



Wayside News

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Welcome Back to School!



Students arriving on the first day of school

Dear Wayside Families,

We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful summer! We are excited to welcome all of our students that are returning to Wayside and all of the students new to our school.

All the information you need to begin the new year 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.

We look forward to a wonderful new school year!

Kind Regards,
Donna Michela
Principal

Back-to-School Nights

Back to School night for parents of students in grades K, 1, 2 and SCB will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 7 pm. Back to School night for parents of students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will be held on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7 pm.

The evening is a great opportunity for parents to meet their child's teachers, learn about the curriculum, and find out other important information about school procedures and expectations.

Please remember that this is an adults only event. We want each of you to be able to relax and give your undivided attention to learning more about your child's upcoming school year.



**Do your kids
come home
without their
belongings?**



Label...Label...Label...

Each year children forget or lose many items of clothing. When these items are brought to the lost and found, children do not usually recognize their property and we are unable to return these items to their owner. **Please label all clothing (coats, hats, gloves, etc.) as well as lunch boxes and backpacks so we can help return lost items to your children.**

Emergency Preparedness

HOW TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY INFORMATION FROM MCPS

MCPS parents can receive emergency information from the school system in a variety of ways including *MCPS QuickNotes*, Alert MCPS, Twitter, the MCPS website, MCPS TV, and a recorded telephone information line. Please visit

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency for more information on how to keep in touch with Montgomery County Public Schools and stay informed in times of emergencies.

Change in Plans?

Should your child be going home a different way than is normally scheduled, please send a written note in with the teacher that morning. If it is too late to send a note, please call the main office.

Please do not rely on email to office staff or an email to the teacher to relay this information. It is hard to predict when the computer server may go down or the teacher/staff member is not able to get to his/her email.

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 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.



Teacher-Developed Parent Newsletters



Visit the MCPS website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/2.0/parent-newsletters.aspx to see Teacher-Developed Parent Newsletters. These newsletters provide math and reading information and resources for Kindergarten through Grade 5. Each marking period is explained for curriculum content, Thinking and Academic Success Skills, examples of in-school and at-home learning experiences, strategies and resources.



MCPS Curriculum 2.0
empowering students • connecting content • fostering creativity

CURRICULUM 2.0: BUILDING A STRONGER FOUNDATION

MCPS is continuing to introduce its improved curriculum for the elementary grades—Curriculum 2.0. It is designed to provide a strong foundation in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics, while placing a renewed emphasis on other areas, such as social studies, the arts and physical education. Curriculum 2.0 also helps students develop the creative and critical thinking skills that are important for success in the 21st century. This year, Curriculum 2.0 will be implemented in grades K–5 in all schools. More information is available on the website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/2.0/.

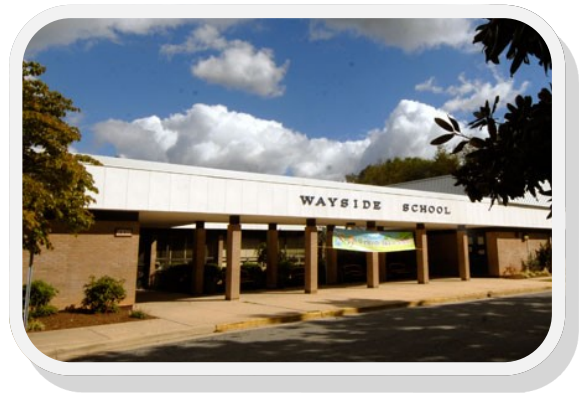
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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 16

Back-to-School Night Grades K-2, SCB

Thursday, September 17

Back-to-School Night Grades 3-5

Wednesday, September 23

No School for students and teachers




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

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Lunch account information can be found at www.mylunchmoney.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/>