

Kingsview Middle School

JANUARY 2012

~ A Message from the Principal ~

Greetings Kingsview Panther Families and Happy New Year!!!

2012 brings many new and exciting challenges for all of us. I am thrilled to be embarking upon the next stage of my career as an educator. This school year, I have been afforded a great opportunity to be a Principal Intern. Through the principal internship, I have gained many experiences of a principal—from managing school finances, and working closely with our parent community to collaborating with other principals in the Northwest High School Cluster and observing the exceptional teaching and learning here at Kingsview Middle School. Most recently, I visited several of our classrooms as students reviewed for upcoming exams. I was astounded by the fun and engaging activities planned for students and even more impressed by the level of engagement seen in the classrooms. I know that the students are well prepared for their exams as shown by the depth and quality of their thinking.

From now until February 17th, I will have the opportunity to serve you as the Acting Principal. During the time I am Acting Principal, Elaine Chang-Baxter will assume my current administrative responsibilities. Mrs. Chang-Baxter is a veteran administrator at both the elementary and middle school levels. She is the principal of Garrett Park Elementary School and will return back there in that capacity on February 20th. She brings a wealth of experiences to this position and is ready to begin work as the newest member of the Panther family. During this six week period, Mrs. Chang-Baxter will serve as the administrator for the seventh grade, and I will continue as the administrator for the eighth grade. Mrs. Singleton will continue her great work with the sixth grade as well. Though I **love** the eighth grade students and parents, during the Acting Principal experience, I will have the opportunity to learn a lot more about all of the work happening with our sixth and seventh grade students and families. For instance, I am especially looking forward to experiencing Outdoor Education during February with our sixth grade team and students.

Tuesday, January 3rd was my first day “filling the shoes” and similar to a kid anticipating the first day of the school year, I found myself restless and unable to fully fall asleep. My mind was racing in anticipation of all the opportunities I would have with your child(ren) and our staff. Thus far this week, I had great experiences. Throughout the next six weeks, I plan on taking advantage of the chance to enhance my growth to make me a stronger instructional leader for your child(ren). As I walked the halls and visited classrooms this week, I am amazed at how students and staff continually rise above the bar and excel here at Kingsview. I am so lucky to be Acting Principal at a school like Kingsview with such an amazing community. As we embark upon this six week journey together, I know that I am in the right school to receive this experience. Your concern for your child(ren) and their educational well being sets you apart from many, and for this I am honored to serve in this capacity and support your child’s educational success. You have always been very supportive of your child(ren) and Kingsview. This year, you have trusted us to make decisions that impact your child(ren)’s success here at Kingsview. I ask that during my acting principalship, you also be supportive of my opportunity to enhance my professional growth as an administrator and Mrs. Chang-Baxter’s work with your child(ren). I thank you in advance. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email, Anthony_J_Nottingham@mcpsmd.org, or phone, 301-601-4611.

KINGSVIEW
MIDDLE SCHOOL
18909 Kingsview Road
Germantown, MD 20874

Coming Attractions

Janaury

January 12
*See Exam Schedule on page 2

January 16
Holiday Martin L. King Jr. Day
No school

January 17
PTSA Theme Dinner
Fundraiser 4pm—9pm
* See attached flyer for more
details

January 19
Outdoor Education Volunteer
Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Media Center

January 23
Professional Days for teachers
No school for students

January 26
Boys Basketball at Baker
Girls Basketball vs. Baker

January 26
Celebration of the Arts
5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. APR
* See attached flyer for more
details



Call KMS office

Main Office
301-601-4611
Counseling Office
301-601-4607

Dr. A.J. Nottingham
Acting Principal

Ms. Elaine Chang-Baxter
Acting Assistant
Principal

Mrs. Ericka Singleton
Assistant Principal

Kingsview Middle School 2011 – 2012 January Exam Schedule

	Thursday, January 12th	Friday, January 13th	Tuesday, January 17th	Wednesday, January 18th
7:55 – 10:20	Period 1 Exam Block	Period 8 Exam Block	Period 7 Exam Block	Period 2 Exam Block
10:23 – 10:59	Period 3 7 th Grade Lunch 10:25 – 10:55	Period 4 7 th Grade Lunch 10:25 – 10:55	Period 8 7 th Grade Lunch 10:25 – 10:55	Period 8 7 th Grade Lunch 10:25 – 10:55
11:02 – 11:38	Period 2 6 th Grade Lunch 11:05 – 11:35	Period 5 6 th Grade Lunch 11:05 – 11:35	Period 5 6 th Grade Lunch 11:05 – 11:35	Period 7 6 th Grade Lunch 11:05 – 11:35
11:41 – 12:17	Period 7 8 th Grade Lunch 11:44 – 12:14	Period 2 8 th Grade Lunch 11:44 – 12:14	Period 1 8 th Grade Lunch 11:44 – 12:14	Period 6 8 th Grade Lunch 11:44 – 12:14
12:20 – 2:40	Period 5 Exam Block (6 th Grade Activity)	Period 6 Exam Block (8 th Grade Activity)	Period 4 Exam Block (7 th Grade Activity)	Period 3 Exam Block





Hello to the Kingsview MS community!

I am looking forward to serving the students, staff, and community of Kingsview MS for the next 6 weeks as the acting assistant principal. I have heard nothing but positive feedback about your school. As a resident of Clarksburg, I am pretty familiar with this area. To provide you with my background, I am a graduate of Montgomery County Public Schools having grown up in the Silver Spring area. I'm in my 19th year working in the school system having formerly been an elementary and middle school teacher and administrator at both levels. My current position is principal of Garrett Park ES. I was formerly the principal of Lakewood ES and also served one year in central office as the executive assistant to the deputy superintendent. I used to be a 6th, 7th and 8th grade teacher as well as assistant principal at Tilden MS which is located in Rockville. I used to teach 6th grade science and PE, 7th grade math, and 8th grade Earth science. I also used to coach high school cross country, indoor track and outdoor track. I hope that my background and experiences will serve Kingsview MS well in the next few weeks. I look forward to getting to know students, staff and the parents. Happy New Year!

Elaine Chang-Baxter
Principal, Garrett Park E.S. (301) 929-2170
Acting Assistant Principal, Kingsview MS
Jan 5 - Feb 17, 2012 (301) 601-4611



Scheduling and Articulation Dates 2012



From the Desk of Ericka Singleton:

- ◆ **Mon., January 9 – Tues., January 24**
8th Grade teachers' window for completing 9th grade course recommendations
- ◆ **Friday, January 13-**
Mrs. Lance Dempsey, Principal, Northwest High School, to speak to 8th Grade students at Kingsview MS (1:00 p.m.)
- ◆ **Wed., January 25-**
Northwest High School's incoming Grade 9 Parent Meeting (NWHS Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.; SNOW DATE – Mon., January 30)
- ◆ **Friday, January 27-**
Northwest High School Counselor Visit to 8th grade students (Period 1)
- ◆ **Wed., February 1-**
Incoming 6th grade parent information meeting at Kingsview (APR); McNair/Great Seneca Creek @ 5:30-6:45pm, Matsunaga @ 7:15-8:30pm (SNOW DATE – Thurs., February 2)
- ◆ **February 3, 6, and 7**
Counselors and administration visit elementary school student to share registration information
- ◆ **Wed., February 8-**
Current 6th and 7th grade parent registration/articulation meeting (7:00pm, APR; SNOW DATE – Wed., February 22)
- ◆ **Wed., February 8-**
Deadline for the collection of current 8th grade student registration cards
- ◆ **Mon., February 13-**
5th grade students return registrations cards to 5th grade teachers
- ◆ **Mon., February 13 – Fri., February 17-**
Counselors visit classrooms to present current students with registration information (6th gr. Feb. 13, and 17)
- ◆ **Fri, February 24-**
Registration forms due to World Studies teachers from current 6th and 7th grade students



Grade News and Information

Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Math 6 students will be finishing up their study of the relationships between decimals, fractions, and percents (Unit 2). The Unit 2CD summative test is scheduled for the week after exams (1/25-1/27/12).◆ Math 7 students have begun Unit 3, their geometry unit. Angle relationships, lines, polygons, geometric constructions are the primary topics on which these students will focus. They will take the Unit 3 MCPS formative test during their exam block.◆ Investigations into Mathematics students will complete their unit of study of Geometry and will begin the Patterns, Relations, and Functions unit.
English	In English, students will focus on preparing for the MCPS semester exam by reading and comparing several science fiction stories. After the exam, we will begin the third unit, Challenges and Barriers.
World Studies	Students will be learning about the achievements of the Greeks, the impact of the Persian and Peloponnesian Wars on Greek Civilization and how Alexander the Great left a lasting Greek legacy well beyond his death.
Science	Science students are investigating the ecological reasons for the decline of the Baltimore Checkerspot Butterfly, our Maryland state insect. Our focus during the month of January will be on the adaptations of the Baltimore Checkerspot. Each of the proposed solutions to the causes of the Baltimore Checkerspot's decline will be communicated by each student through an individually created PowerPoint Presentation. This PowerPoint will be completed by mid-February during science class.
World Languages	French 1a-Activities unit-students are interpreting basic spoken and written weather reports, engaging in conversations about leisure time activities in the context of dates, weather and seasons.
Reading	<p>Reading classes are working on a Greek Mythology research project and continuing to learn about the characters and events in ancient Greek stories.</p> <p>Students in Read 180 are finishing workshop 5, peer pressure, which focuses on the text structure of problem and solution.</p>
Study Strategies	Students in Study Strategies will be starting a unit on Time Management. We will be creating individualized study schedules!
FACS	Family and Consumer Sciences students are sewing personal pillows as they learn to use the sewing machines. Ask them about the delicious food they made!
Art	The 6th grade class will be focusing on an "Art and Message" craft unit craft "Art and Message" Students will be painting culturally diverse ceiling panels.
PE/ Health	6 th grade is currently doing instructional units in stunts & tumbling, strength training and recreational games. Health classes are currently learning about Life & Disease Prevention & Control.
Technology Education	Students are focusing on architectural design this marking period. They'll be working on an ongoing project in which the end result will be them designing and constructing a three-dimensional house.



Grade News and Information

Math	<p><u>Math 7</u> ~ Students will be taking the Unit 2 ~ Algebraic Relationships Summative Assessment during their exam block. They should use their review packet to prepare for this assessment</p> <p><u>IM</u> ~ Students are currently working on Unit 3 ~ Investigations into Mathematics</p> <p><u>Algebra 1A/1B</u> ~ Students will be taking the first semester exam on Units 1 – 4. They should use their semester review packet along with county formative assessments from each unit to prepare for this exam. Don't forget to put in fresh batteries the day of the exam</p>
English	<p>The English study guide for midterm exams was given before break and reviewed the first day back. Please make sure your child knows the importance of the two writing portions of the exam. We will also be analyzing the sense of place of the main character from <u>Warriors Don't Cry</u>. The students should be reading at home, please help where necessary.</p>
Reading	<p>In Unit Two, students explore various text structures and how an awareness of the organization of text helps readers adjust their strategies for comprehension. As the enduring understandings and essential questions suggest, increasing awareness of the organizational structures authors use when writing helps students determine the importance of information in texts and organize their thinking through graphic organizers. The sessions provide an introduction to expository text structures, narrative plot structure, and organizational features of poetry. Students will also analyze the author's purpose for each text and investigate the relationship of the structure to the author's purpose.</p>
READ 180	<p>Students are finishing workshop 5, peer pressure, which focuses on the text structure of problem and solution.</p>
Advanced World Studies	<p>Students will be concluding the unit on culture in Africa during the Middle Ages and today. They will be taking the unit exam on Friday, January 6th. There will be a culture project done in the computer labs from Monday 1/9 – Wednesday 1/11. During exams, students will be reading the original African tale of Sundiata, the Lion King, and watching the Disney Lion King film to make comparisons.</p>
Science	<p>Students will begin learning about the body systems...starting with the "Skeletal System" then moving on to the "Digestive System"</p>
Spanish	<p><u>Spanish 1A</u>: We are in the Nos Conocemos unit where students will learn the grammar and vocabulary necessary to construct sentences that will describe themselves and others.</p>
French	<p><u>French 1a</u>-Activities unit-students are interpreting basic spoken and written weather reports, engaging in conversations about leisure time activities in the context of dates, weather and seasons.</p> <p><u>French 1b</u>-Food/Meals unit-students are exchanging, interpreting, and presenting information about food preferences, food groups, and eating habits.</p> <p><u>French 2a</u>- Food unit- students are commenting on, inquiring about, and making selections from a menu. They are also describing a typical restaurant experiences in francophone countries. Their 2 hour county exam will be on Friday, January 13th. The oral component to the exam will be on January 17th and 18th.</p>
PE	<p>Students are currently doing instructional units in stunts & stumbling, strength training and recreational games.</p>
Health	<p>Students are learning about Family Life & Disease Prevention & Control.</p>
FACS	<p>7th Grade FACS students are completing gorgeous, functional Sport Bags and making Dietary Guideline Brochures. Be sure to assist them in purchasing 45" shoelaces to finish off their bags and ask them to show you the finished product.</p>
Art	<p>Students will be focusing on painting centered on environmental settings and atmospheric perspectives. The theme is "Art and Responding to Nature".</p>



Grade News and Information

Class	What they are doing
English	Students in English class are preparing for their Semester A final exam. Afterwards they will begin the next unit on Responsibility. This will include the reading of the play <u>12 Angry Men</u> and the novel <u>Out of the Dust</u> .
FACS	8 th Grade FACS students are creating delicious aromas throughout the halls with the marinara sauce they are creating to go with meatballs / spaghetti and lasagna. We are hoping for parent volunteers to come during the exam block to show off their cooking skills. It is Wednesday, Jan. 18 th , 8:00 to 10:20. Call Mrs. deRosa at school 301-601-4611 x 159.
Art	The 8th grade class will be focusing on block printing, tessellation, creating patterns, and designs.
Math	<p>Algebra1: We will be taking final exams which will cover all material from the first semester. The information covers solving equations/inequalities; graphing, writing, and analyzing linear functions; and working with systems of linear equations. The second semester will start with Data Analysis.</p> <p>Geometry: We will be taking final exams which will cover all material from the first semester. The second semester will begin by covering Indirect Measurement.</p>
Reading	Students in Read 180 are finishing workshop 5, peer pressure, which focuses on the text structure of problem and solution.
US History	Students will be taking the County Semester I Exam in U.S. History in January. They received a study guide prior to the holiday break. We will begin Unit III, "Geographic and Economic Change Shape the Nation." Among other topics, we will examine manifest destiny, westward expansion, and Jacksonian Democracy. We will also consider the beginnings of sectionalism.
PE/ Health	PE is currently teaching instructional units in tumbling & gymnastics, archery & outdoor polar bear club. Health classes are learning about Family Life & Disease Prevention & Control.
Science	In 8th Grade science (IESS) students are busy preparing for their mid-year exam (worth 25% of their semester grade). In our next unit of study, "Earth Materials and Processes" students will compare the origin and structure of igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks. Students will explain how the transfer of energy drives the rock cycle. For the unit RFP, students will be designing an Aquatic Center on the school grounds.

News and Information

LOOKING TO STAY ACTIVE AND GET INVOLVED WITH KINGSVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL?
THEN WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!!! IN SEARCH OF VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST IN COACHING GIRLS ON TRACK AT KINGSVIEW FOR SPRING 2012.

Girls on Track of Montgomery County is an after school program for 6th through 8th grade girls with its focus to promote healthy choices and inspire physical activity. The program begins in March and lasts for 10 weeks. Girls meet 2 times per week, after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45-4:15. As a coach, you will supervise and guide each lesson to include discussions, games, and running practice. Ultimately, you will be preparing the girls physically for a 5k (3.1 mile) running race, and mentally for various life issues girls typically face. No running experience required, but definitely helpful! If you are interested or would like more information on the program, please contact Nicole Schofer at nmschofer1@verizon.net



OUTDOOR EDUCATION REMINDER

- ◆ Outdoor Ed. parent volunteer forms due by 1/19/12.
- ◆ Outdoor Education permission slips due by 2/1/12.
- ◆ Medication forms and medications due by 2/10/12 (at the very latest).



Student Service Learning (SSL) Notes

Give a Little Time...Make a Big Difference

January 2012

Ring in the New Year by reflecting on 2011 service and resolving to continue to make a positive impact on the community. All SSL verification forms from 1st semester work (September – December) are due to Mr. Berluti by Friday, Jan. 6th. Forms may be turned in to the mailbox in the counseling office. Join with other Montgomery County residents as they share skills, talents, and interests at the Dr. Martin King Jr. Day of Service on January 16, 2012. Get involved in meaningful service with the Montgomery County Volunteer Center on the Martin L. King, Jr. Day of Service January 16.

Dear Parents or Guardians,



The following student's art work has been selected in being part of the Dr. Martin Luther King art contest. The student will be receiving an award and a winner will be selected from all entries. You are cordially invited to the ceremony and to see your child's art work on display at the Strathmore Music Center. Artwork will be exhibited on Monday, January 16, 2012, in connection with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Ceremony, which will begin at 4 p.m. at the Strathmore Music Center, 5301 Tuckerman Lane in North Bethesda. Artwork will again be on display at the Montgomery County Executive Office Building during February in celebration of African American History Month. Student Art contest to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King

Art Class students Mrs. Grimann – Kingsview MS

Students:

Marina Merchant – Dest
Jonathan Sorto
Alisha Varma
Angelina Winston
Gabrielle Gerbhardt (Gabby)
Samantha Williams

Congratulations!

Kind regards,

Isabella Grimann

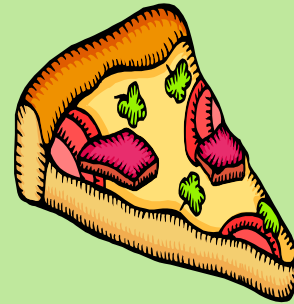
Fine Arts Educator

Take a break from cooking . . .

The Kingsview Middle School PTSA is having a dinner fundraiser with Milano Pizza and Pasta from **4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** on Tuesday evening, January 17th. Stay home and keep warm . . . place your order for delivery – or stop by for carryout – and 15% of the total will be donated to our PTSA. Support the PTSA and eat a delicious dinner at the same time!

Milano Pizza and Pasta

<http://www.milanospizzapasta.com/>
13220 Wisteria Dr-9
Germantown, MD 20874
301-540-9191



Information regarding closures of schools:



Closure of schools

When schools are closed, all school and community activities are canceled, including athletic practices and events. Private day care providers in schools may elect to stay open if the administrative offices are open. In extreme conditions, the administrative offices may be closed.

Delayed opening

If schools are closed or delayed, the announcement is made no later than 5:00 a.m. (or the night before if possible). Schools may open two hours late, and all operations, including bus transportation, are delayed by two hours from the regular schedule. Full-day kindergarten will follow the regular education school schedule.

Early dismissal

If schools are closing early, the announcements are made by 11:00 a.m. Schools may be closed 2.5 hours early, and all operations affecting dismissal of students, including bus transportation, will be activated 2.5 hours earlier than the regular school closing time.



Date received _____

Cash _____

Check # _____



KINGSVIEW PTSA 2011-2012 Membership Form

Get the school year off to a great start by becoming a member of the PTSA. The PTSA is instrumental in planning activities for parents, teachers, and students and it serves as an organized voice to the School Board to express our views. We encourage students, teachers and parents to become members of this important group!

Membership in the PTSA is \$10 per person. Payment may be made in the form of cash or check made out to KMS PTSA. Please fill in your membership form in full being sure to include both first and last name for each member. Bring your form and payment to Back to School night, send them in with your student, or mail to school using the following address:

Kingsview Middle School PTSA
18909 Kingsview Rd.
Germantown, MD 20874

Why do we ask for your email address? By providing your email address you will automatically be added to our Listserv. The Listserv is strictly for the purpose of communicating information about school and PTSA news and activities. We will not sell, trade, or give away your information. We are also spam free!!

Thank you so much for your membership. We are looking forward to working with you this year. Have questions?? Contact Silvina Zarate, silvinambz@yahoo.com or Maria Allyn, bouhon609@aol.com.

Membership Information

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

First Period Teacher _____

(if known)

Member type (please circle one)

Parent Student Teacher 1.

_____ last name first name email phone (if student, list grade)

Parent Student Teacher 2.

_____ last name first name email phone (if student, list grade)

Parent Student Teacher 3.

_____ last name first name email phone (if student, list grade)

Total Memberships _____ Amount Paid _____ Method of Payment _____

Tired of Fundraisers?

If you want to support the many valuable programs and services the PTSA provides to the students and staff at Kingsview, but aren't really interested in participating in our fundraisers, please consider making a one-time donation in addition to your membership fee. Simply include cash or a check made out to KMS PTSA with your membership materials, or any time during the year. Whether it's \$10, \$50, \$100....whatever amount you feel comfortable with, your much needed donation will benefit the entire Kingsview community. If you happen to receive fundraising information, simply toss it into your recycle bin. Thank you.

KMS PTSA Announcements:

KMS PTSA BYLAWS UPDATE:

The bylaws are posted on the KMS PTSA web site home page www.kmsptsa.org for the community **to review them** before our February 7th general meeting when we plan to approve the proposed amendments. The direct links for the documents are <https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbXraW5nc3ZpZXdwHhGd4OjQ5YjQyYjEwYmQ3MTk2YmI> and <https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbXraW5nc3ZpZXdwHhGd4OjJhOGewZGU0NTc0MWQ3NA>

BASKETBALL EVENT:

The KMS Parents vs. Staff Basketball game is fast approaching. Mark your calendars: **Friday, February 24** is the date (snow date is March 9). If you are interested to play for the Parents team, would like to help out in any capacity that evening or in advance preparing for the event, please **contact the coordinators of the event:** Marie Babb at riebabb@comcast.net, Marlene Dressman at marlenedressman@verizon.net, or Cheryl Patterson at mysticle8@aol.com.

MEMBERSHIP:

This is a friendly reminder from your Kingsview MS PTSA for our Kingsview MS families and staff members.

PTSA membership is an annual event: that means we must join every year. Part of your fee goes to pay National PTA, Maryland PTA and Local (MCC) PTA dues. The remainder is a small but vital part of the KMS PTSA fundraiser efforts to support the students and staff at Kingsview MS. **So far, we have 218 parents, 48 students, 31 staff members, and it can be better!** If you have not joined yet, that's alright. You can still do so by using the form in this newsletter, or downloading the form from the PTSA website <http://www.kmsptsa.org/>. Click on the left where it says JOIN THE PTSA, fill it up and send it to school with your payment in an envelope marked "PTSA membership."

We will soon distribute the 2011-2012 KMS student directories for free to KMS PTSA members. If you don't receive one along with your KMS PTSA membership card, most likely you have not signed up for the PTSA.

There will be more incentives coming up for joining the PTSA, but don't delay: just by joining the KMS PSTA **YOU** are making a difference at Kingsview MS. We appreciate your support!! Questions? Contact Maria Allyn at bouhon609@aol.com.

Friendly reminders from your KMS PTSA (www.kmsptsa.org):

JANUARY

- 9 **7PM: NW Cluster meeting** at Lakelands Park MS (1200 Main Street, Gaithersburg) in the Falcon's Nest (room 149).
- 10 6:30PM – 8:00 PM: Math and Literacy Night at KMS, pizza will be available
- 11 **9:15AM: PTSA Board meeting** at KMS
- 16 NO SCHOOL: HOLIDAY – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 17 **4PM – 9PM: Theme Dinner fundraiser**, carry-out or delivery, *Milano Pizza and Pasta* (301-540-9191), www.milanospizzapasta.com.
- 18 **7PM: Community Coffee** with Dr. Nottingham and Mrs. Singleton for the (with translation available if needed) at Mrs. Hsieh's home. RSVP kindly requested by calling 301-528-0867 (leave a message with phone number) or sending an email to gpcwei@aol.com. Address will be provided after you RSVP. This meeting is an informal, adults-only event; no children, please.
19:00: Café de la Comunidad con el Dr. Nottingham y la señora Singleton en la casa de la señora Hsieh (*habrá traducción*). Por favor avise si usted va a venir llamando al 301-528-0867 (puede dejar un mensaje con número de teléfono) o envíe un correo electrónico a gpcwei@aol.com. Usted recibirá la dirección de la casa después de avisar que vendrá. Esta reunión es informal y solamente para adultos; por favor no traiga niños.
- 23 NO SCHOOL for students: professional day
- 26 **5:30PM – 8PM: Celebration of the Arts and Dinner**. Buy your tickets to enjoy dinner with the family at school while listening to the sounds of the musical talents of the KMS students in music classes and admiring the master works of students in the visual arts class rotations. See flyer for more details.

Looking ahead...

FEBRUARY

- 7 **6PM: PTSA Board meeting**
6:30PM: Meet 'n Greet, free pizza available
7PM: PTSA General meeting, approval of the proposed amendments to the KMS PTSA Bylaws by the membership. We invite *all PTSA members* to come and help us approve the proposed amendments to the bylaws. The current bylaws and proposed amendments are posted online on the KMS PTSA website www.kmsptsa.org

Kingsview Middle School

Celebration of the Arts and Dinner



Thursday, January 26, 2012

First Dinner Seating 5:30 p.m – 6:30 p.m.

Second Dinner Seating 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Pasta and Salad Dinner catered by That's Amore – \$7 per person

NO WALK INS



Schedule for the Evening

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	First Dinner Seating
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	All Arts Classes Displays in All Purpose Room
5:40 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.	Jazz Band
6:10 p.m. – 6:25 p.m.	Eighth Grade Chorus
6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	<i>All Purpose Room closed to allow set up for second dinner seating</i>
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Second Dinner Seating
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	All Arts Classes Displays in All Purpose Room
7:10 p.m. – 7:25 p.m.	Eighth Grade Chorus
7:40 p.m. – 7:55 p.m.	Jazz Band

Please contact Leslie Block at leslieblock@gmail.com or Holly Zook at hbczook@yahoo.com with any questions.

THIS IS NOT A DROP OFF EVENT. Please plan to stay and enjoy the evening with the students.

Please return this form and your payment to school by January 19, 2012, attn: PTSA - Celebration of the Arts.

STUDENT NAME _____ **FIRST PERIOD TEACHER** _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ **EMAIL** _____

Number attending **Seating 1** – ____ at \$7 per person = \$ _____

(Dinner and Performances 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.)

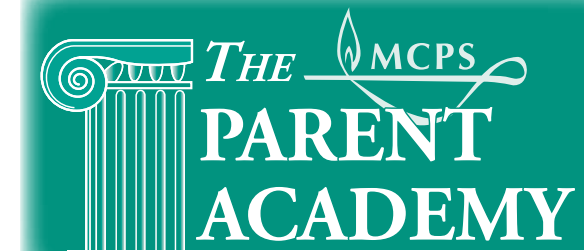
Number attending **Seating 2** – ____ at \$7 per person = \$ _____

(Dinner and Performances 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

TOTAL = \$ _____

CASH OR CHECK ONLY – Please make checks payable to KMS PTSA





WINTER 2012 Schedule of Workshops

Parent Academy workshops give parents tips and tools to help their children be successful in school.

All workshops are **FREE** and held at schools and locations throughout Montgomery County.

Child care and interpretation services are provided.



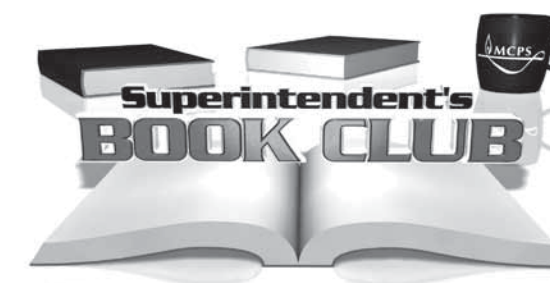
A program of the Department of Family and Community Partnerships



Superintendent's Spring Forums

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joshua P. Starr will be holding four forums this spring, each focusing on a specific area—English Language Learners; Gifted Education; Special Education; and Social and Emotional Learning. Each forum will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., and will provide an opportunity for the MCPS community to hear about the latest trends and research, find out what's happening in our schools, and share their thoughts with Dr. Starr and guests on these important topics.

Date	Location	Topic
Monday, March 12	John F. Kennedy HS	English Language Learners
Thursday, March 22	Col. Zadok Magruder HS	Gifted Education
Monday, April 16	Seneca Valley HS	Special Education
Thursday, May 10	Walt Whitman HS	Social and Emotional Learning



Superintendent's Book Club

Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us
by Daniel Pink

Dr. Starr also is hosting his second webinar book club event on Tuesday, January 31 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. to give the community an opportunity to learn about his educational philosophy and approach to managing MCPS. He has selected *Drive* by Daniel Pink. The webinar book club will be available for audience participation at the Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive, Auditorium, Rockville, 20850. For more information, please visit www.mcpsbookclub.org.

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The MCPS Department of Family and Community Partnerships also would like to thank all MCPS staff members who donate their time and expertise to lead Parent Academy workshops.

What people are saying about the Parent Academy...

"Excellent program. Informative. Encouraging. Empowering!"

—Parent, Argyle Middle School student

"I'm so glad I had the opportunity to attend the workshop and bring my two kids with me. We left with so much to think about and discuss. I will definitely tell my friends to attend next time!"

—Parent, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School and Seneca Valley High School students

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Registration Form

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Do you need an interpreter? If yes: Amharic Chinese French Korean
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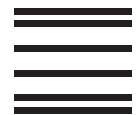
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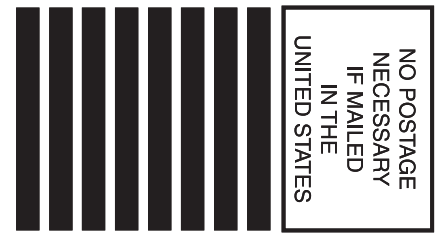
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College Readiness: Meet The ACCUPLACER
 MONDAY, MARCH 19 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 During this session, parents will learn about the ACCUPLACER, a test used by colleges to determine college readiness. Parents also will learn how students can earn college credit prior to leaving high school, and save thousands of dollars.
 Quince Orchard HS, 15800 Quince Orchard Rd., Gaithersburg 20878

Can We Talk? Speaking Up for Your Children to Help them Succeed (English and Spanish)
 THURSDAY, MARCH 22 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 Developed for parents by the MCPS Parent Advisory Council, this workshop offers information on how to talk effectively with teachers and principals and advocate for your children. Separate workshops will be presented in English and Spanish.
 A. Mario Loiederman MS, 12701 Goodhill Rd., Silver Spring 20906

Special Education: Parents as Advocates and the Family-School Partnership (part 4 of 4)
 MONDAY, MARCH 26 6:30-8:30 P.M.
 See March 5.
 Wheaton HS, 12601 Dalewood Dr., Silver Spring 20906

Special Education: Parents as Advocates and the Family-School Partnership (part 1 of 4)
 MONDAY, MARCH 5 6:30-8:30 P.M.
 Learn about the special education process and how to advocate for your child. Topics include the Individualized Education Act, Individualized Education Program (IEP), resolving issues, community resources and support. Learn, network, and share tips with other parents. This is the first of a series of four Parent E.A.S.E. workshops facilitated by the Montgomery County Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health.
 Wheaton HS, 12601 Dalewood Dr., Silver Spring 20906

Disaster Preparedness and Coping Skills for Parents
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 Montgomery County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and MCPS' Department of Student Services will share helpful information on the topics of disaster preparedness and coping skills following a disaster. Topics will include building an emergency supply kit, having a communication plan, and staying informed during a disaster. Additionally, information will be shared about how parents can help their children prepare for, and cope during and after crisis events.
 Thomas W. Pyle MS, 6311 Wilson Ln., Bethesda 20817

Special Education: Parents as Advocates and the Family-School Partnership (part 2 of 4)
 MONDAY, MARCH 12 6:30-8:30 P.M.
 See March 5.
 Wheaton HS, 12601 Dalewood Dr., Silver Spring 20906

Bright Futures for Students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP)
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 How can families and schools work together to help students with IEPs make a successful transition to high school and beyond? Learn how to support your children so they can become great people and realize their dreams.
 Shady Grove MS, 8100 Midcounty Hwy., Gaithersburg 20877

Special Education: Parents as Advocates and the Family-School Partnership (part 3 of 4)
 MONDAY, MARCH 19 6:30-8:30 P.M.
 See March 5.
 Wheaton HS, 12601 Dalewood Dr., Silver Spring 20906

Understanding the Maryland School Assessment (MSA)
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 The MSA is a test of reading, math, and science achievement required by the state of Maryland taken by all students in Grades 3–8. Learn more about this test and why it matters for your child.
 Benjamin Banneker MS, 14800 Perrywood Dr., Burtonsville 20866

Curriculum 2.0
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 Curriculum 2.0 has been developed to create a more exciting learning experience for our students in Grades K–2. Built upon the existing MCPS curriculum, Curriculum 2.0 blends reading/language arts and mathematics instruction with lessons in science, social studies, music, art, and physical education in a way that spurs creativity and critical thinking skills. Come learn about the new curriculum at this session.
 New Hampshire Estates ES, 8720 Carroll Ave., Silver Spring 20903

Computer Smart (part 4 of 5)
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 6:30-8:30 P.M.
 See January 30.
 Earle B. Wood MS, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville 20853

Help! My Child is Disorganized!
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 Are your kids always up late the night before a school project is due? Do they consistently turn in poor quality assignments overdue? Does he lose his homework? Does she put off her research project until the last minute? An expert from Your Life Simplified, Inc. will discuss the factors that may contribute to your child's disorganization. You also will learn skills that you can teach your child to be organized for success in school.
 Rosa M. Parks MS, 19200 Olney Mill Rd., Olney 20832

Understanding Your Child's Personality Type
 THURSDAY, MARCH 1 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 What motivates your children? A certified Myers-Briggs Type Indicator practitioner will help you improve your effectiveness as a parent by understanding your child's learning styles, ways of working with others, ability to build relationships, and responses to discipline.
 Gaithersburg ES, 35 North Summit Ave., Gaithersburg 20877

Computer Smart (part 5 of 5)
 MONDAY, MARCH 5 6:30-8:30 P.M.
 See January 30.
 Earle B. Wood MS, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville 20853

Social Bullies: Dealing with Exclusion and Cliques
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 People traditionally think of bullies as the big kid on the playground taking your lunch money. Today's students are using exclusion, rumors, and teasing to bully others. Come and explore these behaviors and discuss strategies for helping bullies, victims, and bystanders. Facilitated by YMCA Youth & Family Services.
 White Oak MS, 12201 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring 20904

Computer Smart (part 2 of 5)
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 6:30-8:30 P.M.
 See January 30.
 Earle B. Wood MS, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville 20853

Summer Opportunities Fair
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9 7:30-9:00 P.M.
 Explore summer opportunities for your children in kindergarten through Grade 12. Local and regional providers will be on hand to talk about summer camps, programs, and activities. Meet program staff, pick up applications, and get information on financial assistance.
 Richard Montgomery HS, 250 Richard Montgomery Dr., Rockville 20852

Computer Smart (part 3 of 5)
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13 6:30-8:30 P.M.
 See January 30.
 Earle B. Wood MS, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville 20853

An Innovative Approach to Anti-Bullying Presented by Rockin' the Rage, Inc.
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 Established in October of 2010, Rockin' the Rage, Inc. (RTR) is designed to empower our youth to create a positive change both in our schools and society. Rather than teaching our children the "don't do's" and "shouldn't's," RTR focuses on what to do to create a positive climate for all. Come see this moving and interactive presentation given by the founder and see what is happening in the schools that RTR is currently involved with.
 Eastern MS, 300 University Blvd., East, Silver Spring 20901

Parenting Without Threats and Bribes
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 Parenting tools will be the focus of this how-to workshop. While the use of rewards and threats in disciplining may be effective in controlling behavior in the immediate situation, over time it can decrease mutual respect in the relationship. Come learn alternative approaches. Facilitated by YMCA Youth & Family Services.
 Cannon Road ES, 901 Cannon Rd., Silver Spring 20904

College and Career Preparation: Don't Leave High School Without it!
 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 Did you know that students begin their future career in high school? Did you know that students can earn college credit for several high school courses or programs? Did you know that students can earn nationally recognized industry certification? Learn about several state approved programs of study that satisfy the career development graduation requirement.
 Seneca Valley HS, 19401 Crystal Rock Dr., Germantown 20874

Curriculum 2.0
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 Clearspring ES, 9930 Moyer Rd., Damascus 20872

Anxiety in Children and Adolescents
 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 Do your children or adolescents suffer from anxiety? An NIH psychologist will take you through the biology behind both normal and excessive anxiety and discuss interventions that can be used at home and in school.
 North Bethesda MS, 8935 Bradmoor Dr., Bethesda 20817

Computer Smart (part 1 of 5)
 MONDAY, JANUARY 30 6:30-8:30 P.M.
 Explore the MCPS website and online resources, set up an Edline account, and learn about Microsoft Office programs in this beginning-level workshop. Facilitated by an MCPS technology teacher.
 Earle B. Wood MS, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville 20853

CyberSafety
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 Learn about how today's children and teens are using computers and cell phones, the safety issues related to both, and how to keep your children safe online. Presented in collaboration with the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office and the Montgomery County Police Department.
 Roberto W. Clemente MS, 18808 Waring Station Rd., Germantown 20874

Understanding ADHD and How to Help Your Child
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 7:00-8:30 P.M.
 Learn about attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and explore strategies and interventions that support academic and social-emotional success.
 Cabin John MS, 10701 Gainsborough Rd., Potomac 20854

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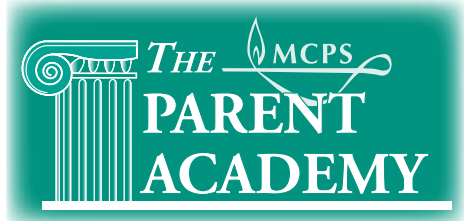
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