



2003-2004

## MCCPTA-EPI FLES Program

### *The FLES Mission*

The Foreign Language in Elementary School (FLES) Program provides quality instruction in French and Spanish, before and after school to children in Montgomery County public elementary and middle schools. Classes are coordinated through local Parent Teacher Associations with the cooperation of the Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) System.

#### *FLES...*

*Provides* a firm foundation for the continued study of languages in middle and high school

*Generates* an interest in other cultures

*Imparts* enthusiasm for participating in our increasingly global community

### *Highlights of the Program*

- No English is spoken in FLES classes! FLES teachers use visual aids and non-verbal cues to aid in comprehension.
- FLES Classes are fast-paced. They incorporate dialogues, songs, games and other fun activities.
- The FLES curriculum is standardized across the county.
- FLES teachers undergo extensive training on the use of our curriculum.
- Fluent in the language they teach, most instructors are native speakers.
- Teachers expose the children to cultural aspects of the language.
- Teachers incorporate holiday festivities, a "typical" French or Spanish breakfast and an "Open House" for parents.

Visit our website: [www.fles.org](http://www.fles.org)

## FLES Programs

### *Introductory Program*

- Open to all 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders
- Classes meet once a week for 45 minutes (after school classes include 15 additional minutes for snack time before instruction)
- Two ten-week "modules" are offered each year, one module in the fall and another in the spring
- Each module is based on a fairy tale
- Fee: \$70.00 per ten-week "module"

### *Regular Program – Levels I, II and III*

- Open to all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders (Introductory Program not a prerequisite for participation)
- Classes meet once a week for an hour before or after school
- Classes run from October through May
- Fee: \$130.00 per year

### *Middle School Program – Level IV*

- Open to 6<sup>th</sup> graders who have taken FLES Levels I & II and/or FLES Levels I, II & III in elementary school
- Classes meet once a week for an hour after school
- Classes run from October through May
- Fee: \$130.00 per year



Your School's PTA-FLES Coordinator:

