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PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND HEAD START PROGRAM ENROLLMENT AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION—BEGINS MARCH 5



Parents who want to register their child for an MCPS prekindergarten or Head Start class for the 2018–2019 school year can do so starting Monday, March 5th. Children must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2018 and families must be income-eligible to apply. For more information about eligibility guidelines, location and times of community registrations, or required documents to complete an application, call 301-230-0676 or visit the MCPS website.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION—MAY 10TH AND MAY 11TH



Kindergarten orientation is designed to help parents enroll their children, including the completion of health forms, and to assist students in becoming acquainted with future friends and the school environment. Children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2018 and their parents are invited to attend. An Early Entrance to Kindergarten application process is available to serve children who will reach five years old between September 2 and October 15, 2018. Parents who seek early entrance consideration for their children should inquire at their home school. At orientation, parents and students will meet the school principal, kindergarten teachers, and other school staff members. There will be fun activities for children and an opportunity for parents to ask questions about the school's procedures and programs. Kindergarten orientation is primarily an opportunity for children to look forward to coming to school in September and to begin to build an important partnership between home and school. Please call the school at 240-740-1770 to make an appointment.

There will be NO SCHOOL FOR CURRENT KINDERGARTENERS ON FRIDAY, MAY 11TH!

FISCAL YEAR 2019 OPERATING BUDGET



The Board of Education approved a \$2.59 billion operating budget request for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019. The request includes a \$72.9 million increase from FY 2018, which will allow the district to continue to make targeted investments to manage enrollment growth and build the foundation and structure that is needed to ensure that all MCPS students are able to excel. The Board's budget request will be submitted to the Montgomery county executive and the County Council. The county executive is expected to release his FY 2019 operating budget recommendation by March 15. The Montgomery County Council will hold public hearings on the county budget in April before passing a final budget in May. Visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/ to learn more about the Board's budget request.

PARCC SCHEDULE

Our Grade 3, 4, and 5 students will soon take part in the Partnership of the Assessment for Readiness for College and Career (PARCC) at Highland Elementary School in English language arts (ELA)/literacy and mathematics. During the assessment days, please make all efforts to make sure your child is present and on time. Please see the schedule below.

Grade 3 ELA	5/15/18	5/16/18	5/17/18	
Grade 3 MATH	5/1/18	5/2/18	5/3/18	5/4/18
Grade 4 ELA	5/15/18	5/16/18	5/17/18	
Grade 4 MATH	5/1/18	5/2/18	5/3/18	5/4/18
Grade 5 ELA	5/7/18	5/8/18	5/9/18	
Grade 5 MATH	4/23/18	4/24/18	4/25/18	4/30/18



IMPORTANT DATES

March 5

- Registration for Pre-K & Head Start Begins

March 6

- PTA Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.
- MISA testing for Grade 5 (former MSA Science)

March 7

- MISA testing for Grade 5

March 8

- Parent Workshop—Cyber Safety @9am (All Purpose Room)

March 11

- Daylight Savings Time Begins—Set Clocks Ahead 1 hour

March 14

- Grade 2 (Lee/Boland) field trip to Smith Center

March 15

- Grade 2 (Lund/Williams) field trip to Smith Center

March 16

- Grade 2 (Drye/Herzfeld) field trip to Smith Center

March 22

- Head Start Field Trip

March 26-April 2 —SPRING BREAK!

YEARBOOK ORDER FORMS DUE TUESDAY, APRIL 2!!!