



Wayside News

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Principal's Update



Dear Wayside Families,

Welcome Back from Spring Break! I hope that you enjoyed a restful, fun-filled week with family and friends!

After a long and cold winter, we are looking forward to the final quarter of this school year. Between all of the weather related interruptions our students have put great effort into all of their school work and I am proud of them! You will receive third quarter report cards on April 22.

Please note that at this point of the year we have exceeded the snow days that are built into the calendar. Montgomery County Public Schools contingency calendar outlines a plan for the school year when we use above the allocated snow days. This plan can be found on the MCPS website at <http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/calendars/> The official decision as to the number of days we will make up will come from central office. We will alert you to updates to the calendar as soon as they are received.

Safety is the top priority at Car Pool. When dropping off or picking up your child, please exercise extreme caution, patience, flexibility and respect toward staff, students and parents. ALL parents should enter the car pool line via Cheshire Drive to Dickens Ave. Please be safe and courteous—drivers should NEVER U-turn on Dickens Ave. to enter the carpool line in front of others already waiting.

Thank you for staying informed by reading this newsletter and signing up for [Wayside Waves](#).

Kind Regards,
Donna Michela
Principal



Mark Your Calendar!

Visit the Wayside website for PARCC assessment dates!



Wayside Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Orientation will be held on Friday, April 29 for children entering kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year. There will be NO SCHOOL for current kindergarten students on April 29th.

Please call our main office at 301-279-8484 to begin the enrollment process with our school registrar, Mrs. Guevara.

Visit the Wayside website to access all [enrollment documents](#).

Visit the MCPS website for additional information about [Kindergarten Registration](#).

County Executive Releases Operating Budget Recommendation for MCPS

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett has released his recommended operating budget for FY 2017 and is proposing a \$135.9 million increase in spending for MCPS. This is about \$44 million less than the \$2.5 billion operating budget the Board of Education had requested. The Montgomery County Council will hold public hearings on the County Executive's budget recommendation on April 5, 6, and 7. This is an opportunity for parents, staff, students, and community members to share their thoughts with county leaders about why it is important to fully fund the MCPS budget.

To sign up to testify at a hearing, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/PHSignup.html or call 240- 777-7803.

Stay informed and engaged on the budget request on the MCPS operating budget website: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/



Dr. Jack Smith Officially Appointed as Superintendent of Schools

The Montgomery County Board of Education officially appointed Dr. Jack Smith as superintendent of MCPS and approved his employment contract on March 8. Dr. Smith, who has been serving as interim state superintendent of schools since September 2015, will begin his tenure in Montgomery County on July 1, 2016. He succeeds Mr. Larry A. Bowers, who has served as interim superintendent since February 2015 and plans to retire on June 30, 2016. Additional information at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/superintendent/>

Wayside @ Grosvenor



During construction we are 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.

[Henley Construction Co., Inc.](#) is onsite preparing the building for demolition and construction. Community members are cautioned to monitor their children's activity around the site. All areas of the property (fields and playgrounds) will be closed for use during construction.



Study Released on MCPS Choice and Special Academic Programs

MCPS has released its comprehensive study of choice and other special academic programs. The study was commissioned by the Board of Education to analyze how well choice and special academic programs advance the district's mission, core purpose, and core values, and to recommend ways MCPS can improve these programs. Over the next several months, MCPS will engage with the community and work to develop a plan to address the report's findings and recommendations.

Three community dialogues are scheduled to discuss the recommendations and the vision for choice within MCPS. The meetings will take place from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on April 6 at Gaithersburg High School; April 18 at Kennedy High School; and May 5 at Walter Johnson High School. The report is available at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/choice/report.aspx, where feedback also can be submitted online.



Winston Churchill HS Educational Foundation Presents The "Slamtastic" Harlem Wizards

Don't miss out! The "Slamtastic" Harlem Wizards vs. Churchill Cluster teachers basketball game is Sunday, April 17, 2016, 4:00 pm, in the Churchill HS gym. Tickets are limited. Purchase tickets online at www.harlemwizards.com/schedule-tickets (students \$13, adults \$17 online, or \$20 at the door). Questions, email wchsfoundation@gmail.com. For more information www.wchsfoundation.org/events.

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Upcoming Events

Tue, April 5

Parent Meeting Personal Body Safety
Lessons 7:00PM

Fri, April 8

Bus Evacuation Drill

Wed, April 13

Class Pictures
PTA Executive Board Meeting

Thu, April 14

1st Grade Recycling Field Trip - Yanow
and DeGross

Fri, April 15

1st Grade Recycling Field Trip - Ader
and Solender

Sat, April 16

Spring Fling

Wed, April 20

2nd Grade Field Trip - Udvar-Hazy

Fri, April 22

Report Card Distribution

Tue, April 26

Primary Election Day - offices and
schools closed



Take Your Daughters or Sons to Work Day

Thursday, April 28

MCPS supports the idea of parents taking their child to work so that your child can learn about the important work that you do. Thursday, April 28 has been designated as *Take Your Daughters or Sons to Work Day*. If you are considering taking your child to work, it is considered an excused absence from school if you send in a note to your child's teacher as well as Mrs. Guevara the attendance secretary, in advance of the absence.

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

Stay Connected



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/>