 of the initial construction planning efforts and has funded an additional \$140,000 for this fiscal year, pending confirmation of current construction estimates. Visit the website to find out more about this valuable community resource that is lying dormant in our school.

Claire Schwadron and Ann Bullock
Cultural Arts Committee

Landscaping Committee

Let's Hear It For Our Dedicated Volunteers And Staff....

Who gave up valuable weekend "downtime", on August 21st and 27th, and September 3rd, to help spruce up our school grounds and get them ready for our children's return. Ms. Parcan, Mr. Mamana, Ms. Harley, Ms. Biggs, Ms. Cobb, Ms. Coleman, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Lynch, Ms. Sanvee, Ms. Sigley, Mr. Wernert, the Abe family, Marion Brice, Ann and Robert Bullock, Lisa Gabriel, Karen Giacomuzzi, Lisa Harris, Holly Harness, Jack Hume, the Metcalf family, George Slenkovich, and Karen and Jeff Williams did a wonderful job weeding, digging, edging, trimming, mulching, planting, raking, washing, priming, scraping, and painting. A very special thank you to Strosniders Hardware Store in downtown Silver Spring, who very graciously supplied us with steel wool, rollers, paint brushes and paint trays. Please be sure to thank them if you visit their store! Over the three weekends, we got a tremendous amount of work done, which really makes such a difference in the appearance and atmosphere of our school. Look for more improvements after October 1st, when SSIMS volunteers will be joining over 80 Comcast volunteers to continue beautifying our school. If you are interested in helping with landscaping and maintenance projects at SSIMS, contact Emily Sudbrink, Landscaping Committee Chair, at 301-593-1001, or by email at ee.Sudbrink@verizon.net.

Emily Sudbrink

Fundraising

Sally Foster Fundraiser

Right now our students are in the midst of the PTSA fund-raiser selling **Sally Foster** products. Last year we made \$7000 profit to support our students and staff. Orders are due in the office October 5. Delivery date is November 11 at SSIMS. However, FREE delivery to your home is available with on-line orders over \$60! Register first, then order on-line at <http://www.sallyfoster.com>. The SSIMS school number is 631569.

If you have any questions, contact Marian Brice at 301-588-4546.

The Fundraising Committee also wishes to thank **Baja Fresh** and **Chick-Fil-A** in Silver Spring for their student incentive coupons for free food.

Marian Brice



SSIMS Music Booster

The Music Boosters Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 2005 at 7 PM. Instrumental students will perform as soloists and in ensembles and ice cream will be served. Join us for an enjoyable evening.

After school practices are starting in the end of September.

Festival Band practice: Wednesday 3-4 PM

Festival Orchestra practice: Thursday 3-4 PM

Seventh Grade News

✍ ✍ ✍ **Team Leaders** – The seventh grade team leaders this year are **Rosemary McNary** (Science IRT) and **Shenice Coleman** (World Studies IRT). They are emphasizing the importance of parent involvement and strongly encourage all seventh grade parents to stay in touch with their children’s teachers throughout the school year. The best way to contact your child’s teachers is by e-mail, and teachers are expected to respond within 24 hours of receiving your e-mail (even if just to acknowledge receipt initially, followed by a fuller response later). Hopefully, you learned e-mail addresses for your child’s teachers at Back-to-School Night, but they are also on the SSIMS website (www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/ssims).

✍ ✍ ✍ **Back-to-School Night** – Seventh grade parents turned out in huge numbers for this year’s Back-to-School Night on September 7. The entire seventh grade team has expressed how pleased they were about the turnout.

✍ ✍ ✍ **Science** – Seventh graders have a big project this fall – the independent well- designed investigation project. All seventh grade science classes have already started this project, which requires students to create their own testable question, design an experiment, conduct it at home, and collect and analyze data. The final product will be a poster that clearly describes each part of the student’s well- designed investigation. Because this is a long term project, the seventh grade science teachers are using the design cycle (a component of the Middle Years Programme) to divide the project into four parts:

Phase 1 – Investigating

✍ Due Dates (Even: 9/13, Odd: 9/14)

✍ Deadline (Even: 9/19, Odd: 9/20)

Phase 2 – Planning

✍ Due Dates (Even: 9/29, Odd: 9/30)

✍ Deadline (Even: 10/6, Odd: 10/7)

Phase 3 – Creating

✍ Due Dates (Even: 11/14, Odd: 11/15)

✍ Deadline (Even: 11/22, Odd: 11/21)

Phase 4 – Evaluating

✍ Due Dates (Even: 12/16, Odd: 12/15)

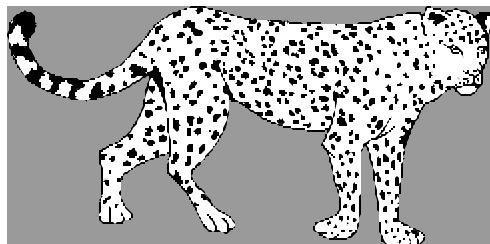
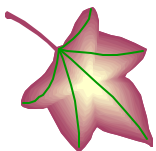
✍ Deadline (Even: 12/22, Odd: 12/23)

All parts of the project will be completed at home. The seventh grade science teachers are offering lunch and after school help when requested by the student. A letter explaining the well-designed investigation project and the due dates and deadlines was sent home with students in early September. Please contact your child’s science teacher if you have questions about the project.

✍ ✍ ✍ **Math** – The seventh grade math teachers would like to encourage all seventh graders to obtain calculators. Students in Math 7B need a simple 4-function calculator. Students in Math 7C and higher level math classes need a TI-82, TI-83, or TI-84 calculator.

✍ ✍ ✍ **Music** – Mr. LoRusso would like to give parents a heads-up that he will be taking the Jazz Band and a small string ensemble to visit elementary schools in our school cluster in early December. He will provide more information as December draws near.

Lisa Harris
PTSA 7th Grade VP



Mensaje del Principal

Bienvenidos padres y guardianes al año escolar 2005-2006 en la escuela Intermedia Internacional de Silver Spring. Espero que el comienzo de este año escolar haya sido tan positivo para ustedes como para nosotros. Ha sido una grata sorpresa para mi la calidad y nivel excepcional que han demostrado los alumnos. Estoy orgullosa de cada uno de ellos por haber sobrepasado las expectativas que les presentamos en cuanto a su nivel académico y comportamiento en la escuela. Cuando visito las clases diariamente, es obvio el esfuerzo de los maestros/maestros al presentarles un programa de estudios de alto nivel diseñado para las necesidades de cada alumno. Espero que usted haya tenido la oportunidad de participar en nuestra noche-de-vuelta a la escuela en 7 de septiembre, y se entero de parte de las maestras sobre lo que aprenderán sus hijos/hijas este año.

Quisiera compartir con ustedes algunos cambios que hemos adoptado para este año. Comenzando con la hora en la cual sus hijos/hijas llegan a la escuela, los alumnos ahora pueden entrar a la escuela a las 7:35am. De las 7:35 hasta las 7:50am, ellos pueden ir a sus 'lockers', hablar con sus consejeros, pasar por la biblioteca, hablar con sus maestros, o ir directamente a su primera clase. A la hora de almuerzo, las maestras no caminan con los alumnos a la cafetería. Tampoco les pedimos a los alumnos que entren en fila. La expectativa que fue presentada a sus hijos es que no existe una razón por la cual ellos no sean capaces de comportarse como corresponde y hasta el momento han demostrado saber exactamente como comportarse en estas situaciones.

Otro cambio del cual ustedes se pueden haber enterado es la adición de "Jag Time". Jag Time toma lugar cada miércoles durante los últimos 30 minutos del primer periodo. El propósito de estos 30 minutos es para asegurarnos que los alumnos estén bien preparados para las evaluaciones del estado de Maryland, MSA (Maryland State Assessment) los cuales los alumnos darán durante el mes de marzo del 2006. Jag Time se presenta de la siguiente forma:

- ? 1er miércoles del mes: Prueba de Repaso en Lectura
- ? 2do miércoles del mes: BCR – Dependiente de Materia Enseñada
- ? 3er miércoles del mes: Prueba de Repaso en Matemáticas
- ? 4to miércoles del mes: BCR – Dependiente de Materia Enseñada

Las pruebas de repaso en lectura y matemáticas han sido desarrolladas por nuestras maestras con el propósito de evaluar el nivel de lectura y matemáticas de los alumnos. Los BCR (Brief Constructed Response) son párrafos que los alumnos escriben sobre la materia que se les ha enseñado en su primer periodo, en: inglés, lectura, ciencias, matemáticas, ciencias sociales o idiomas. La habilidad de escribir a un alto nivel es una destreza necesaria para lograr buenas evaluaciones en el MSA. A través de la práctica con la escritura de los párrafos (BCR), podremos ayudar a los alumnos a mejorar en esta área. Las maestras podrán re-enseñar y re-evaluar para asegurarse que los alumnos aprendan la materia.

Finalmente, al ser una escuela "Baldrige", nos interesa juntar datos de una variedad de fuentes, los cuales nos permiten tomar decisiones basadas en el análisis y colección de datos. A medida que continuamos con nuestra meta de asegurar grandes logros académicos de parte de nuestros alumnos, les aconsejo a ustedes que hablen con sus hijos sobre sus logros académicos individuales. A la vez, los invito a pasar por nuestra escuela para ver la información que estamos colectando para asegurar el éxito de Silver Spring Internacional. No tengo dudas que al trabajar juntos – alumnos, personal y padres, nuestra escuela está destinada a ser un ejemplo de los grandes logros que pueden suceder cuando nos proponemos algo y esperamos nada menos que lo mejor de parte de todos.

L. Victoria Parcan
Principal, Silver Spring International MS

Presidenta de la PTSA

Estamos Orgullosos los Jaguares?

El pasado 10 de mayo la Señora Vicky Parcan fue nombrada la cuarta directora en los seis años de nuestra escuela. Al día siguiente ustedes me eligieron presidenta de la PTSA. La Sra. Parcan y yo nos comprometemos a crear una escuela de la cual todos podemos estar orgullosos. Nuestro primer proyecto del año ha sido el mejoramiento del edificio y los jardines de la escuela. Con la ayuda del Sr. Mamana, nuestro nuevo vice director, los empleados de la escuela, padres de familia, estudiantes y voluntarios de Comcast hemos logrado que este edificio histórico luzca mejor.

Creo que para sentirnos orgullosos de nuestra escuela es importante crear una comunidad. Por eso comenzamos el año con un picnic en vez de una reunión tradicional del PTSA. No se preocupen, tendremos algunas reuniones tradicionales pero también habrán oportunidades para que la comunidad se reúna para llegar a conocernos mejor.

La Noche Internacional es nuestro primer evento—lea el artículo por Emily Sudbrink y ayúdenos a celebrar todas las culturas que forman Silver Spring Internacional. El 3 de febrero participe en la Noche de Deportes cuando vamos a explorar los deportes y aprender a mejorar nuestra condición física. Y para terminar el año celebraremos el trabajo artístico de nuestros alumnos con el Festival de Arte el 20 de mayo.

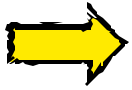
Únase a nuestra escuela-

Vístase de azul, verde y plata-

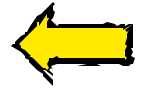
Cuente a sus conocidos sobre nuestra escuela y nuestros estudiantes -

¡Esté orgulloso de tener un Jaguar de Silver Spring Internacional!

Mary Abe, Presidenta de la PTSA
(Asociación de Padres, Maestros y Alumnos)



La Selección de una Escuela



La Selección de una Escuela Secundaria

Importantes Reuniones del Down County Consortium (DCC) para estudiantes del 8° grado y sus familias

Antes del 13 de diciembre, cada familia debe seleccionar y clasificar por orden de preferencia la escuela o escuelas secundarias de su elección, según las academias que le interesan. Las cinco escuelas secundarias del DCC son Blair, Wheaton, Kennedy, Einstein, y Northwood. Todos estudiantes tienen el ingreso garantizado a su escuela base, siempre y cuando la clasifique en primer o segundo lugar de preferencia. Las escuelas base se determinan de acuerdo a la escuela primaria que corresponde al domicilio del estudiante. Blair High School es la escuela base para los estudiantes que viven en el área de Rolling Terrace Elementary y la porción de Takoma Park que pertenece a Sligo Creek Elementary. Northwood High School es la escuela base para los demás que residen en el área de Sligo Creek Elementary y los áreas de Highland View y Forest Knolls Elementary. Los estudiantes que participan en el programa de inmersión deben chequear cual escuela pertenece al domicilio suyo.

Para más información sobre el DCC, vea la siguiente página del Internet www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/downcounty/. Hay información en inglés, español, chino, coreano, francés, y vietnamita.

Reuniones de información para la selección de escuelas del DCC. Todas las reuniones empiezan a las 7:00pm. Puede asistir a cualquiera de las siguientes reuniones informativas, ya que el programa será el mismo en todas las escuelas intermedias. Habrá representantes de las cinco escuelas del DCC y respectivas academias.

- Sligo – Martes, Septiembre 27
- Takoma Park – Jueves, Septiembre 29
- Silver Spring International – Jueves, Octubre 6
- E. Brooke Lee – Lunes, Octubre 17
- Eastern – Lunes, Octubre 10
- Newport Mill – Miércoles, Octubre 19
- Loiederman – Martes, Octubre 25
- Parkland – Miércoles, Octubre 26
- Argyle – Jueves, Octubre 27



Días de visita en las escuelas secundarias del DCC. Comienzan a las 7:00pm. Durante los días de visita, se presentarán los diferentes cursos de estudio (academias) y las oportunidades de actividades extra-curriculares de cada escuela. Algunas academias comienzan en 9° grado, pero la mayoría comienzan en el 10° grado. Las academias están diseñadas para ofrecer la experiencia más íntima de “escuelas dentro de la escuela”.

- Blair – Lunes, Noviembre 14
- Einstein – Jueves, Noviembre 10
- Kennedy – Miércoles, Noviembre 9
- Northwood – Lunes, Noviembre 7
- Wheaton – Miércoles, Noviembre 2

Recuerde que la fecha límite para entregar los formularios de selección de escuelas es el 13 de diciembre.

El proceso del DCC no afecta el proceso de inscripción para los programas magnet y programas de ingreso por solicitud solamente. Los padres del DCC interesados en participar en el proceso de inscripción para los programas magnet y de ingreso por solicitud, también deben participar en el proceso de selección de escuelas.

Sesiones informativas de los programas de ingreso por solicitud: Las sesiones informativas para los programas de ingreso por solicitud se realizan durante el otoño. Por favor esté pendiente de los boletines del PTA y los avisos por correo electrónico para recibir más información, o contacte directamente a la oficina del programa. Los programas de ingreso por solicitud existentes incluyen: Programa de Artes Comunicativas (Blair), Ciencias, Matemática y Computación (Blair), Estudios de Ecología Global (Poolesville), Bachillerato Internacional (Richard Montgomery), Centro de Artes Visuales (Einstein), Instituto de Capacitación para Líderes (Kennedy) y Educación Técnica y Oficios (Edison – 11° y 12° grados solamente).

Para más información visite el sitio de Web: www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/downcounty/ Para más información sobre los cursos que se ofrecen en cada escuela, vea la sección DCC High School Program Overview o el enlace llamado Pathways Booklet (PDF) que se encuentra en la columna izquierda, bajo el título Publications, o en la sección titulada Pathways en cada una de las academias. Si necesita asistencia, consulte directamente con el personal de las academias o con los consejeros de las escuelas.

FREE MONEY!


PAINLESS WAYS TO RAISE \$\$ FOR SILVER SPRING INTERNATIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL



1. Register your **Giant** Bonus Card for this year's A+ BonusBucks program (**you MUST re-register every school year, Giant discards the previous year's signups**). The 2005-06 A+ BonusBucks program runs from October 2, 2005-April 1, 2006. Register now by going to www.giantfood.com and then to the A+ BonusBucks page. Or send in your Giant Bonus Card number and name to the PTA and we will sign you up. **SSIMS's school code is 03788**. Up to three schools can benefit from your purchases.



2. Register your **Safeway** card for this year's Safeway Club Card for Education program. Run by **eScrip**, you register your Safeway card at www.escrip.com. Enter the **school's ID # 6564289**, and fill out the required information. (You need your Safeway card number, call 1-877-SAFEWAY if you don't have it.) If you registered for this program in the past, you're in eScrip's database. However, you **must renew** by November 1 at the Web site or by calling 1-800-801-4973. When renewing, **be sure that your students' current schools get your support** by going to My eScrip on the Web site and updating your school designations or by giving that information when renewing by phone. The program runs from October through May. The PTA can enroll you if you send your name, address and Safeway Club Card number to the school. Up to three schools can benefit from your purchases. There are many other eScrip programs, including **online shopping** and also by shopping at various merchants with a registered credit or debit card; see the eScrip Web site for more ways to bring in cash.

3. Register your **Food Lion MVP**  Card for the Shop and Share program. Sign up at www.foodlion.com. This program runs year-round for all store purchases. Be sure to get relatives and friends who shop at this store to support SSIMS. We can sign you up; send in your MVP card number with your name and address.

4. Save **Snider's** receipts all year and  send them in. We receive 1% of all sales. Snider's is a grocery store located in Silver Spring on Seminary Rd. near Georgia Ave., www.sniderfoods.com.

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5. Save **Box Tops for Education all year**. Clip the Box Tops logos from groceries such as any General Mills or Cascadian Farm organic cereals, Betty Crocker products (fruit snacks, brownies and cake mixes, Hamburger Helper, Bisquick), Nature Valley granola bars, Gold Medal flour, Yoplait yogurt multipacks, Lloyd's BBQ buckets, Pillsbury refrigerated or frozen products, Progresso soup, Old El Paso products, Totino's pizza snacks and Ziploc bags and containers. Every Box Top coupon is worth 10 cents. Ask friends, neighbors and family to save their Box Tops for SSIMS — there's a container in the school's front office. Only K-8 schools are eligible for this program, so ask people who have high schoolers to help too! Box Tops for Education also gives schools money each time you **shop online** when you begin your shopping on the Box Tops home page. This is an easy way to earn extra dollars for the school. For details, including how to join the **Booster Club** to bring in additional money, see www.boxtops4education.com



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6. Enroll your **Target Visa card** in the Take Charge of Education program. Enter the requested info for Silver Spring International Middle School at www.target.com and the school gets a % of your purchases. This program does not require annual renewal, but be sure to update your school selection if you originally signed up for a different school.

7.



Office Depot is proud to support our schools and communities through the **5% Back to Schools program***. This program gives you an opportunity to help local schools receive credits for FREE supplies when you shop at Office Depot for student school supplies.

Silver Spring International Middle School's ID number for this program is **70047405**. Any cashier can help you find the number for SSIMS – but please remember to mention this program at check out so that SSIMS can benefit. The program runs all year long at all Office Depot stores!

8. Bring in your used **inkjet, laser or toner cartridges or old cell phones** – there's a collection container in the school office. To see a list of the cartridge and inkjet brands, see this link: http://recycling.groups.escrip.com/cartridge_list.asp?gid=6599069

Contributing to this program will bring in money as well as teach everyone about the value of recycling

9. Work for a company that participates in the **United Way**? We can utilize those funds as well.

Do you have questions about these programs, want to help organize, or know of additional ones? Please contact Mary Abe, at 301-754-2632 or mary.abe@verizon.net



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Diversion Familiar/ Evento Comunitario La Noche Internacional Regresa A SSIMS

El viernes 11 de Noviembre de las 7 a las 9 Pm. En la casa de campo de SSIMS, el PTSA de SSIMS estara patrocinando nuestra Noche International. Nosotros estamos planeando tener de todos los paises del mundo: exhibiciones, platillos para saborear y presentaciones culturales para disfrutar.. Para hacer esto un verdadero evento comunitario, necesitamos de su ayuda, por favor lea la lista de abajo y vea si puede ser un voluntario a:

...Ayudar con las exhibiciones pueden ser de su pais, un pais que ha visitado, trabajado o vivido, algunas ideas para su exhibition puede incluir un mapa de el pais, suvenires, piezas de arte, fotos, ropas, juegos o actividades como orgami, escribir nombres en otros idiomas como chino o arabe.

... Sugerencias y contacto para las presentaciones como Musica, danza, historias, etc. si Ud. Participa estaremos agradecidos.

...Ayudar con la decoracion. (Deseariamos que los estudiantes participaran en esta actividad.) ...Ayudar a organizar antes del evento y ayudar a limpiar despues del evento.

...Proporcionar ideas para hacer este un evento muy especial.

Si Ud. Desea ayudar por favor pongase en contacto con Emily Sudbrink, Encargada de la Noche International al 301-593-1001 o al correo electronico: ee.sudbrink@verizon.net. Este va a ser un evento comunitario muy divertido y esperamos que UD. Lo comparta con nosotros.



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