

To Parent and/or Guardian of Grade 5 students:

I have recently received application packets for current fifth graders interested in applying to the Grade 6 Magnet and Consortium programs offered by Montgomery County Public Schools.

I have also received several copies of a relatively new MCPS document designed to assist students prepare for the tests required of the application process.

A letter was mailed to all grade 5 students on Friday, September 11, 2009 informing them about these programs and inviting them to the information meetings.

The deadline to submit applications is Monday, November 9, 2009. The deadline for teacher recommendations and principal advocacy is Monday, December 14, 2009

The number of applicants has increased significantly in the past years for the programs that serve the current fifth graders. Students who wish to be considered for these programs should have outstanding skills in the respective fields of study; have strong motivation, strong organizational skills and the ability to handle independent, long-term assignments.

Should you wish to obtain an application it can be found at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms).

Copies of the test preparation booklet are available from me or they can also be downloaded directly at the same web address. Please feel free to contact me via email, telephone or note. I am also available to answer any questions.

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