



Wayside News

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Principal's Update



Dear Wayside Families,

I want to take this opportunity to wish all of our Wayside community a happy and healthy New Year. I hope your winter break was relaxing and filled with memories to cherish with family and friends.

With the new year we have made a successful transition to Grosvenor Center! Thanks to everyone for your patience and flexibility as we continue to become accustomed to our new bus routines! It was great to see so many of you come out for our Open House tours. Our Wayside staff has done an amazing job preparing Grosvenor for our students and the students have settled right in!

Please note that the end of the marking period is January 22nd and that report cards will go home on February 3rd. As always, please contact your child's teacher should you have any questions about their progress. 2nd Semester curriculum information is available at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/elementary/guides.aspx

During January, students in grades K-2 will take a reading assessment called mCLASS. It is given one-on-one and gives us a reading level for your child. Grade K - 5 students who did not previously meet grade level targets and students new to MCPS will take the Measures of Academic Performance tests in reading and/or math. The math MAP-P/M assessment gives us a percentile score as to how your child is doing compared to other students his or her age across the country. The MAP-R assessment gives us the same information as for reading.

In the spring, students in grades 3-5 are given formal assessments in the areas of reading and math using the PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers). Additional information will be sent in April and you can learn more at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/parcc/

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

Kind Regards,
Donna Michela
Principal



Don't Miss Out on Important Info!

If you are not receiving our Connect-ed reminder calls/emails for school events, please call the office at 301-279-8484 to update our contact information. If you have changed any of the phone numbers or email addresses you provided at the beginning of the school year, please call the office to update your records. It is extremely important that we have updated phone numbers and email addresses.

Parents—we need your help!!

It has come to our attention that some of our bus riders are in need of Bus Safety Reminders. Please review the [Ride By the Rules](#) information with your children.



Students are responsible for their behavior and self-control on the bus and at bus stops at all times. Disorderly students can threaten the safety of all riders by distracting the bus operator making the bus ride to and from school an unpleasant and even intimidating experience for other students. School buses are an extension of school, and students are expected to adhere to the same standards of behavior on a school bus as in the classroom.

Students are expected to obey the instructions of the bus operator just as they would follow the instructions of teachers and school administrators. **Students must also remember that riding the school bus is a privilege for most students, not a right, which can be revoked if the student fails to observe basic standards of conduct and safety.**

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



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. They will begin fencing in the school site as early as next week. 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.



Winter 2016 Parent Academy

Registration is open for the winter session of the MCPS Parent Academy that will begin on Jan. 13. Parent Academy workshops give parents useful tips and tools to support their children's success in school. Don't miss sessions on college and career planning, literacy, the MCPS Operating Budget, stress, recognizing child abuse and neglect, and many more topics. The workshops are free and childcare and interpretation services are provided. The schedule of workshops is available at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/workshops.aspx



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/>



PARCC Night Set for Monday, Feb. 1

MCPS is hosting an event for parents to learn more about the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments. The event will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 1, at Richard Montgomery High School, 250 Richard Montgomery Dr. in Rockville. MCPS staff will be on hand to help parents understand their children's score reports from the spring 2015 administration of the PARCC tests. In addition, staff will share an overview of PARCC and information on upcoming changes for the 2016 administration of the tests. Free childcare (ages 4 and older) and foreign language interpretation will be provided.

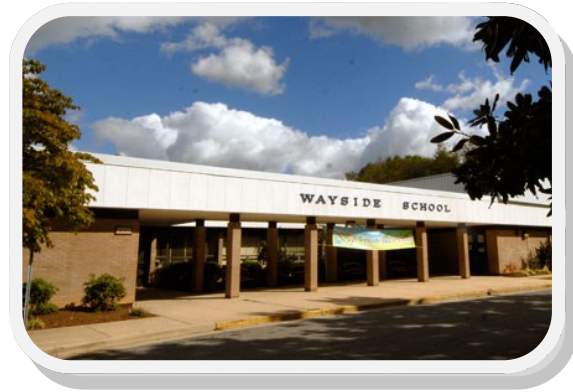
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Upcoming Events

Mon, January 18

DR. MARTIN L. KING, JR. DAY

Fri, January 22

2nd Marking Period Ends

Mon, January 25

Professional day for teachers - no school for students

Tue, January 26

PTA Spirit Night

Wed, February 3

Report Cards Distributed

Fri, February 12

Valentine's Day Parties



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/>