

Welcome to College Gardens Elementary School!

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Chinese Immersion Open House
February 2012

Who are we?

- Mr. Ewald- Principal
- Mrs. Rogovoy- Assistant Principal
- Mr. Dushel- PYP Coordinator
- Mrs. Rubiera - Staff Development Teacher
- Mrs. Murray- CI Coordinator
- Dr. Hennessy - Counselor
- Mrs. Tobin - Reading Specialist
- Mrs. Kelly - Media Specialist
- A group of dedicated and talented teachers
- A group of committed and caring staff

Vision

As a Primary Years Programme school, we will provide an engaging and open-minded learning community where all members collaborate respectfully to challenge and motivate one another within a safe and nurturing environment.

Mission

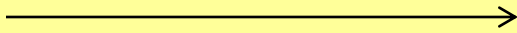
We develop and support a successful and inclusive environment where all students actively participate in and assume ownership of their learning. As a unified staff and community, we create a rigorous instructional program, which promotes globally minded, creative, confident, and reflective lifelong learners.

WHAT IS IB/PYP?

At the center of the PYP is a commitment to:

- **structured inquiry**
- **problem solving**
- **asking questions**
- **seeking explanations**
- **forming hypotheses**
- engagement with the **environment**
- **reflect**

IB Board located in school foyer



Check it out!



What is immersion?

- ▣ Immersion is an educational approach where students are taught through the medium of a second language.
- ▣ Language is the medium for teaching content rather than the subject of instruction.

Why Immersion?



- learners benefit **cognitively**
- **non-verbal problem solving abilities**
- **flexible thinking**
- **score higher**

Benefits of Chinese Immersion:



- making children world citizens
- giving them a broad perspective
- strengthening brain development
- access to more career opportunities

Immersion at College Gardens ES

- Math in Mandarin
- Reading/Language Arts in English
- ✓ Meet the Maryland curriculum, MCPS curriculum, and IB units
- ✓ Use of simplified characters and the Pinyin system
- ✓ Participation in the same extra-curricular activities as non-immersion peers

Student Schedule

Kindergarten Student:

9:15-12:00: Instruction in English with teacher A

12:00-3:30: Instruction in Chinese with teacher B

1st Grade Student:

9:15-12:00: Instruction in Chinese with teacher B


12:00-3:30: Instruction in English with teacher A

Notes:

- **Instruction time is equivalent; the additional time is spent in lunch, recess, and specials.**

WELCOME.....

Ms. Jia Kou

- **Our visiting teacher at College Gardens**
 - **Arrived in the fall from China**
 - **Provides direct language lessons and instructional support to all students**
 - **Chinese Immersion students: 60 minutes per week**
 - **Non-Immersion students: 30 minutes every other week**
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Introductions.....

HELLO

你好

I AM ...(+NAME)

我是.....

“I have a daughter.”

我有一个
女儿，她是.....



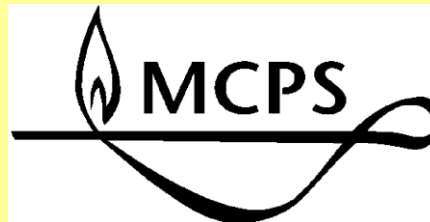
我有一个儿子，
他是...

“I have a son.”

Montgomery County Public Schools Elementary Immersion Programs 2012-2013

Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services (DCCAPS)

*Facilitating the Outreach and School Assignment Processes for the Consortia,
Application, and Elementary Immersion Programs*



Step #2

Immersion forms are run through a computerized lottery process.



Step #3

Immersion school assignment letters are mailed to students' homes in early May.

Factors which may impact the lottery (school assignment) process:

- School capacity (space availability)
- Sibling link
- Eligibility
- Selection area priority (based on home address)
- Number of applicants



What are some frequently asked questions?

How many students entered the lottery?

- o 908 students
- o 643 of these students applied for a kindergarten slot

How many seats were available for all of the immersion programs?

- o Kindergarten: 286 seats
- o Grades 1- 5: Seats vary from year to year.

What are my options if I want to continue this program in middle school?

Montgomery County Public Schools Elementary Immersion Programs At-A-Glance

Elementary School (ES)	Language	Eligibility/ Selection Area Priority	Program Type*	Middle School (MS) Continuation Grades 6–8 ^{^^}	Transportation
College Gardens ES 1700 Yale Place Rockville, MD 20850 301-279-8470	Chinese	Countywide	Partial	Herbert Hoover	<p>Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) provides transportation from central stops for elementary school language immersion students from the areas served by the program.</p> <p>Transportation may be provided for many of the special programs to and from central stops (usually at MCPS schools) determined by the MCPS Department of Transportation. Stops may be several miles from the student's home. Parents are responsible for arranging transportation to and from central stops. Bus trips are usually significantly longer than local school transportation and may vary by program or location. It is important to carefully consider transportation options and responsibilities.</p> <p>The continuation of transportation for the 2012–2013 school year for regional and countywide immersion programs is pending budget approval.</p>
Potomac ES 10311 River Road Potomac, MD 20854 301-469-1042	Chinese	Local, then countywide	Partial	Herbert Hoover	
Maryvale ES 1000 First Street Rockville, MD 20850 301-279-4990	French	Regional [^]	Total	Gaithersburg MS	
Sligo Creek ES 500 Schuyler Road Silver Spring, MD 20910 301-562-2722	French	Regional ^{^^}	Total	Silver Spring International MS	
Burnt Mills ES 11211 Childs Street Silver Spring, MD 20901 301-649-8192	Spanish	Local, then elementary schools that feed into Francis Scott Key MS, then countywide	Partial	Silver Spring International MS	
Rock Creek Forest ES 8330 Grubb Road Chevy Chase, MD 20815 301-650-6410	Spanish	Countywide	Total	Silver Spring International MS Westland MS	
Rolling Terrace ES 705 Bayfield Street Takoma Park, MD 20912 301-431-7600	Spanish	Local, then countywide	Partial	Silver Spring International MS	

* **Total immersion programs:** The core curriculum (reading, writing, mathematics, social studies, and science) is taught in the second language.
Partial immersion programs: A portion of the curriculum is taught in the second language.

[^] **The following high school clusters:** Winston Churchill, Clarksburg, Damascus, Gaithersburg, Richard Montgomery, Northwest, Poolesville, Rockville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley, Sherwood, Watkins Mill, Wheaton, Thomas S. Wootton, and the Northeast Consortium–North (Residences north of Fairland and Randolph Roads)

^{^^} **The following high school clusters:** Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Montgomery Blair, Albert Einstein, Walter Johnson, John F. Kennedy, Northwood, Walt Whitman, and the Northeast Consortium–South (Residences south of Fairland and Randolph Roads)

^{^^^} **To participate in a middle school continuation, parents must complete a Change of School Assignment (COSA) form by the April 1, 2012, deadline.**

How will I know if my child is selected?

Parents will be sent a letter in May. This letter will include:

- The program/s that their child has been invited to and/or
- A number indicating their rank order on the waitlist for the programs that they selected on the *Immersion Interest Form*.



How can I find out more information about the lottery process and programs?

Visit the website:

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/



Is transportation available?

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What immersion programs are offered by Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS)?

MCPS offers seven elementary foreign language immersion programs:



- Two Chinese
 - Two French
 - Three Spanish
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- The two French programs and one of the Spanish programs are total immersion. Two of the Spanish programs and both Chinese programs are partial immersion.
 - In total immersion, all core subjects, including reading/language arts are taught in the target language.
 - In partial immersion, some core subjects are taught in the target language.

For more information, please call:

Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services
301-592-2040.

Can my child participate in multiple lotteries?

Yes, students may participate in one to all seven lotteries.

Can my child continue in a middle school immersion program after elementary school?

Yes, students can continue into the middle school program. Parents must fill out a Change of School Assignment Form (COSA) to make the request.

(See chart on slide 5)

Proposed Timeline

- **Open Houses – September through April
(varies per school)**

For more information, visit each immersion school's website.

- **Interest Forms Available February 1, 2012**
- **Interest Form Deadline April 13, 2012**
- **Parent Notification May 2012**

For more information, visit each immersion school's website.

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/

Note: Students may apply to multiple programs.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information about the immersion lottery process, contact:

Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program
Services (DCCAPS)

Karen Danco 301-592-2053

Kathy Pence 301-592-2060

John Rottiers 301-592-2056

**For information about each immersion program, visit
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms
as well as each school's website**

Q & A

If you have a specific question about your child, an individual concern or an individual question, please contact me at:

Molly_b_Murray@mcpsmd.org

Or

301-279-8470 x170

If you have a question about the Chinese Immersion program at College Gardens ES, please feel free to ask now.

SCHOOL TOUR



Note: We will NOT enter classrooms, as this is disruptive for our students.

During the tour, please feel free to ask your guide any questions you may have.

After your tour, the Open House will conclude.

Please email or call me with any questions! Thank you for coming!