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- 3rd tardy - Parent contact and Team Detention

If a teacher assigns detention, the teacher must contact the parent; fill out the detention form (keep one copy and give one copy to the student).

After the third tardy and the student has served the detention, the student starts with a clean slate. The student does not continue to get detentions. At the beginning of each quarter students will start with a clean slate.

May 10-14, 2010

PTA/GMS 50 years of

Education Celebration

Please mark your calendar for an outstanding upcoming event. I am looking forward to seeing a great number of GMS families in attendance. Look for information regarding this week long celebration.

The Ambassadors Program-Mrs. Afrin Homer, Program Director

This much-celebrated after-school program was successfully launched three years ago. The Ambassadors Program is the proud recipient of Sherry Unger's Award by Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) for its innovative and dynamic approach to addressing today's teen issues and for its inces-

sant efforts in raising awareness and helping the hungry and the homeless within the community.

The program provides students various educational fun-filled workshops with timeless principles, practical tools and techniques to successfully be used for students' personal development, and academic success. With an energized awareness of unlimited possibilities, the GMS Ambassadors learn to effortlessly break down the barriers that hinder success in their lives and to successfully work toward transforming their dreams into realities!

Character Counts! Program-Mrs. Ruth Cartwright, Coordinator

The staff at Gaithersburg Middle School promotes a positive school atmosphere focusing on the Respect and Caring pillars of Character Counts! program this year. Staff and students are recognized when demonstrating a Character Counts! pillar with a Character Counts! Recognition Certificate and they are acknowledged on the morning announcements.

Each month the sixth, seventh and eighth grade team will nominate students that have shown the Character Counts! qualities for a team award. These students receive certificates and a free dessert coupon along with their names read on the morning announcements. They will also get their picture taken for the Character Counts! bulletin board for staff, ...continued on page 5...