

Mr. Levine's Message

Greetings Bulldog Families,

Wednesday, June 17 is a full day of school for students. This is also the day of the **8th Grade Promotion Ceremony** (including 8th Grade Awards). The parking instructions for this event are:

- Parking at the Recreation Center is available.
- Parking in the bus loop in front of the school is available.
- Handicap parking by assignment is available. You may only park there if you were given a yellow placard for your vehicle.
- All school lot parking will open at 8:25 a.m. No one will be permitted to park for Promotion until after 8:25 a.m.

While parking, please follow all directions from school staff.

The last day of school is Thursday, June 18, and it is an early release day for K–12 students. Friday, June 19 is a systemwide closure; all MCPS schools and offices will be closed.

Final report cards will be available in [ParentVue](#) by Monday, June 29, and mailed home by Tuesday, June 30.

As our school year comes to a close, I would like to thank you for a great school year! I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable summer break ahead. We will send periodic communications throughout the summer in preparation for the start of the 2026–2027 school year, but please do not hesitate to contact our office during the summer if we can support your child's experience at school in any way.

Thank you for your support and partnership,
Sam Levine

Student Opportunities

As we head into the summer break, MCPS wants students to stay engaged, active and fully supported. MCPS is excited to unveil **Booked for the Summer**, your digital guide to navigating the summer months! [View the guide](#)

What's inside?

Academic Boosts: Fast access to summer learning programs like IGNITE Middle School Academy and Summer School.

Community Fun: Direct links to the Montgomery County Public Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge and free activities in county parks.

Wellness & Support: Information on summer meal sites and mental health resources to keep kids healthy and ready for the fall.

Turn Your Summer Into Service

Summer is a wonderful time for middle and high school students to engage in **Student Service Learning (SSL) opportunities** and earn SSL hours towards meeting the 75-hour state graduation requirement! Current fifth grade students can begin earning SSL hours starting Friday, June 19. [June Opportunities](#)

Montgomery History Art Exhibit: As part of the county's 250th anniversary on Sept. 6, Montgomery County student artists (8th grade through high school) are invited to submit work to "MoCo at 250: Then and Now." **Deadline: Sunday, August 2, 2026.**

Montgomery Can Code: A free weeklong summer camp for MCPS rising 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. **Learn more:** [English/ español/ 中文/ français/ Português/ 한국어/ tiếng Việt/ հայերէլ](#)

KID Museum [Summer camps](#) are available for K–8th grade students from June 22–August 21, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.



Looking Ahead

June —

LGBTQ+ Pride Month

National Caribbean Heritage Month

National Immigrant Heritage Month

Tuesday, June 16

SGA Spirit Day: Summer Fun Day (dress up as your favorite summer activity — must be school appropriate)

8th Grade Promotion Rehearsal (P7 & P8)

Wednesday, June 17

8th Grade Promotion, 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Thursday, June 18 — Last Day of School

MP4 and S2 End

Early Release — Baker dismisses at 12:30

School Supplies Collection

As the year ends, don't throw away your school supplies. Instead, donate them for students in need!

Collection bins will be in the Main Office and Media Center. Remember to donate during locker clean outs!



2026–2027 Traditional School Year Calendar Available Online

[2026–2027 Traditional Calendar](#)

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES AT BAKER MS



WELLNESS GOAL

TRUSTED ADULT

- Our goal is for every student to have at least one trusted adult at Baker MS.
- Can be any staff member who you feel comfortable accessing for support.

WELLNESS GOAL

CONSISTENT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

- We value your attendance and want students in school on time, every day, whenever possible.
- Consistent attendance builds positive habits and sets the stage for learning!

INSTRUCTIONAL GOAL

ANSWERING QUESTIONS WITH A CLAIM

- Clearly answer questions with a statement that can be supported by evidence.

INSTRUCTIONAL GOAL

CITING EVIDENCE IN YOUR RESPONSES

- To support your claim, use specific evidence from the provided content such as the text, data table, or graph.
- Include more than one piece of evidence when possible.

INSTRUCTIONAL GOAL

EXPLAINING YOUR THINKING AND REASONING

- Explain how and why the evidence supports your answer.
- Connect the evidence to content you learned in class or found in the provided content (reading, graph, chart, etc).