

College Gardens Elementary School

Principal's Updates from School: 12-2-11

This is one in a series of updates from College Gardens ES. Our "Principal's Updates from School" are scheduled for distribution weekly on Friday afternoons.

Superintendent to Deliver Budget Address on December 7

Superintendent Joshua P. Starr will deliver his budget address on Wednesday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Richard Montgomery High School, 250 Richard Montgomery Drive in Rockville. The event is open to the public. Since beginning his tenure at MCPS in July, Dr. Starr has met and engaged with community members, staff, students and parents. The superintendent has held several Listen and Learn events with staff and the community, two Student Town Hall meetings and has visited many schools to observe teaching and learning in the classroom. He has also received a detailed report from his transition team, assessing the current state of the school system. All this information has been invaluable in helping Dr. Starr set budgetary priorities for FY 2013.

Please join Dr. Starr and MCPS staff as he discusses his priorities for next school year and officially submits his FY 2013 budget recommendation to the Board of Education.

Superintendent's Book Club

Dr. Joshua P. Starr, Superintendent, is planning three Book Club events. These events provide an opportunity for the community to learn more about his educational philosophy and approach to leading MCPS. His first book club is scheduled for Tuesday, November 29, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Carver Educational Services Center (CESC), 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, MD. For this Superintendent's Book Club event, Dr. Starr has selected Mindset: The New Psychology of Success, by Carol Dweck. Each of the Book Club events are scheduled to be available for audience participation at CESC and via Webinar.

College Gardens Spirit Week; December 5th – 9th

Show your school spirit by participating in the following spirit days!

Monday	Pajama Day Wear your PJ's! No slippers or stuffed animals.
Tuesday	Hat Day Wear your favorite hat to school!
Wednesday	Wacky Tacky Day Mismatch your clothes and create a unique hair style.
Thursday	Sports Day Wear your favorite jersey or uniform (no equipment).
Friday	School Sprit Day Wear CGES colors (yellow and green) or a CGES T-shirt.

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Get Ready for Winter Weather

Winter weather is coming soon. Stay on top of school closures, delayed openings or early dismissals by subscribing to the MCPS QuickNotes email news service, Alert MCPS or Twitter. Learn more about weather decisions on the MCPS emergency information website.

How to Receive MCPS Emergency Information

MCPS Web: Home page

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org>

Weather-related messages are posted in English and Spanish.

Email: QuickNotes

Weather-related messages are sent in 6 languages (English, Chinese, French, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese).

Text and Email: Alert MCPS

Alert MCPS provides you with emergency information about school operations via text messages (i.e. SMS text or email messages) to devices you register. Signing up for Alert MCPS is free, but your wireless carrier may charge you a fee to receive text messages. This service is provided in collaboration with the Montgomery County government. Weather-related messages are sent in English and Spanish.

Text and Web: Twitter

A Twitter account allows you to follow MCPS text-message updates on your computer or on your cell or other mobile device. Twitter updates will include emergency message and other school system news.

<http://twitter.com/mcps>

TV: MCPS Cable Channels

Emergency announcements are posted on the following cable channels.

Comcast Channel 34

Verizon Fios Channel 36

RCN Channel 89

Telephone Information Line: 301-279-3673

Recorded emergency information.

Telephone: Ask MCPS: 301-309-6277

Staff takes calls from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, in English and Spanish.

Web: MCPS Newsfeed

Receive alerts and news on your computer.

TV and Radio: Local Stations

Tune in to local TV and radio stations for information.