



Wayside News

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Principal's Update



Dear Wayside Families,

It's hard to believe that we are in the last 4 weeks of school!

Please check the Wayside website and maintain communication with your child's teacher so as not to miss the many exciting happenings that the end of the year brings!

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

Kind Regards,
Donna Michela
Principal

Lunch Money Rollover

If your child will attend Hoover MS or another MCPS school next year, please note that any funds in the cafeteria account will roll over to the new school. Accounts at Wayside hold over money until the next year. Please be sure to check your child's account for negative balances. All overdrawn accounts must be reconciled!

Lost and Found

There are many items in the school Lost and Found. Please be sure to check for lost items before school ends. All remaining items will be donated to charity.

Thank You!!

Thanks to everyone who helped out at Play Day and Field Day and thanks to all of our parents who will be presenting at Career Day on Friday, June 3!

You're Invited!

We hope that you can join us for our Volunteer Breakfast on Wednesday, June 15. More info to come!

2016-2017

Classes and Staffing

We are projected to have the following number of classes: 2 kindergarten, 2 first grade, 3 second grade, 4 third grade, 4 fourth grade, and 3 fifth grade. Classes are tentative and subject to reorganization during the summer because of unexpected increases and decreases in enrollment at a specific grade level. Staffing is based on student enrollment. We are in constant contact with our Office of School Support and Improvement regarding enrollment and staffing. Please notify new friends and neighbors about enrolling students as soon as they know they will be attending Wayside ES.

Staffing Updates:

The following staff members will not be returning next year.

- **Mrs. Ashlie Arndt** will not be returning in the fall. She has decided to take a leave of absence from MCPS to stay home with her twins due in July. We wish her the best with her growing family!
- We celebrate with **Mrs. Lynnette Lee** as she begins retirement. Mrs. Lee is has served the Wayside community for many years and will be long remembered! We will miss you Mrs. Lee!
- Will celebrate **Mrs. Maryann Guevara** as she begins retirement. Mrs. Guevara has been a welcoming face to our front office for many years. We will miss you Mrs. Guevara!
- We send **Mrs. Christie Biser** our best wishes. Mrs. Biser has accepted a teaching position at Great Seneca Creek ES. Thank you Mrs. Biser for your service and commitment to our students. We will miss you!
- **Mrs. Dana Englund** will not be returning to Wayside in the fall. She will also be taking a leave of absence to care for her new baby girl!

The following staff members will have new assignments at Wayside next year.

- We welcome **Ms. Dayna Rothman** as a new PEP teacher. Ms. Rothman comes to us from Whetstone ES. We look forward to working with her in the fall!
- We welcome **Ms. Jennifer Wieder** as our new SCB teacher. **Ms. Weider** comes to us from Gaithersburg ES. We look forward to having her join the Wayside community!
- **Ms. Maureen Casey** who currently teaches SCB will join our PEP team next year.
- **Mrs. Ellen Schmitt** who currently teaches 2nd grade will teach kindergarten next year.
- **Mrs. Georgia Schneider** who currently serves as a special education resource teacher will teach kindergarten next year.
- **Ms. Jenny Kim** who currently teaches 4th grade will teach 3rd grade next year.



Wayside @ Grosvenor



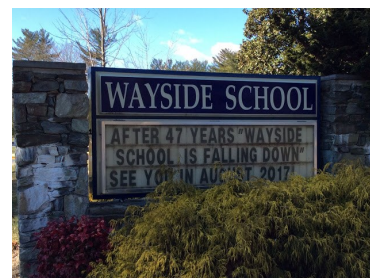
During construction we are housed at Grosvenor Center. Grosvenor Center is located at 5701 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda. Wayside is scheduled to move into a newly built facility in August 2017.

[Henley Construction Co., Inc.](#) has completed demolition and begun foundation work for the new building. Community members are cautioned to monitor their children's activity around the site. All areas of the property (fields and playgrounds) are closed for use during construction.

Visit the Wayside Website for updates and construction photos.

Visit [this link](#) to see photos of the demolition.

Take a look at the [architectural plans](#) for our new building designed by [Moseley Architects](#).



Planning for next school year...

We value your input about your child! Please be sure to send in the form you received asking for information about your child's strengths and/or particular areas of need or concern. The information will be used to help the Wayside staff identify an appropriate class placement for next school year.

Outstanding Attendance



Veteran Wayside families should be familiar with our previous tradition of recognizing students with perfect attendance at the end of the school year. In an effort to not only reward outstanding attendance but to also promote a safe and healthy learning environment for all students we will be changing our practice this year.

Rather than celebrate perfect attendance, we will celebrate outstanding attendance, allowing for a reasonable number of excused absences where students may miss school for illness, death in immediate family or observance of religious holidays. Administrators will work with Mrs. Guevara to determine students eligible for this recognition.

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Upcoming Events

Tue, May 31

Instrumental Music Concert
@Fallsmeade ES

Wed, June 1

5th Grade Field Trip Mount Vernon

Fri, June 3

Career Day

Tue, June 7

4th Grade Field Trip Breezy Point,
Chesapeake Bay
3rd Grade Field Trip Croydon Creek -
Yoo and Deutsch

Wed, June 8

4th Grade Performance

Fri, June 10

3rd Grade Field Trip Croydon Creek -
Lewington & Biser

Tue, June 14

Kindergarten End of Year Party -
2:00

Wed, June 15

1st Grade End of Year Party

Thu, June 16

5th Grade Bowling
2nd Grade End of Year Party
5th Grade Celebration

Fri, June 17

3rd Grade End of Year Party
4th Grade End of Year Party

Mon, June 20

Last day of school for students.
Early release day for students

Tue, June 21

Professional day for teachers

Mon, June 27

Report Cards Mailed Home



Plan Ahead for 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 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/>