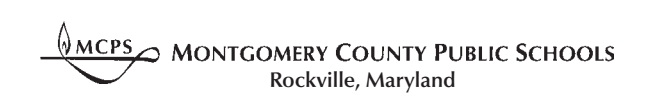


WINTER 2012 Schedule of Workshops

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

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

Child care and interpretation services are provided.



A program of the Department of Family and Community Partnerships



Superintendent's Spring Forums

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joshua P. Starr will be holding four forums this spring, each focusing on a specific area—English Language Learners; Gifted Education; Special Education; and Social and Emotional Learning. Each forum will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., and will provide an opportunity for the MCPS community to hear about the latest trends and research, find out what's happening in our schools, and share their thoughts with Dr. Starr and guests on these important topics.

Date	Location	Topic
Monday, March 12	John F. Kennedy HS	English Language Learners
Thursday, March 22	Col. Zadok Magruder HS	Gifted Education
Monday, April 16	Seneca Valley HS	Special Education
Thursday, May 10	Walt Whitman HS	Social and Emotional Learning



Superintendent's Book Club

Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us
by Daniel Pink

Dr. Starr also is hosting his second webinar book club event on Tuesday, January 31 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. to give the community an opportunity to learn about his educational philosophy and approach to managing MCPS. He has selected *Drive* by Daniel Pink. The webinar book club will be available for audience participation at the Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive, Auditorium, Rockville, 20850. For more information, please visit www.mcpsbookclub.org.

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- National Institutes of Health
- Rockin' the Rage, Inc.
- Work Life Coaching
- YMCA Youth & Family Services
- Your Life Simplified, Inc.

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

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

"Thanks for supporting us in the development of our children."
—Parent, Clarksburg HS student

Registration Form

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Date: _____

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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 two weeks prior to the date of the workshop.

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If you need sign language interpretation, please call 301-517-5539 (Voice/TTY).

There are 4 easy ways to register ...

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Register at: www.mcpsparentacademy.org

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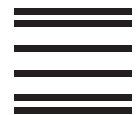
Call: 301-517-5940

BY MAIL

Send to: Parent Academy
Department of Family and Community Partnerships
850 Hungerford Drive, Room 50, Rockville, Maryland 20850

BY FAX

Send to: 301-279-3815



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College Readiness: Meet The ACCUPLACER
 MONDAY, MARCH 19 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 During this session, parents will learn about the ACCUPLACER, a test used by colleges to determine college readiness. Parents also will learn how students can earn college credit prior to leaving high school, and save thousands of dollars.
 Quince Orchard HS, 15800 Quince Orchard Rd., Gaithersburg 20878

Can We Talk? Speaking Up for Your Children to Help them Succeed (English and Spanish)
 THURSDAY, MARCH 22 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 Developed for parents by the MCPS Parent Advisory Council, this workshop offers information on how to talk effectively with teachers and principals and advocate for your children. Separate workshops will be presented in English and Spanish.
 A. Mario Loiederman MS, 12701 Goodhill Rd., Silver Spring 20906

Special Education: Parents as Advocates and the Family-School Partnership (part 4 of 4)
 MONDAY, MARCH 26 6:30-8:30 P.M.
 See March 5.
 Wheaton HS, 12601 Dalewood Dr., Silver Spring 20906

Special Education: Parents as Advocates and the Family-School Partnership (part 1 of 4)
 MONDAY, MARCH 5 6:30-8:30 P.M.
 Learn about the special education process and how to advocate for your child. Topics include the Individualized Education Act, Individualized Education Program (IEP), resolving issues, community resources and support. Learn, network, and share tips with other parents. This is the first of a series of four Parent E.A.S.E. workshops facilitated by the Montgomery County Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health.
 Wheaton HS, 12601 Dalewood Dr., Silver Spring 20906

Disaster Preparedness and Coping Skills for Parents
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 Montgomery County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and MCPS' Department of Student Services will share helpful information on the topics of disaster preparedness and coping skills following a disaster. Topics will include building an emergency supply kit, having a communication plan, and staying informed during a disaster. Additionally, information will be shared about how parents can help their children prepare for, and cope during and after crisis events.
 Thomas W. Pyle MS, 6311 Wilson Ln., Bethesda 20817

Special Education: Parents as Advocates and the Family-School Partnership (part 2 of 4)
 MONDAY, MARCH 12 6:30-8:30 P.M.
 See March 5.
 Wheaton HS, 12601 Dalewood Dr., Silver Spring 20906

Bright Futures for Students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP)
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 How can families and schools work together to help students with IEPs make a successful transition to high school and beyond? Learn how to support your children so they can become great people and realize their dreams.
 Shady Grove MS, 8100 Midcounty Hwy., Gaithersburg 20877

Special Education: Parents as Advocates and the Family-School Partnership (part 3 of 4)
 MONDAY, MARCH 19 6:30-8:30 P.M.
 See March 5.
 Wheaton HS, 12601 Dalewood Dr., Silver Spring 20906

Understanding the Maryland School Assessment (MSA)
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 The MSA is a test of reading, math, and science achievement required by the state of Maryland taken by all students in Grades 3–8. Learn more about this test and why it matters for your child.
 Benjamin Banneker MS, 14800 Perrywood Dr., Burtonsville 20866

Curriculum 2.0
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 Curriculum 2.0 has been developed to create a more exciting learning experience for our students in Grades K–2. Built upon the existing MCPS curriculum, Curriculum 2.0 blends reading/language arts and mathematics instruction with lessons in science, social studies, music, art, and physical education in a way that spurs creativity and critical thinking skills. Come learn about the new curriculum at this session.
 New Hampshire Estates ES, 8720 Carroll Ave., Silver Spring 20903

Computer Smart (part 4 of 5)
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 6:30-8:30 P.M.
 See January 30.
 Earle B. Wood MS, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville 20853

Help! My Child is Disorganized!
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 Are your kids always up late the night before a school project is due? Do they consistently turn in poor quality assignments overdue? Does he lose his homework? Does she put off her research project until the last minute? An expert from Your Life Simplified, Inc. will discuss the factors that may contribute to your child's disorganization. You also will learn skills that you can teach your child to be organized for success in school.
 Rosa M. Parks MS, 19200 Olney Mill Rd., Olney 20832

Understanding Your Child's Personality Type
 THURSDAY, MARCH 1 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 What motivates your children? A certified Myers-Briggs Type Indicator practitioner will help you improve your effectiveness as a parent by understanding your child's learning styles, ways of working with others, ability to build relationships, and responses to discipline.
 Gaithersburg ES, 35 North Summit Ave., Gaithersburg 20877

Computer Smart (part 5 of 5)
 MONDAY, MARCH 5 6:30-8:30 P.M.
 See January 30.
 Earle B. Wood MS, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville 20853

Social Bullies: Dealing with Exclusion and Cliques
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 People traditionally think of bullies as the big kid on the playground taking your lunch money. Today's students are using exclusion, rumors, and teasing to bully others. Come and explore these behaviors and discuss strategies for helping bullies, victims, and bystanders. Facilitated by YMCA Youth & Family Services.
 White Oak MS, 12201 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring 20904

Computer Smart (part 2 of 5)
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 6:30-8:30 P.M.
 See January 30.
 Earle B. Wood MS, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville 20853

Summer Opportunities Fair
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9 7:30-9:00 P.M.
 Explore summer opportunities for your children in kindergarten through Grade 12. Local and regional providers will be on hand to talk about summer camps, programs, and activities. Meet program staff, pick up applications, and get information on financial assistance.
 Richard Montgomery HS, 250 Richard Montgomery Dr., Rockville 20852

Computer Smart (part 3 of 5)
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13 6:30-8:30 P.M.
 See January 30.
 Earle B. Wood MS, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville 20853

An Innovative Approach to Anti-Bullying Presented by Rockin' the Rage, Inc.
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 Established in October of 2010, Rockin' the Rage, Inc. (RTR) is designed to empower our youth to create a positive change both in our schools and society. Rather than teaching our children the "don't do's" and "shouldn't's," RTR focuses on what to do to create a positive climate for all. Come see this moving and interactive presentation given by the founder and see what is happening in the schools that RTR is currently involved with.
 Eastern MS, 300 University Blvd., East, Silver Spring 20901

Parenting Without Threats and Bribes
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 Parenting tools will be the focus of this how-to workshop. While the use of rewards and threats in disciplining may be effective in controlling behavior in the immediate situation, over time it can decrease mutual respect in the relationship. Come learn alternative approaches. Facilitated by YMCA Youth & Family Services.
 Cannon Road ES, 901 Cannon Rd., Silver Spring 20904

College and Career Preparation: Don't Leave High School Without it!
 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 Did you know that students begin their future career in high school? Did you know that students can earn college credit for several high school courses or programs? Did you know that students can earn nationally recognized industry certification? Learn about several state approved programs of study that satisfy the career development graduation requirement.
 Seneca Valley HS, 19401 Crystal Rock Dr., Germantown 20874

Curriculum 2.0
 TUESDAY, JANUARY 24 7:00-8:30 P.M.
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 Clearspring ES, 9930 Moyer Rd., Damascus 20872

Anxiety in Children and Adolescents
 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 Do your children or adolescents suffer from anxiety? An NIH psychologist will take you through the biology behind both normal and excessive anxiety and discuss interventions that can be used at home and in school.
 North Bethesda MS, 8935 Bradmoor Dr., Bethesda 20817

Computer Smart (part 1 of 5)
 MONDAY, JANUARY 30 6:30-8:30 P.M.
 Explore the MCPS website and online resources, set up an Edline account, and learn about Microsoft Office programs in this beginning-level workshop. Facilitated by an MCPS technology teacher.
 Earle B. Wood MS, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville 20853

CyberSafety
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 Learn about how today's children and teens are using computers and cell phones, the safety issues related to both, and how to keep your children safe online. Presented in collaboration with the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office and the Montgomery County Police Department.
 Roberto W. Clemente MS, 18808 Waring Station Rd., Germantown 20874

Understanding ADHD and How to Help Your Child
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 Learn about attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and explore strategies and interventions that support academic and social-emotional success.
 Cabin John MS, 10701 Gainsborough Rd., Potomac 20854

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