

GATOR GRAM



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President's Message

By Sue Amick

We are quickly approaching the end of the school year and our first (of many) successful years at Gibbs Elementary. There are still a few events left before the close of the school year – see the calendar of events below.

We're looking forward to welcoming the next Kindergarten Class at orientation scheduled for April 29th and 30th. We are still looking for volunteers to help with this event. If you have time and are interested in volunteering, please contact Karen Ward at wardkk@msn.com. Any assistance in making this event a success is appreciated.

Just a reminder, the next PTA meeting is scheduled for May 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Gibbs Elementary Media Center. All are welcome to attend.

Mark Your Calendar

April

24 Science Inquiry Conference

29 & 30 Kindergarten Orientation
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

May

4 PTA Meeting

5 Spirit Night @ Baja Fresh

13 & 14 Muffins for Moms

17 Ice Cream Social/Book Swap

Staff Appreciation

By Nikki Haddad

Welcome Spring! Besides Spring bringing April Flowers and May Showers, it also brings National Staff Appreciation week the first week of May. The staff appreciation committee has plans in the works to celebrate our fabulous Gibbs staff in a special way. The week will hold many activities to honor our staff and will end with a special luncheon on Friday, May 7. More details to follow in coming weeks.

Yard Sale

By Karen Ward

Do your Spring cleaning now and gather all of your junk (other peoples' treasures) and other items you want to get rid of to sell at our First Annual PTA Yard Sale. The cost for a parking space to sell your wares is \$10 but you need to bring your own tables. The hours are from 8:00 to AM-12:00 Noon (rain or shine).

If you have nothing to sell, stop by and take a browse of all items for sale. We're sure you will walk away with some kind of treasure.

The Patrols and SGA will be having a bake sale with all kinds of yummy treats!! Stop by and support them.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Karen Ward at wardkk@msn.com. There is a flyer attached to the Gator Gram.





A BIG Gator THANK YOU!!!

Read A Loud Day

Ursula Heberlein

Thank you to all of our parent and guest readers who came to read to the classes for Read Aloud Day – Sydney Ozbun, Min Baick, Connie Chaskes, Anunoy Ghosh, Karen Rich, Mijung Kim, Dorota Hassett, Louise Bryant, Cathy Roth, Jaspreet Seth, Jacqueline Moore, Rachel Bragger, Britta Spiess, Lynette Lenz, Nikki Haddad, Brian Cox, Alexis Peterson, Ashima Arora, Caroline Pisano, Kanccara Aluka, Mr. and Mrs. Murthy, Manjet Singh, Janet Sanchez, Jean O'Connor, Cecilia Grey-Theriot, Erum Siddiqui, Lisa Testen, John and Poullettee Cabrera, Nayda DePaz and Mrs. Bosnic. Each reader represented a different country for the students to learn about. The students had a wonderful time listening and learning!! Thank you to all of you who volunteered! We so appreciate your time and effort.

Also, a big thank you to Julie Long for all of her help and our tireless Karen Ward whose enormous commitment to these PTA events makes it all possible!



Spring Dance Success

Kathryn Hoffpauir

Another exciting event was put on by the Gibbs Elementary PTA. Many families came out to enjoy a night of dancing along with fun and games. We would like to thank the following volunteers for making this event a success: Nikki Haddad, Kathryn Hoffpauir, Valerie Lufsey, Sandy Nail, Dana Walker, India Whitehead, and Helena Yowell. We would also like to recognize Mrs. Bosnic for coming about and boogieing on down with the students. It was a great time had by all.

We would also like to thank Mrs. Janice McGuire for her tremendous hospitality and use of the Gibbs kitchen. And one last shout out to our Village Gibbs Dancers. They really lit up the stage that evening.

Summer Camp

Have you decided which camp to register for this summer? Consider Global Children's Center. Located at Gibbs Elementary School, Global Children's Center offers themed camp sessions (Math Mania, Sports, Nature Explorer, Science Fun, etc.), weekly field trips, before and after care, and reasonable rates.

Camp registration is available on-line at <http://www.globalchildrenscenter.com/> For questions regarding camp sessions, please contact Monika or Steve Utrecht at 301-972-5982.

GIBBS ELEMENTARY PTA COMMUNITY YARD SALE



When: SATURDAY, MAY 1
8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
Event will be held rain or shine!

Where: Gibbs Elementary Parking Lot

Cost to Participate: \$10 per parking space
(please bring your own tables)

To rent a space, contact Karen Ward at 301-540-0037 or
wardkk@msn.com or fill out the form below and return with \$10.00 to
Gibbs Elementary
(Attn: PTA Yard Sale)
12615 Royal Crown Drive
Germantown, MD 20876

Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Participants can arrive at 7:00 AM to set up their spaces.

