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Course Catalog

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*A child's ideas about education and its significance begin
with the parent.*

January

LET'S VISIT "LETTERLAND"

Troy Elementary School

Date: January 13, 2014

Time: 6:00 pm

Who: All MCS Parents and Students in Kindergarten and 1st Grades

Parents and students are invited to Troy Elementary School to enjoy a visit to "Letterland." Letterland is a unique, phonics-based approach to teaching reading, writing, and spelling to students in kindergarten and first grade. The Letterland characters transform plain black letter shapes into child-friendly pictograms and they all live in an imaginary place called Letterland. Simple stories about the Letterland characters explain the full range of dry phonics facts so that children are motivated to listen, to think, and to learn. These stories explain letter sounds and shapes, allowing children to progress quickly to work building, reading, and writing.

GAINING HONORS CREDIT FOR CTE COURSES

West Montgomery High School

Date: January 27, 2014

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Who: High School Parents

Please join Kathy Wright, who will facilitate this session, to learn how your child might be able to gain honors credit in Career and Technical Education courses.

STOP, DROP, AND READ PARENT NIGHT

Candor Elementary School

Date: January 28, 2014

Time: 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Who: Candor Elementary School Parents

Parents are welcome at Candor Elementary for a Stop, Drop, and Read Parent Night. All grade levels will be sharing different reading/literacy skills to parents and students to help gain success within the classroom. More information will be provided with details for the different grade levels as the date approaches.

FAMILY LITERACY ACTIVITIES NIGHT

Green Ridge Elementary School

Date: January 28, 2014

Time: 6:00 pm

Who: Green Ridge Students and Parents

Please join us for a special evening devoted to celebrating the importance of reading. Students will bring their “parents to school” and together they will work with classroom teachers on strategies and activities that promote literacy development. Parents and students will have the opportunity to read together and also to make activities they can take home and use together as a family. Come read with us!

February

PARENT PORTAL – WHAT IS IT? HOW CAN I USE IT?

Star Elementary Schools

Date: February 11, 2014

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Who: Open to all K-12 Parents

Learn how Parent Portal can help you keep up with your child’s progress in school. Kristy Buchman will share an overview of Parent Portal and will give parents valuable information on how Parent Portal can be one of your best go-to resources when it comes to supporting your child’s academic achievement. There will be an opportunity for questions, so come prepared to ask any questions you may have about Parent Portal.

FAMILY MATH NIGHT

Mt. Gilead Elementary School
Date: February 6, 2014
Time: 5:30 – 6:30 pm
Who: Parents and Students

Come and join classroom teachers for an evening of Math activities that families can take home to do with their children. Classrooms will have math stations set up for parents and children to learn about grade specific Common Core math activities.

MAD SCIENCE

Page Street Elementary School
Date: February 20, 2014
Time: 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Who: Parents and Students

Mad Scientists will converge during this session, giving parents a live demonstration of science in action. The show will give parents and students in grades 3 – 5 introduction to the 6 week course that will be offered at Page Street after school on Mondays from March 10 through April 14. All sessions will be from 2:45 – 3:45 pm.

Mad Science is a 6 week after school program for students in third to fifth grades that provide hands on science experiences that really bring the WOW factor to science for young minds! Students engage in exciting hands-on activities, watch spectacular demonstrations, participate in inquiry-based activities and discussions, and take home things that they have made themselves. Mad Science is centered on particular themes from the Common Core Science standards and includes such topics as electricity, magnetism, optics, biology, sound, nature, and many more.

*At the end of the day, the most
overwhelming key to a child's success is
the positive involvement of parents.
Jane D. Hull*

March

 **FAFSA PARENT WORKSHOP**

East Montgomery High School

Date: March 22, 2014

Time: 8:30 am

Who: Senior Parents

Senior parents will receive assistance on completing the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA). The FAFSA is the starting point for all college financial aid. Parents should bring completed 2013 tax information.

April

 **FAMILY MATH NIGHT**

East Middle School

Date: April 8, 2013

Time: 6:00 pm

Who: Middle School Parents

All parents want to support their children throughout their education; however, at the middle school level, this can be challenging. Parents and children need new mechanisms/strategies to talk about what is going on in their lives. We hope our Family Math Night will assist parents in understanding middle school math as it is today and its importance for their children's future.

 **SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

West Middle School

Date: April 8, 2013

Time: 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Who: 5th Grade Parents

The transition to middle school is sometimes very difficult for students and parents as well. This session will help our fifth grade parents have a stress free transition to the middle school. During this session, parents will be shown a power point about successful

transitions which will answer many questions they may have about the transition to middle school. In addition, they will have the opportunity to meet the counselor and many classroom and exploratory teachers. We are excited to have our future parents visit our school and become our partners in their child's education.

PARENTING TEENAGERS – SETTING LIMITS AND STICKING TO IT

Montgomery Learning Academy

Date: TBA

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Who: Parents of Teens

Please join principal, John Beard, at this session to help parents learn skills to assist with setting limits for teenagers when they are fighting for more freedom.

Do you have questions or concerns about your child? Do you need more information on how to get involved in your child's education? Do you have some ideas or suggestions you would like to share about parent involvement?

*If so, please contact:
Katie Hursey, Special Projects Coordinator*

Montgomery County Schools realizes the importance of parent involvement and would like to establish and/or continue a partnership with parents in their child's education.