

Consortia and Application Programs

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Information nights and open houses for the following Consortia and Application Programs

GRADE 3

Elementary Application Programs—Evening Meetings for Program Overview and Application Information

Elementary Centers for the Highly Gifted (HGC)

- Wednesday, October 7—7:00 p.m.
Northwest High School
- Monday, October 12—7:00 p.m.
Northwood High School

GRADE 5

Middle School Magnet Consortium Information Meetings

- Thursday, September 24—7:00 p.m.
Richard Montgomery High School
- Tuesday, September 29—7:00 p.m.
Wheaton High School

Middle School Magnet Consortium Open Houses

- Wednesday, October 14—7:00 p.m.
Argyle Middle School
- Wednesday, October 21—7:00 p.m.
Loiederman Middle School
- Wednesday, October 28—7:00 p.m.
Parkland Middle School

Middle School Application Programs—Evening Meetings for Program Overviews (all at 7:00 p.m.)

REGIONAL AREA BY HIGH SCHOOL CLUSTER

Humanities and Communication Magnet Program

- Thursday, October 1
Eastern Middle School

Mathematics, Science, Computer Science Magnet Program

- Monday, October 19
Takoma Park Middle School

The Upcounty Center Program for the Highly Gifted

- Thursday, October 8
Roberto Clemente Middle School

GRADES 5 AND 8

Private School Student Enrollment

- Wednesday, November 4—5:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Spring Mill Field Office

GRADE 8

Downcounty Consortium and Northeast Consortium Options Fairs

- Monday, September 21—7:00 p.m.
Kennedy High School
- Monday, September 28—7:00 p.m.
Paint Branch High School

Downcounty Consortium Open Houses (all at 7:00 p.m.)

- Thursday, October 1—Kennedy High School
- Monday, October 5—Blair High School
- Wednesday, October 14—Northwood High School
- Monday, October 19—Einstein High School
- Monday, October 26—Wheaton High School

Northeast Consortium Open Houses (all at 7:00 p.m.)

- Thursday, October 8—Springbrook High School
- Thursday, October 22—Blake High School
- Thursday, October 29—Paint Branch High School

High School Application Programs—Evening Meetings for Program Overviews

COUNTYWIDE

Poolesville High School Whole School Magnet—Poolesville High School

- Monday, October 5—Note 2 sessions:
5 p.m. (last names A-M) and 7 p.m. (last names N-Z)

Science, Mathematics, Computer Science Magnet Program—Montgomery Blair High School

- Thursday, October 22—7:00 p.m.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program—Richard Montgomery High School

- Tuesday, October 27—7:00 p.m.

Project Lead the Way (PLTW)—Wheaton High School

- Thursday, October 8—7:00 p.m.
Open to DCC middle school students only

Communication Arts Program (CAP)—Montgomery Blair High School

- Monday, October 12—7:00 p.m.
Open to DCC middle school students only

Leadership Training Institute (LTI)—John F. Kennedy High School

- Thursday, October 1 (7:00 p.m., during the Open House)
Open to DCC middle school students only

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10TH ANNUAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 10, 2015
9 a.m.—2 p.m.

The Universities at Shady Grove
9630 Gudelsky Drive
Rockville, MD 20850

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The Fall session of the MCPS Parent Academy

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Montgomery County Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
Montgomery County Police Department
Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office
Parent Encouragement Program (PEP)
The Princeton Review
Rockville Memorial Library
YMCA Youth & Family Services

The MCPS Office of Community Engagement and Partnerships also would like to thank all MCPS staff members who donate their time and expertise to lead Parent Academy workshops.

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What people are saying about the Parent Academy...

"Excellent program. Informative. Encouraging. Empowering!"

—Parent, Argyle Middle School student

"I'm so glad I had the opportunity to attend the workshop and bring my two kids with me. We left with so much to think about and discuss. I will definitely tell my friends to attend next time!"

—Parent, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School and Seneca Valley High School students

"Thanks for supporting us in the development of our children."

—Parent, Clarksburg High School student

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FALL 2015 Schedule of Workshops

Parent Academy workshops give parents tips and tools to help their children succeed in school.

All workshops are FREE and held at schools and locations throughout Montgomery County.

Child care and interpretation services are provided.

MCPS MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

Coordinated by the Office of Community Engagement and Partnerships



Outdoor Education: No Child Left Inside**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 5:30-8:30 P.M.**

Come learn about the MCPS residential Outdoor and Environmental Education Program, where the outdoors is the classroom! Tour facilities and grounds of the Lathrop E. Smith Environmental Education Center and hear about environmental field lessons that Grade 6 students experience when they participate in the program. For parents of Grade 6 students. Wear comfortable shoes. Facilitated by MCPS staff.

Lathrop E. Smith Center, 5110 Meadowside Ln., Rockville 20855

Choosing the Right College**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

This workshop will walk parents through the college process. Come and learn strategies for choosing the right college and preparing for college. Presented by staff from The Princeton Review.

Montgomery Blair High School, 51 University Blvd. East, Silver Spring 20901

Positive Discipline**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

Are you having difficulty addressing inappropriate behaviors? Hear strategies to encourage, set limits and establish consequences. Learn about a discipline approach that promotes cooperation and self-restraint. Presented by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP).

Germantown Elementary School, 19110 Liberty Mill Rd., Germantown 20874

Outdoor Education at a Glance*(Presented in Spanish)***THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

Take a glimpse into the world of outdoor education. Come and hear a brief overview of the MCPS residential Outdoor and Environmental Education Program. You will learn about what Grade 6 students learn and experience when they participate in the program. Recommended for parents of Grade 6 students. Facilitated by MCPS staff.

Col. E. Brooke Lee Middle School, 11800 Monticello Ave. Silver Spring 20902

Preventing and Reacting Responsibly to Child Abuse and Neglect**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

Effective early intervention is essential to ensuring that an abused child or adolescent develops into a healthy and productive adult. During this workshop, learn early identification signs of child abuse and neglect, evidence-based treatment practices and skills to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child maltreatment. Facilitated by MCPS staff.

Parkland Middle School, 4610 West Frankfort Dr., Rockville 20853

Korean Parent Workshop: New School Year Orientation*(Presented in Korean)***THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 6:30-8:30 P.M.**

Korean parents are invited to a special evening of learning facilitated by MCPS staff from the Office of Community Engagement and Partnerships and the Division of ESOL/ Bilingual Programs. Parents will receive helpful information about navigating the school system, supporting student learning, and communicating with school staff.

Herbert Hoover Middle School, 8810 Post Oak Rd., Potomac 20854

ACT vs. SAT**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

This workshop will help parents understand the difference between the two college entrance exams in terms of content, question types, length, and skills tested as well as what schools prefer. Unique to this presentation will be the sharing of a one-of-a-kind one minute assessment to determine which test is best for students. Facilitated by BREAK-THROUGH Test Prep.

Thomas S. Wootton High School, 2100 Wootton Pkwy., Rockville 20850

The MCPS Code of Conduct**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

This workshop will provide information about the MCPS Code of Conduct. Come learn about the MCPS philosophy to discipline, expectations for student conduct, and the range of consequences students could face for violating various policies, regulations and rules. Facilitated by MCPS staff.

White Oak Middle School, 12201 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring 20904

Financial Preparation for College**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

Learn how to plan for the rising cost of college through a range of options. In addition, learn about the financial aid application process and current loan programs. Presented by the Foundation for Financial Education.

Seneca Valley High School, 19401 Crystal Rock Dr., Germantown 20874

Homework Hassles: Encouraging Student Responsibility**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

Would you like to be organized for the school year with a new and improved family homework policy and plan? Learn how parents can encourage their children and teens to skillfully complete homework and strive for excellence at school. *Presented by YMCA Youth and Family Services.*

Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Rd., Silver Spring 20910

Special Education: Parents as Advocates and the Family-School Partnership*(Part 1 of 4)***THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 6:30-8:30 P.M.**

Learn about the special education process and how to advocate for your child. Topics include the Individual Disabilities Education Act, Individualized Education Program (I.E.P.), resolving issues, community resources and support. Learn, network, and share tips with other parents. This is the first of a series of four workshops facilitated by the Montgomery County Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School, 13737 Wisteria Dr., Germantown 20874

Cybersafety and Social Media**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

Learn about common websites and applications used by children and safety issues related to computer and cell phone use. In addition, hear strategies for monitoring the use of social media in your household. Presented in collaboration with the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office and the Montgomery County Police Department.

Francis Scott Key Middle School, 910 Schindler Dr., Silver Spring 20903

Understanding the Student Service Learning Requirement-An Opportunity to Learn and Serve**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

Explore the service learning requirement for high school graduation that provides students with knowledge, skills, and career exploration opportunities that lead to good citizenship. This interactive workshop will help parents understand the MCPS Student Service Learning (SSL) guidelines and how to find meaningful SSL opportunities. Parents of rising 6th grade students, as well as middle and high school students are welcome to attend this session. Facilitated by MCPS staff.

Shady Grove Middle School, 8100 Midcounty Hwy., Gaithersburg 20877

Special Education: Parents as Advocates and the Family-School Partnership*(Part 2 of 4)***THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 6:30-8:30 P.M.**

See October 8.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School, 13737 Wisteria Dr., Germantown 20874

Families, Faith and Your School**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 12:00-1:30 P.M.**

Parents and families are invited to a special afternoon of learning facilitated by Montgomery County's Faith Community Working Group (FCWG) and the MCPS Office of Community Engagement and Partnerships (OCEP). Parents will receive helpful information about navigating the school system including tips on excused absences, how to communicate with teachers and counselors regarding your concerns, tips on how to deal with and report bullying, and a discussion on how to self-advocate within the MCPS school system.

Muslim Community Center, 15200 New Hampshire Rd., Silver Spring 20905

Teen Substance Abuse: What Parents Need to Know**MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

Teen substance use does not discriminate by race, socioeconomic status, or talent. Every child is at risk! You can play a key role in preventing your teen from using alcohol and other drugs. Studies show that children who learn about the risks from parents are 50% less likely to use (The Partnership for Drug Free Kids). In order to have effective conversations, you need to know the latest trends because the drug landscape has changed significantly. It is far more dangerous than when you were a teen. This workshop will include an interactive discussion about substance use trends in Montgomery County, as well as strategies and resources available for parents to help their children, elementary to high school age, stay substance free. Presented by Many Voices for Smart Choices.

John F. Kennedy High School, 1901 Randolph Rd., Silver Spring 20902

Families and Libraries Go Together**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 6:00-7:30 P.M.**

Your public library is a great resource for events, activities, materials, and summer reading programs for children. Our library offers Early literacy resources for young ones, books and music for all ages, and homework help, too. We have family story time, free Wi-Fi, and public access computers. We can teach you to use applications to download free music, e-Books, and e-Audiobooks, and language learning tools from our website. All of these resources are available with a library card. Presented by Montgomery County Public Library staff.

Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville 20850

Mastering Encouragement**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

en•cour•age (en kēr ij) v.t., 1. To inspire with courage, spirit or confidence. 2. To stimulate by guidance, approval. Are you looking for alternatives to threats and bribes? This program will help parents develop positive strategies for building cooperation and setting limits with respect. Facilitated by YMCA Youth & Family Services.

Briggs Chaney Middle School, 1901 Rainbow Dr., Silver Spring 20904

Special Education: Parents as Advocates and the Family-School Partnership*(Part 3 of 4)***THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 6:30-8:30 P.M.**

See October 8.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School, 13737 Wisteria Dr., Germantown 20874

Effective Parent-Teacher Conferences at the Elementary Level**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

Parent-teacher conferences are an important component of ongoing home-school communication and family engagement. Come learn tips and strategies to prepare for an effective parent-teacher conference. Recommended for parents of elementary students.

Presented by MCPS staff.

Spark Matsunaga Elementary School, 13902 Bromfield Rd., Germantown 20874

Effective Parent-Teacher Conferences*(Presented in Spanish)***WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

Parent-teacher conferences are an important component of ongoing home-school communication and family engagement. Come learn tips and strategies to prepare for an effective parent-teacher conference. This workshop will be presented in Spanish. Recommended for parents of elementary, middle and high school students. Facilitated by MCPS staff.

Sligo Middle School, 1401 Dennis Ave., Silver Spring 20902

Special Education: Parents as Advocates and the Family-School Partnership*(Part 4 of 4)***THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29 6:30-8:30 P.M.**

See October 8.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School, 13737 Wisteria Dr., Germantown 20874

Effective Parent-Teacher Conferences at the Secondary Level**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

Parent-teacher conferences are an important component of ongoing home-school communication and family engagement. Come learn tips and strategies to prepare for an effective parent-teacher conference. Recommended for parents of middle school and high school students. Presented by MCPS staff.

Redland Middle School, 6505 Muncaster Mill Rd., Rockville 20855

Korean Parent Workshop: The Special Education Process*(Presented in Korean)***THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5 6:30-8:30 P.M.**

Please join staff from the MCPS Office of Community Engagement and Partnerships and the Division of ESOL/ Bilingual Programs for a workshop about the special education process. Parents will also receive helpful information about navigating the school system and supporting student learning.

Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Dr., Room 50, Rockville 20850

Communicating with Teens**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

Is it difficult to interact with your teen? Family Services, Inc. will present the tools you need to improve communication. Learn how to strengthen and enhance family communication, and explore techniques to establish age appropriate expectations for behavior and consequences.

Eastern Middle School, 300 University Blvd. East, Silver Spring 20901

Cybersafety and Social Media**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

Learn about common websites and applications used by children and safety issues related to computer and cell phone use. In addition, hear strategies for monitoring the use of social media in your household. Presented in collaboration with the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office and the Montgomery County Police Department.

Robert Frost Middle School, 9201 Scott Dr., Rockville 20850

Consequences that Work**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

This workshop is designed for all parents who wonder if their consequences are teaching their kids valuable life lessons or if they are creating more conflict and tension. Topics addressed will focus on creating family structure, developing logical consequences, and fostering your children's sense of personal responsibility. Facilitated by a family therapist.

Watkins Mill Elementary School, 19001 Watkins Mill Rd., Montgomery Village 20886

The Clock is Ticking...Create a Successful Path from High School to College**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

Is your child college ready? Come and learn useful tips and strategies that will help you and your child prepare for college. In this workshop, parents and their high school students will learn the importance of establishing a four year-high school plan to prepare for college, hear the do's and don'ts of college essay writing, and learn the key differences between the SAT and ACT. Facilitated by BREAKTHROUGH Test Prep, Education in Action, and Advanced Placements.

Rockville High School, 2100 Baltimore Rd., Rockville 20851

Get More From Your Library—We'll Show You How**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

GoKits and Wifi and e-books, oh my! Come visit your local library for a peek into how to access your favorite books, movies, music, and more. Learn how to encourage your children to start reading, learn a new language, or access free books and music through a digital device. Find out about our book discussions, story times, and even hands-on STEM programs. Even if you visit the library weekly or have never visited, this is the perfect time to learn about everything your family can do with the library. Presented by Montgomery County Public Libraries' Outreach staff.

Germantown Public Library, 19840 Century Blvd., Germantown 20874

Preventing and Reacting Responsibly to Child Abuse and Neglect**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

Effective early intervention is essential to ensuring that an abused child or adolescent develops into a healthy and productive adult. During this workshop, learn early identification signs of child abuse and neglect, evidence-based treatment practices and skills to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child maltreatment. Facilitated by MCPS staff.

Ridgeview Middle School, 16600 Raven Rock Dr., Gaithersburg 20878

Developing Study Skills for Students with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

For some kids studying comes easy, but for many it can be quite a struggle—especially if they are prone to getting distracted or feel unmotivated. In this workshop, parents will explore effective strategies to build solid study habits. Executive functioning skills, skills that our children use to keep track of time, stay organized and finish projects, will also be discussed. Facilitated by Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD).

Tilden Middle School, 11211 Old Georgetown Rd., Rockville 20852

Raising Your Child's Self-Esteem**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

Do you ever wonder how to raise confident kids? During this workshop, you will learn specific techniques to connect and communicate with your child. Your child's self-esteem can be encouraged through some simple and easy interactions that will make a difference in how they view themselves. This workshop will be presented by a family therapist.

Burnt Mills Elementary School, 11211 Childs St., Silver Spring 20901

Montgomery College Support Services for Immigrants and Adult Students**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

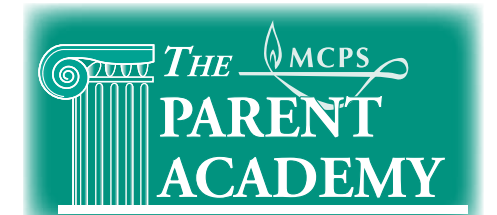
Montgomery College offers a variety of student services and support programs to help students succeed. During this workshop, information will be provided about the Maryland Dream Act and deferred action for childhood arrival requirements. Obtaining required documents for an F1 student visa, financing college tuition and expenses for individuals with non-immigrant status or Maryland Dream Act students will also be discussed. Facilitated by Montgomery College staff.

Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville, MD 20850

*(Parking for this event is permitted in student or white-lined spaces only.)***Korean Parent Workshop: Curriculum 2.0-Reading, Math and STEM***(Presented in Korean)***THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 6:30-8:30 P.M.**

Join us to hear about the MCPS curriculum. Parents will also receive helpful information about navigating the school system and supporting student learning. Facilitated by MCPS staff from the Office of Community Engagement and Partnerships and the Division of ESOL/ Bilingual Programs.

Herbert Hoover Middle School, 8810 Post Oak Rd., Potomac 20854



Registration Form

Date _____

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

What school(s) do your children attend? _____

Do you need an interpreter? If yes:

 Amharic Chinese French Korean Spanish Vietnamese

Do you need child care? (ages 3-12) If yes, Number of children _____

Please submit interpretation requests 2 weeks prior to the date of the workshop.

Workshop Title _____

Date _____

Location _____

Workshop Title _____

Date _____

Location _____

Workshop Title _____

Date _____

Location _____

To request a sign language interpreter, please call 301-517-5539 or

visit www.educationalinterpreters.com/mcps.

There are 4 easy ways to register ...

ONLINE: Register at: www.mcpsparentacademy.org**BY PHONE:** Call: 301-517-5940**BY MAIL:** Send to: Parent Academy

Office of Community Engagement

and Partnerships

850 Hungerford Drive, Room 50

Rockville, Maryland 20850

BY FAX: Send to: 301-279-3815