## A message from Dr. Brunson, Cloverly principal…

April Showers bring May Flowers and countless reasons to celebrate! I thank our students for ***Putting their Best Paw Forward*** to improve in their academics and social-emotional behaviors and interactions. *Family Heritage Night* was a boatload of fun, learning, and community togetherness. We thank the parent and staff organizers for making this a “night to remember”. I am delighted that so many of our families came out to present and represent diverse aspects of their culture through food, dance, and presentations.

**Kindergarten Orientation**

*Kindergarten Orientation* is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, **May 25-26.** If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2017, he/she is eligible for our 2017-2018 Kindergarten classes. If you know of a neighbor who has a child ready for kindergarten, please share this information with them and have them contact Cloverly at 301-989-5770 to receive enrollment information.

**Testing Schedule Reminder**

The **Partnership of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)** assessmentswill be administered to all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students, May 1-May 19. It is important for all students to be present during the administration of these tests. Please do not schedule vacations or make appointments for your children on these important dates.

**MCPS Parents Encouraged to Complete Engagement Survey**

A random sample of families at all grade levels in each MCPS school will be asked to participate in the 2017 Parent Engagement Survey. Parents who are selected to participate will receive information by mail and are asked to complete the survey online by June 1, 2017. The survey is about your experiences with your child’s school and education. Your answers are confidential and are reported with the answers from other families. The information you provide will help schools better understand families’ engagement in their children’s education and improve connections between schools and families. The survey is brief and can be completed in 10 minutes.

**Montgomery College Youth Programs**

***Montgomery College******Youth Programs*** is offering exciting classes in its

Summer Youth Programs for students in grades K– 12 who want to do something really different during the summer. Spring-Summer programs begin May thru August. Information can be found at the website <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youthsummer.html>.

For further information, contact Youth Programs at 240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917.

**Parent Academy Offers New Workshops**

The spring session of the MCPS Parent Academy will begin on April 3. The Parent Academy helps equip parents with the tips and tools they need to help their children succeed. All of the workshops are free and are held at schools and other locations throughout Montgomery County. Spring workshop topics include active parenting, preparing for college, PARCC assessments, and internet safety. Childcare and interpretation services are provided at all classes. The schedule of workshops is available at

[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/workshops.aspx](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/workshops.aspx)

Enjoy the Sunshine and the Rain this month!

Dr. Melissa Brunson, Principal

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*“Anyone who thinks that* ***sunshine*** *is pure happiness,*

*has never danced in the* ***rain****.”*

**Future Dates for FY 2018:**

Tuesday, September 5, 2017 – first day for students

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 – last day for students

Friday, October 20, 2017 – Fall Festival

Thursday, February 1, 2018 – STEAM Night