



News from the Administration

December 2012

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The Final Stretch

December has arrived with a whirlwind of activity that will culminate in our move back to our new building on Postoak Rd. The final touches are being done, so our new school is ready to receive us over Winter Break. It is truly a magnificent building and our students will soon reap the benefits of their new home. You may wonder what your child can expect to see throughout the new building. Students will be met with a Promethean Board in every classroom. Our gym is now regulation size, with lots of light from very large windows. The cafeteria will offer more space for students to eat their lunch. Students can expect to move about a larger Media Center as they watch the media collection grow throughout the years. The back play area will keep our students engaged in productive play at recess, giving them lots of choices. Hallway lockers will store coats and backpacks for students in grades 1 through 5, giving more space inside the classrooms to learn and collaborate during the school day. These are just a few of the many exciting things awaiting our students.

The Winter Break begins a day early for our students and will extend a day in January. Students at Beverly Farms will have no school on Friday, December 21st and will return from Winter Break on Thursday, January 3, 2013. This gives our staff a day to pack up their Northlake classrooms and another day to unpack in their new classroom on Postoak. When students return in January, classrooms may look a little bare as teachers work hard to get things in order, but please know that learning will proceed.

Thank you to all parents who volunteered to help pack up The Northlake classrooms and unpack at Postoak Rd. If you have volunteered, please know that we cannot have children on-site at Northlake or Postoak. If you cannot find childcare, we understand and will find others to volunteer. Children cannot be on the playgrounds at either site even if they are being watched by an older sibling or adult. For safety reasons, if you arrive with children to volunteer we will have to decline your help and you will be asked to leave. If you are still interested in volunteering please contact Mindy Kim through the PTA. We have a very short amount of time to pack and unpack and we appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we work to create a productive and welcoming environment for our students. As our journey moves to its final juncture, we are looking forward to an exciting new year for our entire community.

IMPORTANT DATES

December 20

Last Day for Beverly Farms Students

December 21

No School for BFES Students – Staff moves out of Northlake into Postoak Rd Building

December 21- January 2 Winter Break

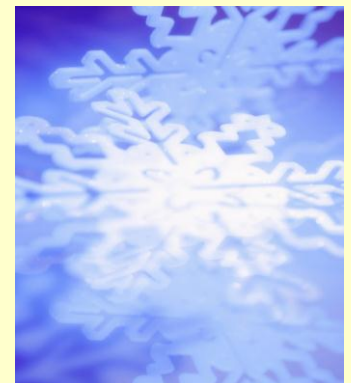
No School for students

January 2

No School for BFES Students Staff returns to unpack

January 3

Students return from Winter Break to Postoak Rd



***New School Hours for Postoak Rd. 8:50 a.m.-3:05 p.m.
Late bell rings at 8:50 a.m.***

There is no school for Beverly Farms students on Friday, December 21st and Wednesday, January 2nd. Beverly Farms students return from Winter Break on Thursday, January 3, 2013.



MCPS Homework Hotline



Homework Hotline is ready to help and our very own Ms. Gould, 2nd grade teacher is on hand to solve all sorts of homework questions. Her regular time slot is Thursday afternoons. HHL offers students in Grades K-12 free homework assistance from MCPS teachers. Students can call, send text messages, or email questions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 4 to 9 p.m. Questions received by phone are answered between 4 and 6 p.m.; all other questions are answered up until 9 p.m.

Students can ask questions by:

- Making a phone call to 301-279-3234
- Visiting the HHL website <http://askhhl.org>
- Sending a text message to 724-427-5445
- Sending an email to question@AskHHL.org
- Posting a message to Facebook (Like *Homework Hotline Live*)
- Posting a “tweet” to Twitter (@askHHL)

Homework Hotline Live! can be viewed on MCPS-TV (Comcast 34, Verizon 36, RCN 89) and on the Web at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/itv/hhl/

Help Improve the MCPS Website

MCPS is gathering feedback to improve the content and structure of the school system’s website. Please take a few moments and tell us about your experiences using the website. Your input is important as we work to improve the website. Please complete the survey here: <https://mcpsweb.wufoo.com/forms/website-survey/>

WINTER IS HERE – KNOW WHAT TO DO

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.

Early Release

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.

How to Receive Emergency Information from MCPS

MCPS parents can receive emergency information from the school system in a variety of ways including *MCPS QuickNotes*, Alert MCPS, Twitter, the MCPS website, MCPS TV, and a recorded telephone information line. Please visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency for more information on how to keep in touch with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and stay informed in times of emergencies.