

College Gardens Elementary School

Principal's Updates from School: 12-9-11

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's Budget

Copies of the Superintendent's Recommended FY 2013 Operating Budget in Brief will be distributed to all schools on Monday, December 12, 2011 via the Pony. Each school will receive two copies: one copy is for the school, and the other copy is to be shared with your school's parent teacher association president. The *Superintendent's Recommended FY 2013 Operating Budget* (Management Budget) and the *Recommended Program Budget FY 2013* will be published online on the Montgomery County Public Schools website at the following address **on December 8, 2011:**

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/>

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

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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.

