

Governor Martin O'Malley's

Maryland Partnership for Children in Nature

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October 17, 2013 – Quarterly Partnership Meeting / Leadership Team Meeting

Frederick County Public School's [Earth and Space Science Lab](#)

210 Madison Street, Frederick, MD 21701

Agenda

9:00 Tour of the Earth and Space Science Lab (optional), guided

10:00 Welcome – *Mark Bowman and Jeff Grills, Co-Directors, Earth and Space Science Lab*

10:05 Welcome / Introductions – *Frank Dawson, Deputy Secretary, MD DNR; Dr. Henry Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Assessment, MSDE*

CIN Workgroup Updates

10:10 Environmental Literacy –

- Chesapeake Bay Program coordination:
 - Chesapeake Bay Agreement: update, Environmental Literacy decision – *Frank Dawson*
 - Annual Education (Environmental Literacy) Summit – *Shannon Sprague, NOAA*
- E-Lit opportunities with Higher Education – *Laurie Jenkins, Montgomery County Public Schools*
- School Grounds for Learning – *Laura Collard, MAEOE, and Karen Mullin, US Fish & Wildlife Service*
- Governor's Streams Initiatives:
Stream Challenge; Explore and Restore your Schoolshed – *Britt Slattery, DNR*
Discussion: How can we best promote stream study as an opportunity to integrate E-Lit and STEM?
- MSDE news/ updates – *Gary Hedges, MSDE*

10:45 Communities/ Community Planning –

- Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan – *Stephanie Oberle, Montgomery Parks*
Discussion: Suggestions for points to include in the state's 5-year plan, re children in nature.
- Nature Play Spaces Workshop – *Sandi Olek, DNR*

11:00 Health and Agriculture –

- Community Health Initiative – *Kim Martinez, National Wildlife Federation*
- Agriculture Education/ Farm to Schools – *Karen Fedor, MD Department of Agriculture*

11:15 Funding – *Jamie Baxter, Chesapeake Bay Trust*

11:25 Announcements –

- NAAEE Conference brief summary – *Laurie Jenkins*
- **Upcoming Events** (see list and links, next page)

11:30 Adjourn main meeting – *Thank you for your participation – Watch your email for 2014 meeting dates*

11:45 Leadership Team and Steering Committee reconvene – *move to other classroom*

Thank you to Frederick County Public Schools and the Lab for hosting us today!

Upcoming events/ dates:

- Oct 9-12 – [North American Association of Environmental Education \(NAAEE\) conference](#), Baltimore.
- Oct 10 – Montgomery Parks' **Environmental Education Open House**, 5- 8 pm at Brookside Gardens Visitor Center, Wheaton. Register: 301-258-4034.
- Oct 17 – [Teachers Night Out on the Farm](#) at Baltimore County Ag Center, 5-8pm, Cockeysville.
- Oct 26 – [Hike & Seek](#) at Druid Hill Park, Baltimore, 12-3pm, National Wildlife Federation.
- Oct 26 – Montgomery County Public Schools **Outdoor EE Programs 50th Anniversary**, 10am-1pm.
- Oct 18-20 – [Becoming an Outdoors Woman](#) fall workshop, western Maryland, MD DNR.
- Nov 1, 13, 15 – [MD Green Centers trainings](#) (Eastern Shore, Jessup, Frostburg, respectively)
- Nov 14 – [Nature Play Spaces workshop](#) with Rusty Keeler, 9:00-3:30 at Brookside Gardens, Wheaton.
- Nov 6 – [Mid-Atlantic Farm-Based Educators Network \(FBEN\) workshop](#), Evergreen Heritage Center, Allegheny Co.
- Nov 15 – [FBEN workshop](#) at Rodale Institute, Kutztown, PA.
- Dec 2-3 – NOAA / Chesapeake Bay Program **Mid-Atlantic Environmental Literacy Summit**, Annapolis.
- Dec 6 – [Chesapeake Bay Trust application deadline](#) for EE grants.
- Feb 5 – [FBEN workshop](#) at Pennsylvania Assoc. of Sustainable Ag Conference, State College, PA.
- Feb 6-9 – [2014 MAEOE Conference](#), Ocean City, MD.
- Mar 12 – [FBEN workshop](#) at Montpelier Farms, Prince Georges County, MD.
- Mar 16 – [FBEN workshop](#) at Maryland Agricultural Resource Center, MD.

- **2014 Partnership meetings – dates to be set:** The full Partnership meets quarterly in **January, April, July and October**, and meetings are open to all who want to participate. The April and October meetings also include a “formal” meeting of the Leadership Team.

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