



The Paw Print

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The Cashell Promise

*I give my word that every day
I'll do my best to live the Cashell way!
Safe and responsible I will be,
Respectful and kind, for all to see.*

Dear Families of Cashell,

Can you believe it is already May and that we are now well into the final marking period of the school year? There is still much more teaching and learning to do in the coming days and weeks and we look forward to all of it.

We received our staffing allocation for next year and I would like to share with you in brief a few changes so you are aware of what we are expecting thus far. We are staffed for three classes for kindergarten, second and third grade; first, fourth and fifth are staffed for two teachers. This means we have been staffed with one more teacher than we have this school year. There is one classroom teacher on our fifth grade team who will be retiring this June. Mrs. Susan Hill, who has been an integral part of Cashell for 25 years. Additionally, our school counselor, Mrs. Robin Blumberg will be retiring after 25 years of service in MCPS. Although the school community will miss them both terribly, we wish them much love and laughter in the coming days, months, and years. Some anticipated changes in teacher positions for next year include the following: Mrs. Guenther will join the kindergarten team, Mrs. Moloznik will join the fifth grade team and Mrs. Gumbs will join the second grade team. While these changes require some adjustments, I am confident our students and instructional program will benefit tremendously. Please keep in mind that our staffing is directly impacted by enrollment, so if your child or children will not be returning please let us know as soon as possible, if you have not done so already. In addition to the changes made thus far, there will be some more changes to staffing that the new principal will communicate to you prior to the beginning of the school year.

A special Cougar Roar to parent, Kathy Toscano and our music teacher, Mrs. Boice for arranging for us to have two exceptional Cultural Arts Assemblies this year. The students and staff enjoyed both programs immensely!

There are few events that occurred recently that are deserving of additional recognition. Congratulations to the 5th grade student, Ely Torbay who participated in the 5th Annual *Are You Up to the Fifth Grade Challenge*, hosted by MCPS. She was among 26 students selected from 26 elementary schools who were chosen through a rigorous selection process. This event took place at the AFI Silver Theater in Silver Spring. I would also like to acknowledge Sam Resnik who was nominated by our staff from among all of our fifth grade students as well, but who was not chosen to participate in the contest. The other congratulations goes to all the students who participated in this year's 21st annual Science Fair at Cashell along with all the student and parent volunteers who provided support. Our students and their contributions were outstanding! A big cougar roar to parent and PTA member, Mrs. Elizabeth Andrews-Benavides, who coordinated once again a stellar event; kudos to you! Both of these events are just two of the many that make Cashell the best place to be. Lastly, congratulations to all our third grade students, Mrs. Boice and Mrs. Basaric, our music teachers and Mrs. White for an outstanding recorder performance.

Stay Pawsitive,
Antonio C. Scott

UP AND COMING!

- May 1st – May 5th Spring Book Fair & Staff Appreciation Week
- May 1st – May 22nd PARCC Testing
- May 5th Kindergarten Orientation
- May 16th Magruder Health & Wellness Expo at Redland MS
- May 18th Spring Music Concert
- May 19th Patrol Picnic
- May 22 New Principal to be announced at MCPS BOE meeting
- May 23 5th Grade Visit to Redland MS
- May 23 – May 26th Make Up Testing
- May 24th Volunteer Tea
- May 26th Gr. 1 Field Trip to Pizzeria Uno
- May 26th OASIS Volunteer Breakfast (tutors who work with our students)
- May 29th *Memorial Day – Holiday – No School*
- May 30th Field Day Gr. 3-5 (June 1st rain day)
- May 31st Field Day Gr. K-2 (June 2nd rain day)
- June 8th Gr. 4 FT to St. Mary's
- June 9th Field Day PreK
- June 12th Gr. 5 FT to Mt. Vernon
- June 12th Visit from Olney Librarian
- June 14th Gr. 5 Bowling
- June 15th Moving On Ceremony Gr. 5
- June 16th School Wide Dance Party and Last day of school – early release 12:55

IMPORTANT INFORMATION-

☞ **Kindergarten Orientation** will take place this coming **FRIDAY, May 5**. Regular kindergarten classes will be canceled on this day. Kindergarten Orientation is for parents and their incoming kindergarten children. Children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2017 will be eligible to attend kindergarten this coming school year. All those attending next year should have been provided an **appointment time and application packet**. If not, please contact our attendance secretary Mrs. Wayne **immediately**.

☞ PARCC Schedule*

Grade Level	Subject	Test Dates
3 rd Grade	English Language Arts	May 8, 9, 10
	Mathematics	May 15, 16, 17, 22
4 th Grade	English Language Arts	May 1, 3, 4,
	Mathematics	May 8, 9, 10, 16
5 th Grade	English Language Arts	May 2, 4, 12
	Mathematics	May 15, 17, 18, 22

*Please ensure your child is here for the entire day on each of the above dates. This year some of the tests will be given in the morning and afternoon. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact the main office so we may assist you.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION- Continued

- ☞ **Health and Wellness:** We are very excited to invite you to the first ever **Magruder Cluster Health & Wellness Expo on Tuesday, May 16, at 7:00 PM at Redland MS.** This event is being sponsored in conjunction with Everett Davis, Principal of Redland MS, Nancy Ruffner, the former Cashell school nurse and the Magruder cluster principals. The keynote speaker for the event will be Mr. Darryl Haley, former NFL player with the New England Patriots, Ironman Triathlete and radio personality. This event is for students, families and staff. Please come out and discover ways to stay healthy. There will be booths for you to visit to discover the newest information in yoga, massage, meditation, Tai Chi, karate, nutrition, behavioral health and much more.
- ☞ **PTA for 2016-2017:** Please join us for the next meeting this Tuesday, May 2. A special thanks to our **Green and Community Outreach team.** Their work on the giving tree, school drives to provide for others and the recent weeklong celebration of Earth day has made a difference. We appreciate you very much!

☞ SAFETY

BIKE SAFETY - ONLY 4th and 5th graders may ride bikes to school.

- Students (and parents!) must WALK their bikes on school property!
- Bikes should have a lock.
- Students MUST wear helmets. Please check to see that your child's helmet fits snugly – a loose helmet offers little or no protection.
- No scooters, skates, or skateboards please!

CAR LANE - As the year winds down and yet schedules get busier please remember the follow.

- Help us continue to maintain safe routines during arrivals and dismissals. **Being attentive to your surroundings during these times of the day are crucial.**
- **Keep in mind no child should enter or exit a car from the left side of a vehicle in the car loop.**
- There is never a good reason for exceeding beyond 5 to 10 miles per hour in the drop off and pick up area.
- Thank you for keeping not parking your cars directly on our side of the street opposite the bus loop. It ensures our comings and goings on that side of the building remain as safe as possible.
- **Important: Please maintain lawful speed limits in the school zone.**

MCPS Quick Notes English/Spanish

Gaithersburg Book Festival (English and Spanish)

Don't Miss the Gaithersburg Book Festival

Montgomery County Public Schools is proud to be a partner in the 2017 Gaithersburg Book Festival on Saturday, May 20, on the grounds of Gaithersburg City Hall. The book festival has a great lineup of authors and activities for children of all ages. Several members of the MCPS community will be conducting readings at the festival and there will be many programs, workshops, and activities in the Children's Village that are designed to promote interest in reading and writing. For more information, visit gaithersburgbookfestival.org/.

No Se Pierda el Festival del Libro en Gaithersburg

Montgomery County Public Schools se enorgullece en ser colaborador en el Festival del Libro 2017 en Gaithersburg, el sábado, 20 de mayo, en los terrenos de Gaithersburg City Hall. El festival del libro tiene un repertorio maravilloso, con autores y actividades para niños de todas las edades. Varios miembros de la comunidad estarán ofreciendo lecturas durante el festival y habrán muchos programas, talleres, y actividades en la Villa de los Niños (Children's Village), diseñados a promover el interés por la lectura y la redacción. Para más información, visite gaithersburgbookfestival.org/.

Recreation Department (English and Spanish)

Montgomery County Recreation Department and Public Schools Extend Summer Programs Due to Later Start Date of School Year

Montgomery County summer camp programs will be extended to support families without childcare options due to the later start time of the school year. This follows the executive order that Governor Larry Hogan signed last fall, which required Maryland's public schools to start classes after Labor Day, beginning with the 2017–2018 school year. Montgomery County Recreation added more than 40 additional full or half-day programs to effectively serve families due to the later start date for the school year. This included six Summer Fun Centers (SFC), which are the Department of Recreation's most affordable summer day programs. Registration is available online at www.activemontgomery.org and is also available by mail, fax to 240-777-6818, or in person at most recreation and parks facilities including community recreation centers, ice rinks, tennis centers, aquatic facilities and at the Montgomery County Recreation Administrative Offices at 4010 Randolph Road in Silver Spring.

For more information about summer programs call 240-777-6840.

Departamento de Recreación del Condado de Montgomery y las Escuelas Públicas Extienden Programas de Verano Debido a Que el Inicio del Ciclo Escolar Es Más Tarde

Los programas de campamentos de verano del Condado de Montgomery se extenderán, a fin de apoyar a las familias que no tienen opciones de cuidado infantil debido a que el inicio del ciclo escolar es más tarde. Esto sigue a la orden ejecutiva que el Gobernador Larry Hogan firmó el pasado otoño, exigiendo que las escuelas públicas de Maryland comiencen las clases después del Día del Trabajo (Labor Day), a partir del ciclo escolar 2017–2018. El Departamento de Recreación del Condado de Montgomery añadió más de 40 programas adicionales de día completo o de medio día, a fin de servir a las familias de una manera eficaz debido a que el inicio del ciclo escolar es más tarde. Esto incluye seis Centros de Diversión de Verano (Summer Fun Centers–SFC), que son los programas diurnos de verano más económicos que ofrece el Departamento de Recreación. La inscripción está disponible en línea, en www.activemontgomery.org; también está disponible por correo; por fax, al número 240-777-6818; o, en persona en la mayoría de las instalaciones de recreación y parques incluyendo centros recreativos en la comunidad, pistas de hielo, centros de tenis, instalaciones de natación, y en las Oficinas Administrativas del Departamento de Recreación del Condado de Montgomery, 4010 Randolph Road, en Silver Spring.

Para más información sobre los programas de verano, llame al 240-777-6840.