



Wayside News

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Principal's Update



October already!! We have been in school for 23 days and all classes are in full swing. Thank you for sending your children to school well rested and on time. It was wonderful to see so many families at Back-to-School Night. Communication is key – please contact us should you have any concerns, questions, or comments. Research shows, and common sense tells us that when schools and families work together children benefit.

Please note that we are working with students to help them build their independence and sense of responsibility around their personal belongings. With that in mind we are limiting their access to calling home for forgotten homework, instruments, etc. Please reinforce this message and assist your child in collecting their belongings each morning to ensure that they have everything that they need for the day. We will not allow students to call home to make after school play date arrangements.

I look forward to seeing you at Open House on October 12th!

Kind Regards,
Donna Michela
Principal

Have you joined the PTA?

Our school success depends upon your support! The best way to show your support is to get involved.

PTA membership is available to parents and guardians of any student enrolled in the school, administration and staff, as well as any community members concerned about local education.

Join the PTA
and help
our school!

Find out more at www.waysidepta.org

SNAP Week



Wayside Elementary's fifth annual Special Needs Awareness Program ("SNAP") Week will be held from October 5 - October 9, 2015. SNAP is a week-long disability awareness program comprised of a balanced set of lessons and experiences through which

students build skills to foster acceptance of the unique special needs of their peers. Students will watch age-appropriate documentary films, read about special needs and empathy, and engage in simulation activities in order to experience firsthand what it feels like to have a disability. Be sure to ask your child about their experiences!

Join us on Tuesday October 6th for our in-school assembly featuring a presentation from the Lollipop Kids Foundation.

www.lollipopkidsfoundation.org

Open House



Please plan to visit your child's classroom on Monday, October 12th between 9:10 and 12:30 for our annual Open House. This is an opportunity for you to see your child participating in regular school routines. Please note that with classes in session disruptions must be kept to a minimum so we request that pre-school siblings not attend. Mrs. Michela and Mrs. Johnston will host a Principals Coffee in room 41 between 11:30 and 12:30. Hope to see you there!

Walk to School Day

International Walk to School Day is a global event that involves communities from more than 40 countries walking and biking to school on the same day. It began in 1997 as a one-day event. Over time, this event has become part of a movement for year-round safe routes to school and a celebration – with record breaking participation – each October. Today, thousands of schools across America – from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico participate every October. Wayside staff members will be walking with students on **Wednesday, October 7th at 8:55** from the following locations—Gregerscroft at Double Tree Court , Twining at Glen, Bedfordshire at Glen, Hunting Ridge Court cul de sac.



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.

Updates to our construction and moving plans will be shared on the Wayside website and in future editions of this newsletter.

Parent Guides to the Curriculum



These guides will give you an overview of the grade level program and explain what your child will be learning in art, mathematics, music, physical education, reading/ language arts, science, and social studies. The information in these guides will assist you in providing support for your child throughout the school year.

The guides are available in Adobe Acrobat PDF format at

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/elementary/guides.aspx>

GEORGE B. THOMAS LEARNING ACADEMY

Parents often ask about tutoring for their child. The George B. Thomas Saturday School is a low cost tutoring and mentoring program for Montgomery County students. Students receive small group instruction from certified teachers. Classes take place at local high schools on Saturday mornings from Oct. 2015 through May 2016. Information is available at <http://www.saturdayschool.org/>



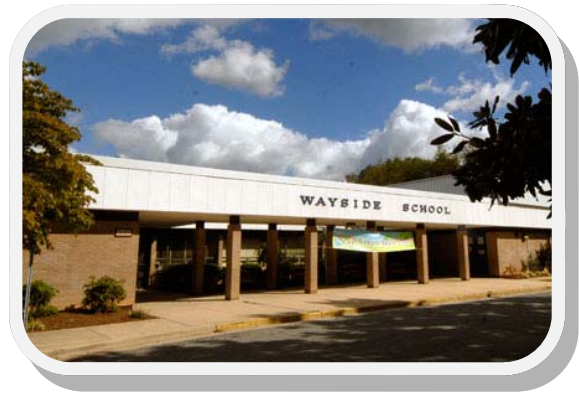
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Upcoming Events

Monday, October 5

SNAP Week Starts

Tuesday, October 6

Lollipop Kids Foundation Assembly

Wednesday, October 7

Walk to School Day

Monday, October 12

Open House
Principal's Coffee

Friday, October 16

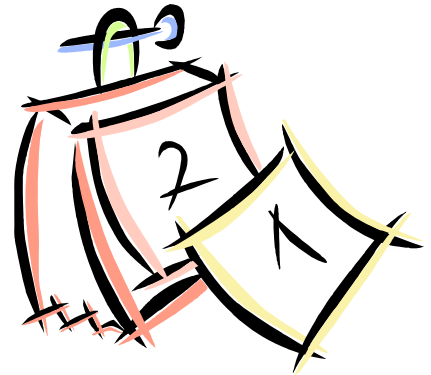
MSEA Conference - no school for students and teachers

Friday, October 30

Halloween Parade and Celebration

Monday, November 2

Professional day for teachers (no school for students)




MCPS Calendar

The MCPS calendar can be printed or downloaded to a computer or mobile device. Visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/calendars/ to see the MCPS 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/>