February 7 to 14 — Scholastic Book Fair

February 12 — Incoming Parents School Tour

February 13 — 2nd grade “Jobs” Photographs

February 14 — St. Valentine’s day

February 17 — Presidents’ Day Holiday, NO SCHOOL

February 18 — Kindergarten Field Trip to Imagination Stage

February 28 — Early Release Day, dismissal 1:20pm

7511 Holly Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912

240 740-0980 (office)
240 740-0982 (health room)
301 650-6526 (fax)

School Hours
Doors open 9:05am
Dismissal 3:50pm

Late bell 9:25am

Early dismissal 1:20pm

Office hours
8am to 4:45pm
Nominations Open for Annual Distinguished Service to Public Education Awards

The Montgomery County Board of Education is seeking nominations from the public for its 23rd Annual Awards for Distinguished Service to Public Education. The awards are sponsored by the Board to recognize and show appreciation to individuals (including students), groups, and organizations that have made exemplary contributions to public education in Montgomery County.

Nominations will be accepted in the following categories:

- business
- community individual (which can include students)
- community group
- MCPS staff
- school service volunteer
- individual pioneer

Nominations in other categories must be of individuals (including MCPS students), groups, or organizations that have, within the past three years, provided service, support, and commitment to public education as demonstrated by:

- an outstanding contribution of time and expertise to school system programs,
- development and/or implementation of an exemplary program or project, or
- a contribution that results in systemwide benefit.

Nomination forms are available on the Board of Education website or from the Board office. Completed nomination forms must be received in the Board of Education office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 6. More information is available at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/community/awards/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/community/awards/).

Se abren las nominaciones para los Premios Anuales por Servicio Ilustre a la Enseñanza Pública

El Consejo de Educación del Condado de Montgomery solicita nominaciones del público para sus vigésimo terceros Premios Anuales por Servicio Ilustre a la Educación Pública. Los premios son auspiciados por el Consejo de Educación para reconocer y agradecer las contribuciones ejemplares de individuos (incluyendo estudiantes), grupos y organizaciones a la educación pública en el Condado de Montgomery.
Se aceptarán nominaciones en las siguientes categorías:
- negocio
- individuo de la comunidad (que puede incluir estudiantes)
- grupo comunitario
- personal de MCPS
- voluntario de servicio a las escuelas
- pionero individual

Las nominaciones en otras categorías deben ser personas (incluyendo estudiantes de MCPS), grupos u organizaciones que en los tres últimos años han proporcionado servicio, apoyo y compromiso hacia la enseñanza pública como lo demuestra lo siguiente:

- una sobresaliente contribución de tiempo y experiencia con los programas del sistema escolar,
- desarrollo y/o implementación de un programa o proyecto ejemplar, o
- una contribución que resulta beneficiosa para la totalidad del sistema.

Los formularios para las nominaciones están disponibles en la página web del Consejo de Educación o en la oficina del Consejo. Los formularios de nominación completados deben ser recibidos por la oficina del Consejo de Educación antes de las 5:00 p.m., del viernes, 6 de marzo. Hay más información disponible en www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/community/awards/.

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Nominations for Presidential Awards Open to STEM Teachers

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching are the highest honors given by the U.S. government specifically for K-12 science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science teaching. The awards were established by Congress in 1983.

The awards recognize teachers who have deep content knowledge of the subjects they teach and the ability to motivate and enable students to be successful in those areas. Since the program's inception, more than 4,800 teachers have been recognized for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession.
Parents/guardians, students, or members of the general public may nominate exceptional individuals who teach science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science in Grades K-6 for this award year. Applicants must hold at least a bachelor’s degree and have at least five years of teaching experience. The nomination deadline is Sunday, March 1. The application deadline is Friday, May 1.

Winners receive a $10,000 award from the National Science Foundation, along with recognition and professional development opportunities. For more information and to complete a nomination form, visit www.paemst.org/nomination/nominate.

Están abiertas las nominaciones para los Premios Presidenciales para Maestros de STEM

Los Premios Presidenciales por la Excelencia en la Enseñanza de Matemáticas y Ciencias (Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching) son el mayor honor otorgado por el gobierno de los Estados Unidos específicamente por la enseñanza de ciencias, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas (science, technology, engineering, mathematics–STEM) y/o ciencia de la computación en los Grados K–12. Los premios fueron establecidos por el Congreso en 1983.

Los premios reconocen a maestros que poseen un profundo conocimiento del contenido de las materias que enseñan y la habilidad de motivar a los estudiantes y facultarlos para que sean más exitosos en esas áreas. Desde la incepción del programa, más de 4,800 maestros han recibido reconocimiento por sus contribuciones dentro del aula y a su profesión.

Los padres/guardianes, estudiantes o miembros del público en general pueden nombrar a individuos excepcionales que enseñan ciencias, tecnología, ingeniería, matemáticas y/o ciencia de la computación en los Grados K–6 para los premios de este año. Los solicitantes deben tener como mínimo una licenciatura y un mínimo de cinco años de experiencia en la enseñanza. El plazo límite para las nominaciones es el domingo, 1ro de marzo. El plazo de solicitud es el viernes, 1ro de mayo.

Los ganadores recibirán un premio de $10,000 de la Fundación Nacional de la Ciencia (National Science Foundation), junto con reconocimiento y oportunidades de desarrollo profesional. Para más información y para completar un formulario de nominación, visite www.paemst.org/nomination/nominate.
Visiting TPES? Bring your State ID!

When coming to school to celebrate your child’s birthday, volunteer or meet with a staff member, please bring your state ID. You will scan your ID on the VMS computer at the school’s main office, and receive a badge that must be worn while in the building. VMS (Visitor’s Management System) will allow school staff to know who is in the building during the school day and in the event of an emergency.

We will appreciate your cooperation in the implementation of this system, as our main focus is our school community’s safety. Enjoy your visit!

Montgomery County Public Schools encourages and welcomes school volunteers. The academic achievement and educational experiences of all students are enhanced by a community invested in their learning.

We, at Takoma Park Elementary, invite parents, families and community members to engage in volunteer activities in our school and become partners in teaching and learning.

Interested in becoming a Volunteer? Contact your child’s teacher or the main office to coordinate and volunteer effectively.

All volunteers who regularly support schools and school sponsored activities must complete the MCPS online Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect: For Volunteers and Contractors. This training requirement also applies to student teachers and interns; volunteers who regularly help with school dismissal or recess; and those who attend field trips and chaperone outdoor education. The online training is provided in English, Spanish, Chinese, French, Korean, Amharic, and Vietnamese. You can find a link to the Child Abuse and Neglect training for volunteers on the school’s website; www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/takomaparkes/
Calling in Sick...or late!
Please let the school office staff know if your child will not be in school or will arrive late because he or she is sick or has a doctor’s appointment. This saves us many phone calls.
You can give us a call or send an email to both email addresses for Ms. Paz & Ms. Lohr at; Jean_R_Lohr@mcpsmd.org and Johanna_A_Paz@mcpsmd.org

Changes in Dismissal
If you need to change how your child goes home (i.e. a walker today but usually a bus rider) you must inform the Main Office staff by NOON on a regular school schedule day or by 10:30am on an early dismissal day. Changes in dismissal are not accepted over the phone.

You should;
* send an email to the teacher and please copy Ms. Paz at; Johana_A_Paz@mcpsmd.org & Ms. Lohr at; Jean_R_Lohr@mcpsmd.org
* fax any notes to 301 650-6526.
* or send a note to the teacher in your child’s Dolphin folder

Leaving Early?
If you are picking up your child early because of a doctor's appointment or for any other reason, please call the office when you are about 5 minutes away from school. We will send for your child and have them ready for you at the office.

Do you want to make a change? Get active, join the PTA!
School Cafeteria Account Balances & Payments

If your child is returning to an MCPS school, any remaining account balance will automatically carry-forward to the school your child will attend.

When sending money to deposit in your child’s account, please include your child’s name and teacher’s name on your check. DO NOT SEND CASH if it’s not in an envelope with the proper information. Please keep track of the money in your child’s cafeteria account.

If you are submitting a FARMS form, please send it completed as soon as possible, it takes approximately a month to be processed by Food Services. Until you receive your approval letter, please send your child with lunch from home or money to buy lunch from the cafeteria.

Meal Prices for the 2019-2020 School Year

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Dolphins were thought to be a lot smaller hundreds of years ago, it is also thought that echolocation is an evolutionary process and that dolphins haven't always had this ability.

Dolphins do not use their 100 teeth for eating, rather for catching the fish which they then just swallow whole. They actually don't have jaw muscles for chewing!

Parent Teacher Association
Takoma Park Elementary School

Join the PTA Listserv!

Visit the TPES PTA website and become a member!
https://tpespta.net/membership/basic-membership/

Hello TPES Families! **Career Day is coming up soon (April 2nd)** and we are looking for engaging, dynamic presenters for the event. This year we are trying to save some paper and are doing sign up online. Below is a link to a Google form where you can sign up to be a Career Day presenter. We will be accepting volunteers until February 29th. If you have any questions about **Career Day at TPES**, please contact Mr. Althofer (max_palthofer@mcpsmd.org). Thank you!

Sign up link: https://forms.gle/ZcYJqsHzvp1ejJJP6
Birthday Celebration Checklist:

- Arrange a day and time for the celebration with the teacher.
- Provide a treat for each child in the class. Consider bringing a healthy treat.
- Only send snacks that do not contain any peanuts or tree nuts such as walnuts, cashews, pecans, pine nuts, almonds, hazelnuts, pistachios, and Brazil nuts. Please consult with the classroom teacher in advance of the celebration.
- In addition, birthday treats **MUST BE** store bought to also avoid food allergies. **NO HOME BAKED GOODS**, please.
- Do not bring balloons or party favors.
- Let the teacher know if you are planning to bring a younger child or other guests, so the teacher can arrange for the celebration to be held in a common area of the building.
Questions, Compliments...Complains About Your Bus Route?

Routes 1100—1999 Bethesda Depot
Mr. Hobart Bennett, Dispatcher
301 469-1140

Routes 2100—2998 Clarksburg Depot
Mr. Steven Wise, Dispatcher
240 740-4720

Routes 3100—3999 Randolph Depot
Mr. Claude Severin, Dispatcher
240 740-2610

Routes 5100—5999 Shady Grove South Depot
Ms. Gwendolyn Jackson, Dispatcher
301 840-8150

Routes 6100—6999 West Farm Depot
Mr. Russell (Rusty Leigh
240 740-1851
2019–2020 School Calendar Montgomery County Public Schools

January 1 New Year's Day—Offices and schools closed
January 20 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Offices and schools closed
January 24 Early release day for all students; end of quarter planning
January 27 Professional day for teachers; no school for students
February 17 Presidents' Day—Offices and schools closed
February 28 Early release day for all students
March 27 Early release day for all students; end of quarter planning
April 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13 Spring Break—No school for students and teachers; Offices closed April 10 and 13
April 28 No school for students and teachers
May 25 Memorial Day—Offices and schools closed
June 15 Last day of school for students; early release day for all students
June 16 Professional day for teachers

If the school year is disrupted by emergencies and schools are closed three or more days, dates in 2020 identified as possible make-up instructional days include June 16-22, April 6, April 7 and January 27.