



Wayside News

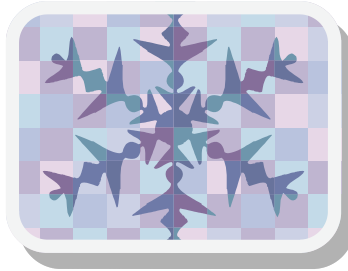
Donna Michela, Principal
Karen Johnston, Assistant Principal

DECEMBER 2015

Principal's Update

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- Dress for the Weather! 2
- Transportation Info 2
- Winter Weather Info 2
- Homework Resources 2
- Modernization Updates 3
- Quick Notes 3
- Stay Connected 3
- Upcoming Events 4
- Stay Connected! 5



Dear Wayside Families,

As we enter the last month of the year, I want to thank everyone in the Wayside Community for your continued support in ensuring the success of all of our children. We enjoyed having so many visitors at our Open House in November!

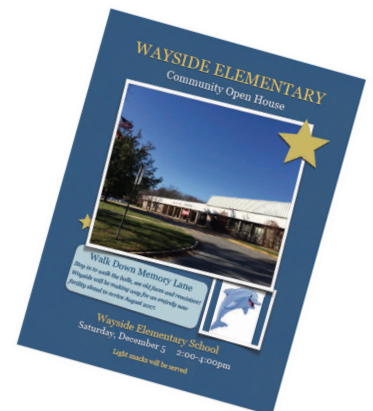
It was also wonderful to see all the parents at conferences. I hope that you are pleased with your child/ren's accomplishments. Continue to encourage them to always strive for the best and with your help and ours, they will achieve it. If you were not able to attend your original conference date, please reach out to your child's teacher to reschedule. We are also open to phone conferences to accommodate your schedule if you cannot attend in person.

December is going to be another quick and busy month. Thank you for staying informed by reading this newsletter and signing up for [Wayside Waves](#).

Kind Regards,
Donna Michela
Principal

Celebrate Wayside

Wayside PTA and staff will be hosting an Open House from 2:00-4:00 pm to say goodbye to our school. Walk thru the halls, see old friends and take one last look at Wayside before demolition/construction begins. We invite all alumni, staff, current families and the community to this event. Spread the word!! See [flyer](#) for more details.





DRESS for SUCCESS—or at least outdoor recess!

The temperatures are dropping, so please make sure that your child comes to school ready to enjoy outdoor recess. Our practice is to go outside when it is not raining and the temperature is at least 32 degrees. Please make sure that hats, gloves, scarves, mittens, jackets and coats are labeled whenever possible. Encourage your child to check the lost and found frequently. Parents can also come in and check for lost objects. We want students to enjoy their time outside, even when it's chilly, so dress in layers for outdoor fun!



Questions about MCPS Transportation?

Contact the Bethesda Bus Depot at 301-469-1070 or visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/transportation/

Get Ready for Winter Weather

Winter weather is coming soon! Stay on top of school closures, delayed openings or early dismissals by subscribing to MCPS QuickNotes, Alert MCPS or Twitter. Learn more about weather decisions on the MCPS emergency information website. <http://news.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/quicknotes/winter-weather-stay-in-touch-with-mcps-3/>

Please ensure that your family is prepared with plans for closures, delayed openings or early dismissals.



Find Homework Resources Online

Find Homework Resources online at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/students/homework.aspx



Modernization Updates



Wayside will undergo a complete revitalization/expansion beginning in January 2016. During construction we will be housed at Grosvenor Center. Grosvenor Center is located at 5701 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda. Wayside is scheduled to move into a newly built facility in August 2017.

We received notification that Wayside Elementary School has been approved to close one day early prior to winter break and open one day late after winter break to allow time for staff to pack and unpack classrooms and offices for the move to Grosvenor Center. Therefore, **the last day for students prior to winter break will be Tuesday, December 22, 2015, and students will return to school on Tuesday, January 5, 2016.**

Wayside PTA and staff will be hosting an Open House from 2:00-4:00 pm to say goodbye to our school. Walk thru the halls, see old friends and take one last look at Wayside before demolition/construction begins. We invite all alumni, staff, current families and the community to this event. Spread the word!!

A meeting was held on Wednesday, November 18th to share information about our move to Grosvenor Center. please visit the [Wayside Website](#) for the presentation document, questions and answers from the evening, bus lists and the Grosvenor school room map

Parents invited to visit Grosvenor! - Stay tuned—prior to Winter Break we will send home notification about a January Grosvenor Tour opportunity for parents.



News and Information for the MCPS Community

Sign up to receive information by email from Montgomery County Public Schools. As a Quick-Notes subscriber, you will receive emergency announcements and a monthly newsletter with the latest school system news and information.

<http://news.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/quicknotes-home/>

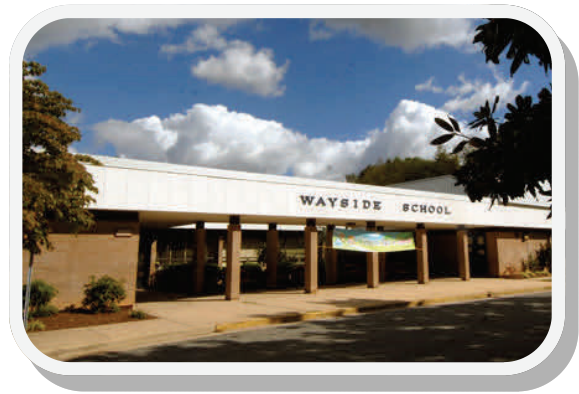
Wayside Elementary School

10011 Glen Road
Potomac, MD 20854

Phone: 301-279-8484

Fax: 301-279-3326

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/waysidees/



Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 05

Wayside Community Open House

Thursday, December 10

Multicultural Night

Wednesday, December 23

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS -
Grosvenor Move

Thursday, December 24

Winter Break - offices and schools
closed

**Friday, December 25—Friday,
January 1**

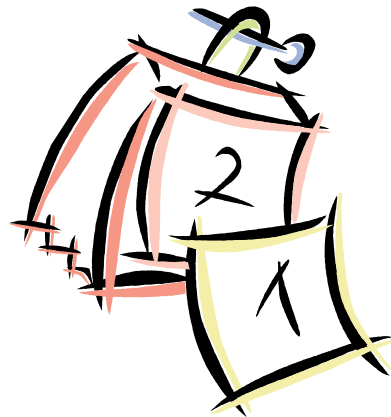
Winter Break - offices and schools
closed

Monday, January 04

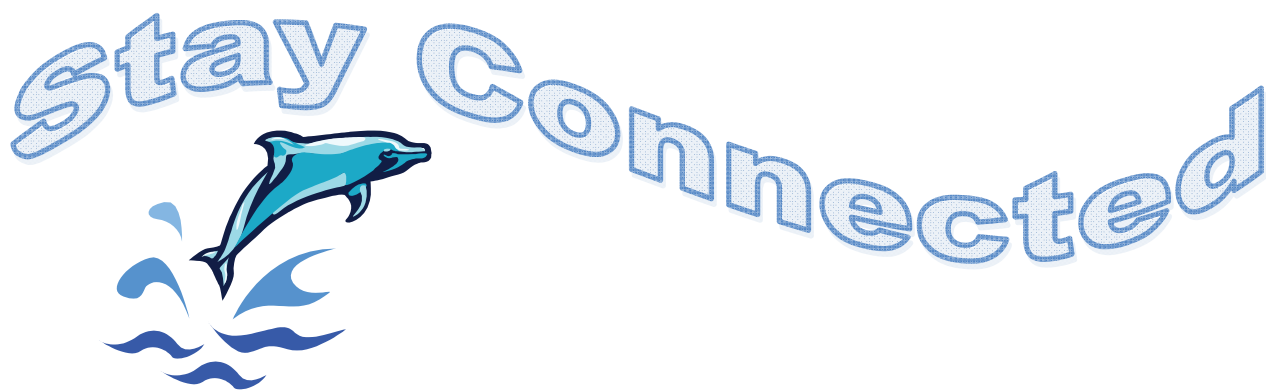
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS -
Grosvenor Move

Tuesday, January 05

School Resumes



*The Wayside Elementary School community builds successful,
life-long learners through its commitment to the highest
standards of teaching and learning.*



All the school information you need from calendar updates to lunch menu choices is available at the Wayside website

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/waysidees/

If you are unable to access the website, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the main office at 301-279-8484.

The Wayside News will be published at the beginning of each month to share information relevant to school happenings. Other sources of important information include the [Wayside website](#), [PTA website](#), and Wayside Waves. Please remember to [join the PTA](#) and sign up for [Wayside Waves](#) so that you can stay informed of all important information. If you have any questions regarding school or classroom policies and procedures, please feel free to ask your child's teacher.

Lunch account information can be found at www.myschoolbucks.com

Wayside Staff members names and email addresses—

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/waysidees/staff/directory.aspx>

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Website—

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/>

New to MCPS? Check out the Parents Guide to MCPS at—

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/parents/>