



Wayside News

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Principal's Update



Dear Wayside Families,

Welcome to the second semester! All students will receive their 2nd quarter report card on February 10th. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

We have updated the Wayside Website with many useful links. Please visit the [Wayside Website](#) to access newly updated content. To highlight a few...

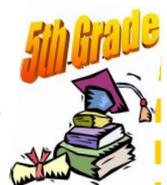
- [Report a Student Absence](#)—please begin to use this link to notify the office when your child will be absent from school. The form automatically sends an email to Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Guevara in the main office.
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)—answers to frequently asked questions—let us know if you think of anything that we can add to the list!
- [Curriculum Information](#)—helpful links to various MCPS pages related to curriculum
- [Stay Connected!](#) - wondering who to call with questions—this page should help!
- [Great Kids Milestones](#)—this website provides links to videos aimed at helping parents understand grade level expectations in grades K-8.

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

Kind Regards,
Donna Michela
Principal

Attention 5th Grade Parents

Representatives from Hoover Middle School will soon be meeting with 5th grade students to share information about registering for classes. Hoover will host an incoming Grade 6 Parent Information Night on Thursday, February 11 from 7 –8 p.m. Additional information will be sent home with your child.





Wayside Kindergarten Registration

It's that time of year!

We are beginning to gather information from families with children that will be entering Kindergarten for the 2016—2017 school year. Kindergarten Orientation is scheduled for April 29th.

Please contact the main office and speak to Mrs. Guevara to inform us if you have a child that will be ready for Kindergarten next year.

Do you know of any neighbors or friends that has a child that will be 5 by September 1, 2016? Please encourage them to contact our main office now so that we can share information about our upcoming Kindergarten Orientation process.

Summer Camp Registration

The Montgomery County Camp Guide for Recreation and Parks Programs is now available. The guide features dozens of specialty camps, summer fun centers, and multi-interest and therapeutic camps, all with programs and activities that include aquatics, arts and crafts, sports, and dance. Visit the [Department of Recreation website](#) to view the guide online. Print copies also are available at community recreation centers, park facilities, government buildings, and libraries. For more information, call 240-777-6840.



Be Ready for Winter Weather

Winter weather is here! 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. www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency

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

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.

We will soon begin sharing photos of the demolition/construction at Wayside on Glen Road. MCPS personnel are currently working inside of the building to salvage any materials that can be reused or recycled. [Henley Construction Co., Inc.](#) is also 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.



Prekindergarten & Head Start Registration

Parents who want to register their child for an MCPS prekindergarten or Head Start class for the 2016-2017 school year can do so starting Monday, March 14. Children must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2016, and families must be income eligible to apply.

For more information about eligibility guidelines, locations and times of community registrations or required documents to complete an application, call 301-230-0676 or visit the [Early Childhood website](#)



News and Information for the MCPS Community

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

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

Student Transfer Application Season Begins Feb 1

Montgomery County parents/guardians who wish to request a Change of School Assignment (COSA) for their children may begin the process during the upcoming transfer season, which starts on February 2. All COSA requests must be submitted no later than April 1, 2016. The transfer process begins in the home school, where parents/guardians may request the Change of School Assignment Information Booklet that contains the COSA form, describes the process and provides useful information. Beginning the first week of February, the COSA booklet will be available in schools and [online](#). The booklet will be available in English and Spanish.

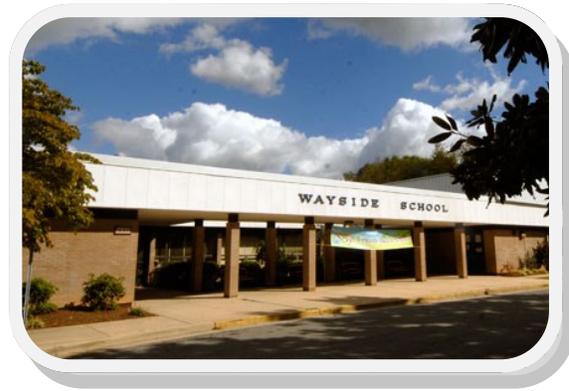
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Upcoming Events

Wed, February 3

5th Grade Chorus Performance

Wed, February 10

Class Pictures
Report Cards Distributed

Thu, February 11

Hoover Incoming Grade 6 Parent
Information Mtg 7:00pm

Fri, February 12

Valentine's Day Parties 2:30pm

Mon, February 15

President's Day - offices and schools
closed

Wed, February 17

5th Grade Parents Family Life
Meeting 6:30pm

Fri, February 26

Early release day for all students



Plan Ahead for the Next School Year

The Board of Education has set the calendar for 2016-2017 school year. Classes will begin on Monday, August 29, 2016 and are scheduled to end on Friday, June 16, 2017. The calendar is can be printed or downloaded to a computer or mobile device. Visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/calendars/future to see the calendar.

*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/>