



# Wayside News

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## Principal's Update



Dear Wayside Families,

We enjoyed seeing everyone at our Halloween parade and celebration. Thank you to all of our families that helped out with classroom party planning...a great time was had by all!

Fall has arrived! Please remember to dress your child for the changing temperatures. Layering clothing works best, as the mornings will be very cool with warmer afternoons. Sweaters or jackets work well for chilly mornings and can easily be removed for warmer classrooms. Please remember to label all items of clothing that your child might remove while at school.

November brings us to the beginning of the 2nd quarter. Parent conferences are scheduled for November 11 and 12 and 1st quarter report cards will be distributed on November 12. Please do not miss this important opportunity to meet with your child's teacher.

Kind Regards,  
Donna Michela  
Principal

## Parent Volunteers

We welcome parent involvement! We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated, committed and involved parent community. Please check the [Wayside website](#) for additional information about volunteering.



# Parent Conferences



The parent-teacher conference is your opportunity to discuss how your child is doing in school. The conference is also an opportunity to strengthen the partnership with your child's teacher. **Conferences are scheduled on or around November 11 and 12, 2015.** Students in kindergarten through eighth grade will be dismissed early on those days.

[Click here for Conference Tips.](#)

## Flu Vaccine Clinics

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will conduct free, seasonal flu vaccine clinics throughout MCPS in December.

For students to receive a flu shot at any of these clinics, a parent, guardian, or adult must accompany them and bring a completed and signed Consent Form. The vaccination for seasonal flu is entirely voluntary and is NOT required for school. Additional information is available at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/flu](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/flu)



## Options, an Online Resource for Parents

The 2015-2016 Options guide is designed to help MCPS families learn about the various programs that are available in MCPS at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Many of these programs are available to students regardless of where they live. Each program is designed to provide enriched learning opportunities based on student interest and motivation. The guide is available online in English, Chinese, French, Korean, Spanish and Vietnamese. Visit

[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/enrichedinnovative/options/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/enrichedinnovative/options/) for more information.



# 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 new 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.**

We will hold a "Move to Grosvenor" information meeting on **Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00pm in the Wayside all purpose room.** We will share transportation and logistics information about our move to Grosvenor. Due to the anticipated number of parents attending the meeting we request that children please not attend. If you are unable to attend the meeting please do not hesitate to call the school office with any questions that you may have. We will continue to post pertinent updates on our Wayside website as new information becomes available.

## What will your child be learning during the second quarter?

Click on the links below to access 2nd quarter MCPS Parent Newsletters for each grade...

Kindergarten:	<a href="#">Math</a>	Reading: <a href="#">Part 1</a> / <a href="#">Part 2</a>	
First Grade	Math: <a href="#">Part 1</a> / <a href="#">Part 2</a>	Reading: <a href="#">Part 1</a> / <a href="#">Part 2</a>	
Second Grade	Math: <a href="#">Part 1</a> / <a href="#">Part 2</a>	Reading: <a href="#">Part 1</a> / <a href="#">Part 2</a>	
Third Grade	Math: <a href="#">Part 1</a> / <a href="#">Part 2</a>	Reading: <a href="#">Part 1</a> / <a href="#">Part 2</a>	
Fourth Grade	Math: <a href="#">Part 1</a> / <a href="#">Part 2</a>	Compacted Math: <a href="#">Part 1</a> / <a href="#">Part 2</a>	Reading: <a href="#">Part 1</a> / <a href="#">Part 2</a>
Fifth Grade	Math: <a href="#">Part 1</a> / <a href="#">Part 2</a>	Reading: <a href="#">Part 1</a> / <a href="#">Part 2</a>	

A complete list for each quarter can be found at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/2.0/parent-newsletters.aspx](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/2.0/parent-newsletters.aspx)

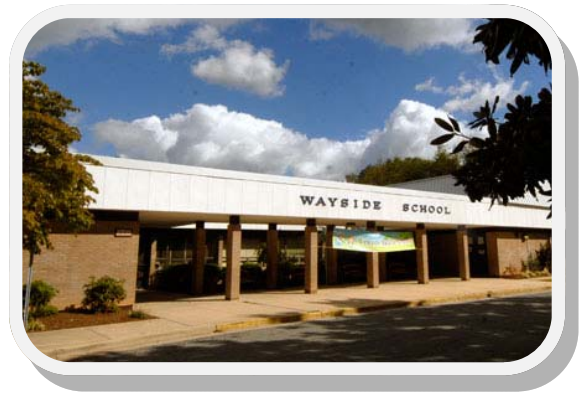
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# Upcoming Events

**Monday, November 02**

No school for students. Professional day for teachers

**Wednesday, November 25**

Early release day for students

**Tuesday, November 03**

PTA General Membership Meeting

**Thursday, November 26**

Thanksgiving - Offices and schools closed

**Monday, November 09**

Book Fair

**Friday, November 27**

Thanksgiving - offices and schools closed

**Tuesday, November 10**

Breakfast at the Bookfair

**Wednesday, November 11**

Early release day K-8. Students dismissed at 1:20. Parent conferences.

**Thursday, November 12**

Early release day K-8. Students dismissed at 1:20. Parent conferences.

**Wednesday, November 18**

Move to Grosvenor Information Mtg for Parents 7:00pm



*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/](http://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](http://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/>