**GATOR HAPPENINGS**

**Dates to Remember:**
- Nov. 13 – Gator Reading 4 p.m.
- Nov. 13 – PTG Mtg. 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 14 – Gator Play Group
- Nov. 21 – 3-hr. early dismissal
- Nov. 22 & 23 – Schools closed for Thanksgiving
- Nov. 26 – Schools Re-Open
- Nov. 27 – 4th gr. at Hickory
- Dec. 5 – 3 hr early dismissal
- Dec. 10 – 3rd gr. at Hickory
- Dec. 11 – Gator Reading Group 4pm
- Dec. 12 – Christmas Programs
- Dec. 17 – Polar Express – PreK
- Dec. 18 – Polar Express – K
- Dec. 19 – Gator Play Group
- Dec. 20 – Christmas Parties
- Dec. 21 – 3-hr. early dismissal
- Jan. 2, 2018 – Schools Re-open
- Jan. 8 – Gator Reading 4p.m.
- Jan. 9 – 3 hr. early dismissal

**Hickory Open House**

The Hickory Christmas Open House will be Thursday, December 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Guests are welcome to tour the nature hall and see short demonstrations in the planetarium.

**PTG NEWS**

We want to thank **everyone** who helped make the Fall Festival a success. We hope that you enjoyed an evening of fun and games. We couldn’t have done it without the help of so many people and local organizations.

Also, we are planning several winter fundraisers. Please watch for more information on these important fundraisers in the weeks and months to come. Please continue to collect the “Box Tops” from the items that you’ve purchased. This is an easy way to raise funds for your child’s school.

**YOUGH GLADES ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Yough Glades Annual Christmas Program will be held on Wednesday, December 12th. There will be two complete programs. The first will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the second will begin at 1:15 p.m. In order to try to distribute the attendance at these programs, I am asking that parents of PreK through second graders plan to attend the morning program and the parents of the third, fourth, and fifth graders attend the afternoon performance. This is a general guide and of course will not be monitored. We do ask, though, that you only attend **one** of the performances as parking is certainly a major concern. We also ask that if you attend the morning performance that you **not** take your child home after the performance. This would take away from the afternoon performance. Thank you for your courtesy in this annual event.

**Cold Weather Recess**

As cold weather sets in, please remember to send your child with appropriate outerwear including coat, hat, gloves/mittens. As the weather permits, students will continue to enjoy outdoor recess as deemed appropriate by the teacher.

**Community Resources**

A Community Resource Directory is available upon request from the school office or from the Pupil Services Office located at:

Garrett County Board of Ed.
40 S. Second Street
Oakland, MD 21550

This resource is a comprehensive directory of available support systems offered throughout Garrett County as well as some of our neighboring counties. If you would like a copy of this directory, please let us know.

** Garrett County Board of Education Meeting—November 14, 2018**

Public comment will begin at 4:00 p.m. after which time the Board of Education will meet in executive session until 5:00 p.m. The Board of Education will reconvene for public session from 5:30 p.m. – 7:40 p.m. Time is set aside during the public session for the hearing of constituents at 7:00 p.m. Please note, this time is approximate and public comment may occur earlier.