

W I N T E R 2 0 1 0

Schedule of Workshops

Parent Academy workshops give parents the tools and strategies they need 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 Office of Communications and Family Outreach

The Parent Academy has something for everyone...



Meet The Math Dude
Refresh your algebra skills while learning how to help your child succeed in algebra at a workshop hosted by Mike DeGraba, The Math Dude from the award-winning MCPS Instructional TV series.

Monday, February 1, at Lakelands Park Middle School

Help Your Middle Schooler Become a Great Writer
Looking for ways to help your child with writing assignments? Staff from the MCPS Department of Curriculum and Instruction will share strategies for helping your child write outstanding essays, book reports, responses, and research papers.
Tuesday, February 2, at Silver Spring International Middle School

Go Behind the Scenes with the Department of Transportation
Every day, more than 1,200 buses carry 96,000 MCPS students to and from school. Take an exclusive tour of the Shady Grove Depot to find out how the Department of Transportation keeps the wheels going round. Learn about inclement weather decisions, route planning, and more. Bring questions!
Tuesday, February 9, at the Shady Grove Transportation Depot



Hear Straight Talk from a High School Principal
Students today face many complicated issues. This session, presented by former MCPS principal Wayne Whigham, will include role-play and discussion to help students solve problems, make good decisions, and avoid disciplinary actions.
Tuesday, March 9, at Benjamin Banneker Middle School

Sign up for one or more workshops today!
There are 4 easy ways to register...

ONLINE
Register at
www.mcpsparentacademy.org

BY PHONE
Call
301-517-5940

BY MAIL
Send to
Parent Academy
Department of Family and Community Partnerships
850 Hungerford Dr., Room 50
Rockville, Maryland 20850

BY FAX
Send to
301-279-3815

Registration Form

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

What school(s) do your children attend? _____

Do you need an interpreter? If yes: Amharic Chinese French Korean
 Spanish Vietnamese

Do you need child care? (ages 3-12) If yes, number of children _____

We will do our best to honor all requests for interpretation and child care based on availability.

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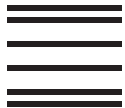
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If you need sign language interpretation, please call 301-517-5539 (Voice/TTY).

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Meet and Greet Your Board of Education Members
 THURSDAY, MARCH 4 7:00–8:30 P.M.

This session provides parents with the opportunity to meet members of the Montgomery County Board of Education in an informal setting. Board members will answer your questions and discuss the Board efforts to improve achievement for all students.

Carver Educational Services Center, Room 114
 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville

Preparing for the Job Interview
 THURSDAY, MARCH 4 7:00–8:30 P.M.

Learn how to put your best foot forward. A staffing specialist from the MCPS Office of Human Resources will review with you how to update your resume, dress for success, and present yourself in a way to ace that job interview.

White Oak MS, 12201 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring

Teen Drinking and Driving: Learn the Consequences
 THURSDAY, MARCH 4 7:00–8:30 P.M.

Learn about the dangers and the consequences of teen drinking and driving. Students are encouraged to attend this session with their parents. Conducted in collaboration with the Montgomery County State’s Attorney’s Office.

Montgomery Blair HS, 51 University Blvd. East, Silver Spring

Straight Talk: Helping Your Child Make Good Decisions
 TUESDAY, MARCH 9 7:00–8:30 P.M.

Students today face many complicated issues, including peer pressure, bullying, and impulsive decision making. This session, presented by former MCPS principal Wayne Whigham, will include role play and discussion to help students solve problems and avoid disciplinary actions.

Benjamin Banneker MS, 14800 Perrywood Dr., Burtonsville

The Special Education Process (Spanish)
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 7:00–8:30 P.M.

Learn more about the special education process and how to support your child’s learning.

Gaithersburg ES, 35 North Summit Ave., Gaithersburg

Motivating Your Child to Succeed
 THURSDAY, MARCH 18 7:00–8:30 P.M.

Get tips and strategies for motivating your child to be a successful student. Bring questions and take home information to help engage your child in learning.

Tilden MS, 11211 Old Georgetown Rd., Rockville

Computer Smart (part 3 of 3)
 MONDAY, MARCH 22 7:00–8:30 P.M.

See January 25.
 Earle B. Wood MS, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville

By the Numbers: Talking and Reasoning about Mathematics
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24 7:00–8:30 P.M.

Learn from an MCPS math expert how to get your children thinking about math and making real-world connections. Includes hands-on activities to support what your children are learning in math class. For parents of students in Grades K–3.

Burtonsville ES, 15516 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville

Seven Keys to College Readiness (Spanish)
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18 7:00–8:30 P.M.

See January 27.
 Shady Grove MS, 8100 Midcounty Hwy., Gaithersburg

Organizational Skills for Middle Schoolers
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18 7:00–8:30 P.M.

Assignments, projects, schedules, papers, activities, and more—moving from elementary to middle school is a big jump for students. Help your child develop organizational skills that will increase academic success. For parents of fifth grade students.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. MS, 13737 Wisteria Dr., Germantown

ASK MCPS: Drop In for Coffee and Conversation
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 10:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

See January 22.
 Carver Educational Services Center, Room 50 (West Entrance)
 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville

Computer Smart (part 2 of 3)
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22 7:00–8:30 P.M.

See January 25.
 Earle B. Wood MS, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville

Clearing the Homework Hurdle
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22 7:00–8:30 P.M.

Help your child stay on top of homework. This workshop will highlight positive habits, routines, and strategies for improving study skills. For upper-elementary to middle school students.

Maryvale ES, 1000 First St., Rockville

Special Education: The School System and Resolving Disputes (part 4 of 5)
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 7:00–8:30 P.M.

Learn about the ins and outs of the school system and proactive steps to take to work in partnership with staff to discuss and resolve issues.

Neelsville MS, 11700 Neelsville Church Rd., Germantown

Behind the Scenes: What’s Cooking at MCPS?
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25 10:00–11:30 A.M.

Get a behind-the-scenes look at what goes into preparing tasty and nutritious school meals for tens of thousands of students every day. Get your questions answered, learn about good nutrition, and sample items in the MCPS Test Kitchen.

Food Services Warehouse, 16644 Crabbs Branch Way, Rockville

Understanding Maryland School Assessment (MSA)
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25 7:00–8:30 P.M.

The MSA is a test of reading, math, and science achievement taken by all students in Grades 3–8. Learn how you can help your child prepare for this important test.

Francis Scott Key MS, 910 Schindler Dr., Silver Spring

Special Education: Monitoring Your Child’s Progress and Finding Support (part 5 of 5)
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3 6:30–8:00 P.M.

Being prepared for IEP meetings requires organization. Learn some tried-and-true ways to organize your child’s records and papers, and find out about community resources and supports.

Neelsville MS, 11700 Neelsville Church Rd., Germantown

Behind the Scenes: Keeping the Buses Rolling
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 10–11:30 A.M.

Tour the Shady Grove Depot to find out how the Department of Transportation keeps the wheels going round. Learn about safety, inclement weather decisions, route planning, and more. Bring questions!

Shady Grove Transportation Depot, 16651 Crabbs Branch Way, Rockville

Basic Computer Skills (part 1)
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 7:00–8:30 P.M.

New to computers? Learn how to turn on a computer, use a mouse, and develop other basic skills.

Montgomery Blair HS, 51 University Blvd. East, Silver Spring

Building Blocks for Literacy (Spanish)
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 9:30–11:00 A.M.

Explore the building blocks for successful literacy learning and take home tips to increase your child’s oral language, phonics, and vocabulary skills. For parents of K–2 students.

Wheaton Woods ES, 4510 Faroe Pl., Rockville

Special Education: The IEP Process and Special Education Law (part 2 of 5)
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 6:30–8:30 P.M.

Learn about the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and how parents can prepare for the Individualized Education Program (IEP) meeting. Components of the IEP will be discussed.

Neelsville MS, 11700 Neelsville Church Rd., Germantown

Financing Your Child’s College Education
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 7:00–8:30 P.M.

See January 21.
 Montgomery County Teachers Federal Credit Union
 15901 Frederick Rd., Rockville

Communicating with Your Child’s Teacher
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11 7:00–8:30 P.M.

Learn how to cultivate a positive relationship with teachers and prepare for parent–teacher conferences.

Clarksburg ES, 13530 Redgrave Place, Clarksburg

Basic Computer Skills (part 2)
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 7:00–8:30 P.M.

Put the power of the personal computer to work for you in this hands-on introduction to Microsoft Word and PowerPoint.

Montgomery Blair HS, 51 University Blvd., East, Silver Spring

Seven Keys to College Readiness
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 7:00–8:30 P.M.

See January 27.
 Roberto Clemente MS, 18808 Waring Station Rd., Germantown

Can We Talk? Speaking Up for Your Children to Help Them Succeed (Spanish)
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 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 6:30–8:30 P.M.

A continuation of February 10.

Neelsville MS, 11700 Neelsville Church Rd., Germantown

Brush Up on Algebra with The Math Dude
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1 7:00–8:30 P.M.

Refresh your algebra skills while learning tips and strategies to help your child succeed in algebra from Mike DeGraba, The Math Dude from the award-winning MCPS Instructional TV series.

Lakelands Park MS, 1200 Main St., Gaithersburg

Credit: How to Use It, Grow It, and Protect It
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1 7:00–8:30 P.M.

Everyone is concerned with their credit score in this economic downturn. Staff from the Montgomery County Teachers Federal Credit Union will discuss how to protect your credit and avoid identity theft.

Carver Educational Services Center, Auditorium
 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville

Help Your Middle Schooler Become a Great Writer
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 7:00–8:30 P.M.

Looking for ways to help your child with writing assignments? Staff from the Department of Curriculum and Instruction will share strategies for helping your child write outstanding essays, reports, responses, and research papers.

Silver Spring International MS, 313 Wayne Ave., Silver Spring

Saving for College
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 7:00–8:30 P.M.

Learn from the experts how you can begin saving for your child’s college education. Representatives from the College Savings Plan of Maryland will explain two savings options. It’s never too late to start saving!

Julius West MS, 651 Great Falls Rd., Rockville

Special Education: Parents as Advocates and the Family–School Partnership (part 1 of 5)
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 6:30–8:30 P.M.

The first in a series of five workshops facilitated by the Montgomery County Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health will provide you with information about the special education process and share tips on how to advocate for your child.

Neelsville MS, 11700 Neelsville Church Rd., Germantown

Get Fit for Life
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 7:00–8:30 P.M.

Begin working off those holiday pounds! An instructor from Fit Solutions will show you how to get started on an exercise plan and provide nutritional information to help your family stay fit. Dress comfortably.

Tilden MS, 11211 Old Georgetown Rd., Rockville

In Search Of: Summer Programs for Your Children
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4 7:00–8:30 P.M.

Attend the Summer Opportunities Fair to learn about summer programs provided by organizations, colleges, and government agencies. Representatives will be on hand to share information and answer questions.

Richard Montgomery HS, 250 Richard Montgomery Dr., Rockville

Can We Talk? Speaking Up for Your Children to Help Them Succeed
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8 7:00–8:30 P.M.

See January 23. (in English; interpreters provided)

Watkins Mill HS, 10301 Apple Ridge Rd., Gaithersburg

Financing Your Child’s College Education
 THURSDAY, JANUARY 21 7:00–8:30 P.M.

A financial expert will share helpful strategies for finding loans and for financing your child’s college education.

Mid-Atlantic Federal Credit Union, 12820 Wisteria Dr., Germantown

ASK MCPS: Drop In for Coffee and Conversation
 FRIDAY, JANUARY 22 9:00–11:00 A.M.

Drop by and talk with MCPS staff. Bring your questions, find out about programs and services in the school system, pick up resources, and take home tips on how to help your children succeed in school.

Carver Educational Services Center, Room 50 (West Entrance)
 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville

Can We Talk? Speaking Up for Your Children to Help Them Succeed (Spanish)
 SATURDAY, JANUARY 23 9:00-10:30 A.M.

Developed by the Parent Advisory Council, this workshop offers information on how to talk with teachers and principals and advocate for your child.

Shady Grove MS, 8100 Midcounty Hwy., Gaithersburg

Computer Smart (part 1 of 3)
 MONDAY, JANUARY 25 7:00–8:30 P.M.

Learn from an MCPS technology teacher and catch up to what your kids already know in this beginning-level workshop. Explore the MCPS website and online resources, set up an Edline account, and learn about Microsoft Office programs.

Earle B. Wood MS, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville

Everyday Reading
 TUESDAY, JANUARY 26 7:00–8:30 P.M.

Reading is a key ingredient to academic success for all students. An MCPS reading specialist will help you learn how to use everyday routines to help your child become a more confident reader, writer, thinker, listener, and speaker. For parents of pre–K through fifth grade students.

Watkins Mill ES, 19001 Watkins Mill Rd., Montgomery Village

Seven Keys to College Readiness
 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27 7:00–8:30 P.M.

Learn about the Seven Keys to College Readiness, a pathway that will help prepare students for college beginning in elementary school.

Sligo MS, 1401 Dennis Ave., Silver Spring

Communicate Successfully with School Staff
 THURSDAY, JANUARY 28 7:00–8:30 P.M.

This workshop offers information on how to talk effectively with teachers and principals and advocate for your child. Parents will be able to share tips with other parents and take home helpful resources.

People’s Community Baptist Church, 31 Norwood Dr., Silver Spring

CyberSafety
 THURSDAY, JANUARY 28 7:00–8:30 P.M.

Learn about the most common websites used by children and safety issues related to computer and cell phone use. Presented in collaboration with the Montgomery County State’s Attorney’s Office and the Montgomery County Police Department.

John F. Kennedy HS, 1901 Randolph Rd., Silver Spring

