

A message from Principal, Dr. Brunson...

I hope that all of you had the opportunity to relax and spend quality time with your families over the Thanksgiving break. The students returned with so much cheer, ready to engage in the joys of learning and be in the company of their teachers and classmates.

Meeting with Teachers

It's hard to believe that the First Marking Period has ended and we are well into the Second. I hope that many of you had the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with his or her teachers last month and received recommendations for academic advancement and home reinforcement. If you were not able to schedule a conference, I encourage you to contact your child's teacher as soon as possible to set up a mutually convenient time to meet.

Counseling Supports

The social emotional well-being of **all** of our Cloverly students are of utmost importance to us. Parents, if you have concerns about the social emotional needs of your children, our school counselor, Mrs. Sobieralski, is a great resource. Please see her page on the Cloverly website at:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/cloverlyes/counselor/counselor.aspx>.

You can email her directly at Heather_R_Sobieralski@mcpsmd.org. Hollys Hainer, pupil personnel worker, is another great resource to our school community who serves as a school community liaison. A description of what she provides can be found at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentervices/mentalhealth/pupil.aspx?id=333016>. You can also email her directly at Hollys_Hainer@mcpsmd.org. If you have any questions or specific concerns to share, you may also contact me at Melissa_A_Brunson@mcpsmd.org or call 301-989-5770 and I will make sure you get the help you need.

STEAM Night

We are very excited to present to you *Starry Night*, the theme for this year's STEAM Night. There will be exciting programs and activities that will engage students and their families during this exciting event. We are planning to have a representative conduct a presentation on living things, Satellite Design, and so much more. The date for STEAM Night is **January 26, starting at 6:00 p.m.** Be on the lookout for more information!

Lost and Found

Our *Lost and Found* is full and overflowing! We have many coats, jackets, hats, shirts, lunch boxes, etc. Please have your students "find" their "lost" articles. When you visit the school, you may wish to check yourself. The *Lost and Found* is located around the corner of the AP room. Items that are not picked up **by December 22** will be donated to charity.

Early Dismissal, Late or Delayed School Opening

Use the following resources for information regarding early dismissal, late, or delayed opening:

- MCPS Cable TV: Channel 34 (Comcast); Channel 36 (Verizon); Channel 89 (RCN)
- MCPS Emergency Hotline 301-279-3643
- MCPS Webpage at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/
- MCPS Twitter page at <https://twitter.com/mcps>
- Principal Brunson Twitter page at <https://twitter.com/CloverlyES Prin>
- Local Radio

Operating Budget Presentation

Parents and members of the community are invited to attend Superintendent Jack Smith's Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget Presentation at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13. It will be held in the auditorium at Gaithersburg High School, 101 Education Boulevard in Gaithersburg. Free child care for children (ages 4 and older) and interpretation services will be provided. Overflow parking will be available at the Bohrer Park Activity Center, 506 S. Frederick Avenue in Gaithersburg.

MLK Literary and Visual Arts Contest Open to MCPS Students

Students at all grade levels are encouraged to participate in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Literary Contest and Visual Arts Show. The 2017 theme is "Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere." The essays and artwork should reflect an understanding and appreciation of the ideals of Dr. King's life, achievements, and aspirations. Literary entries should be 150 words or less and are due by **Friday, December 23**. Submit them to the MLK Essay Contest, c/o Montgomery County Office of Human Rights, 21 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850 or [here](#). For visual arts entries, the contest is open to prints, posters, collages, murals, photographs, and all other two-dimensional visual art forms. Group projects are welcome. Send entries to Linda S. Adams, supervisor, Pre-K-12 Fine Arts, Carver Educational Services Center, Room 256, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville, MD 20850. The deadline is **Friday, December 23**.

*"The best of all gifts around any holiday is the presence of a
happy family all wrapped up in each other."
-Burton Hillis*

I extend the warmest holiday wishes to each of you as you celebrate and bring in
the 2017 New Year!

Dr. Melissa Brunson, Principal

