



Educating Students For A Changing World

Mark Your Calendar

November 11 Teacher Work Day, Student Holiday
 November 15 Thanksgiving Luncheon
 November 16-18 Early Release, 12:35 p.m.
 November 23-25 Thanksgiving Holiday

November 28 PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.
 December 1 Barnes & Noble Book Fair
 December 12 Early Release, 12:35 p.m.
 December 13 Coffee with the Principal, 8:15 a.m.

Dragons Helping Dragons Program

During the month of November, the SCA is looking for families to sign up to participate in the dragons Helping Dragons program. Families who choose to participate will donate a bag of grocery items to help another dragon family in need. Information forms will go home in this week's Thursday folders. If your family is interested, please return the bottom of the form to school. All bags should be brought to school on Friday, November 18th. Ms. Graham will help organize the bags and get them delivered to families. If you are interested in helping with collection and delivery, you can contact her at eve.graham@acps.k12.va.us. Also, if your family is in need of a bag, you can check a box on the form and we will add you to the list. Thank-you for your support!



HEALTHY KIDS FUN RUN REPORT:

It was a cold and rainy day, but lots of George Mason students braved the weather and came out to run anyway! Ms. M. and Ms. Westcott were very impressed with the turn-out and were very proud of runners. Hopefully, it will be warmer and drier next year! We had several students sign up for the event, so we stand a pretty good chance at winning the Healthy School Award again this year. The top 3 schools who sign up the most students win an assembly and funding for the PE department. We will keep our fingers crossed and will let you all know as soon as we hear anything.

P.E. News

Shoes: Thank you to all of you who donated P.E. shoes. We now have several shoes to loan students who forget their P.E. shoes. Your donations help keep students safe and involved in P.E. class. We do not need any more donations at this time.

GM T-Shirts: If your child(ren) grow out of their GM Spirit Wear or Dragon Athletics T-Shirts, you can donate them to the P.E. department. We can then loan t-shirts to students for events, including Field Day and the Healthy Kids Fun Run. These t-shirts can also be donated to students who are not able to purchase the shirts for financial reasons.

It's Time for the Annual George Mason Spiritwear Sale!

Show your school spirit with these great items!

- ❖ Short-sleeved shirt: tie-dye or white
- ❖ Sweatshirt: hoodie or zipper
- ❖ Long-sleeved shirt
- ❖ Mesh shorts

and ****NEW THIS YEAR****

- ❖ George Mason Car Magnets!



Place your order by November 18th

This sale happens only once per year!

Please return order form in the Thursday folder or to the PTA mailbox. Make check payable to George Mason PTA and attach it to the order form.

Questions, contact Maureen Waters at Maureen.Waters@one.verizon.com or 703-683-3876.

After School Programs

There will be NO programs on:

- November 16, 17, 18 (due to early release days)
- November 22, 23, 24 (due to Thanksgiving Break)

Save the Date – Thursday, December 1, 2011

Save the date for the Barnes & Noble Book Fair on Thursday, December 1st at the Potomac Yards location. Entertainment by George Mason students and faculty will begin at 6:00pm. Vouchers and more information to follow.

Daylight Saving Time ends

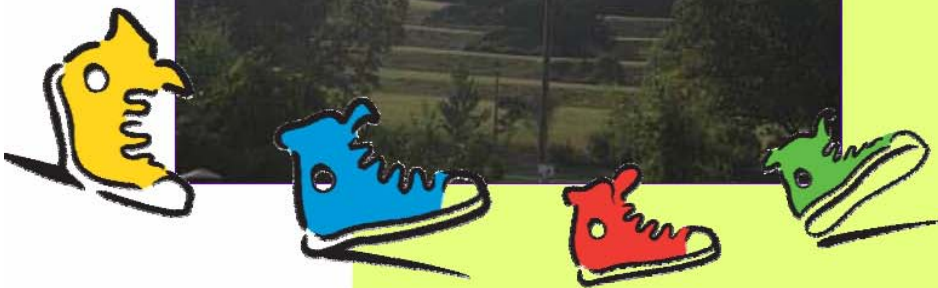
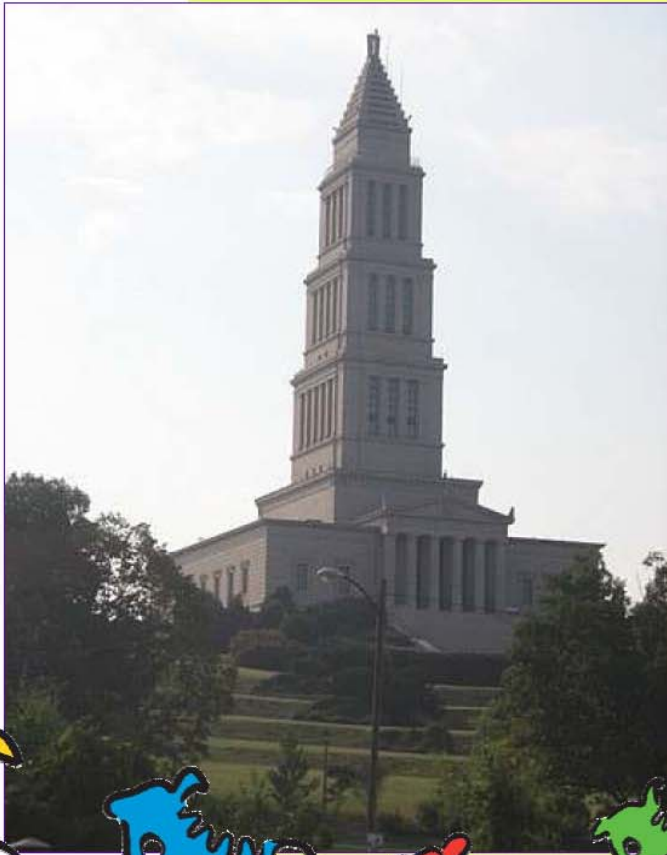
It is time to reset your clocks! Set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 6.



Thanksgiving Luncheon

Please plan to have Thanksgiving Day lunch with your child on Tuesday, November 15. If you would like to attend, you must RSVP in advance. Look for the reservation form in this week's Thursday Folder. The price for each meal is \$3.25. Please send money in with your reservation form. These reservations will help us move parents and students through the lines quickly. We hope you can join us!

Top of the Town Walk Around



This event is part of the Mayor's
"Get Healthy Alexandria!" Initiative

Sign up early! Contact Carrie Fesperman Redden
703-746-4914 - carrie.fesperman@vdh.virginia.gov

Saturday, November 5

Time: 9:30 a.m.— noon

Check-in starts @ 9:30 am

Walk starts @ 10:00 a.m.

Activities go through noon.

All ages WELCOME!

In honor of Veteran's Day,
join Mayor Euille and the
Wounded Warriors to walk in
honor of all those who have
served.

FREE EVENT!

Lots of FAMILY FUN!

- Free prizes and raffles—
Gift cards, iPod & more!
- Challenge yourself on the
stairs of the Masonic
Temple!
- Meet firefighters and
check out the fire truck!
- Work out with CrossFit
Old Town!
- Potato Sack Races and
Cardio Kick-Boxing with
Fit2Be!
- Play games on the YMCA's
moving playground!

*Event held at the George Washington
Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr,
Alexandria. Next to King Street
Metro. Free parking. Driveway
entrance at base of temple, off of
Callahan Drive.*



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