



## Monday Mailer #28 -- March 23, 2015

### SCHOOL FAMILY ASSOCIATION

THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm!

Please join co-chairs Julie Lin & Tia Gibson for our March SFA meeting,  
with a jam-packed agenda, including:

**1. AFTERCARE for 2015-16!**

*This will be our largest discussion -- Do you have any thoughts on what we should look when renewing our provider, selecting a new one? Then Come! Please!*

**2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chocolate Bar Fundraiser**

**3. Teacher Appreciation Week planning**

**4. School Pantry planning**

### A Great, Free Parenting Workshop Series for Families!

Learn coping skills for yourself and your child, and ways that your entire family can work through stress. Similar to the trainings that our teachers have received, **Mariposa Child Success Programs** will provide you with tools to help your child concentrate, listen, control impulses, calm themselves down, and get along well with others. Isn't it time you start ENJOYING your time with your children?

**Six 1.5 hours sessions, Thursday nights from 6:00pm to 7:30pm, April 16 through May 21.** Please plan to attend all sessions to get the full impact of the series.

Free dinner available starting at 5:30pm, Childcare available for those who RSVP in advance.

Reserve your space now! Contact Caroline Harmon-Darrow at 443-642-3602, via email at [MCanino@bcps.k12.md.us](mailto:MCanino@bcps.k12.md.us), or sign up at the front desk! (Caroline is filling in for Marisa Canino while she is out on family leave.)

*This program is provided through support we receive as a Title I Targeted Assistance School.*

## Creative City is Hiring our Principal, to start in Fall 2015!

As you know, we have been blessed by a brilliant Interim Principal (Dr. Craig Spilman) since last fall, as we searched for our new Principal. After several months of work, the Creative City Hiring Committee, chaired by founder Elana Ehrlich and made up of teachers and parents, has narrowed the search down to three amazingly talented candidates. Each will spend a day at Creative City during the next month, observing classes, being interviewed by teachers in an informal setting, and interacting with students. Please see the attached calendar for three dates (3/25, 4/1, and 4/15) on which Creative City families will have an opportunity to speak to the candidates from 9-10am over coffee in Room 101. Following these events, all feedback will be pulled together, a third interview will be held with the committee on 4/18, and our real Executive Director, Ms Canino, will make the final decision and hopefully, an offer. With any questions, or to RSVP, please contact me at 443-642-3602 or [MCanino@bcps.k12.md.us](mailto:MCanino@bcps.k12.md.us). I am also happy to report that Ms. Canino and the Board of Directors have persuaded Dr. Spilman to remain with Creative City as an Academic Director for the 2015-16 school year, to ensure a smooth transition.

*Please join us!*

Caroline Harmon-Darrow

Substitute Executive Director (spring 2015)



Please Mark Your Calendars for Two

### ***Garden Work Days***

**Saturday April 18, 9a-3p**

**Saturday May 16, 9a-3p**

Come help improve our Outdoor Classroom by planting and building with Miss Abby and Chef Crisp!



Creative City has begun to use Class Messenger as a way to distribute information and share news quickly and easily with school families. Class messenger is web-based and is also an app for smart phones; families can choose to receive information via email, text message, push notification, or by accessing it on the web. It can be used on your mobile device, or your computer, or both! Sign-up for FREE at [www.ClassMessenger.com](http://www.ClassMessenger.com) OR download the free app.

Creative City's Class Code is **H N Q 4 5 T**

## **WE WANT YOUR GENTLY USED BOOKS!**

**Every Spring, we collect gently used books that we can give out at school events to help school families build their home libraries in time for summer. Bring your books to us, put them in the big green box (beautifully prepared by Shannon Brown and Abby) and we will find them a great new home!**