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May 11, 2025

Good evening, Burtonsville Families!

Mark your calendars:

5/12 - Patrol Picnic (9:45 AM - 2:00 PM)
5/16 - Fifth Grade Panoramic Picture
5/16 - Cultural Night

5/21- Third Grade to the Maryland Zoo
5/23- Field Day for Grades 3-5
5/23 - Kindergarten Field Trip to the Farm

 **MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (MCAP)**  - Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will take the MCAP assessment for English/Language Arts and Mathematics through May 16th (see dates below). Practice tests are available [here](#) for students to familiarize themselves with the items and formats used for the different MCAP assessments. Read [here](#) for testing resources and to learn more about MCAP.

English/Language Arts:

Grade 5 - May 13 and 14

Mathematics:

Grades 3 - May 14 (new)
Grade 5 - May 15 and 16

How to help your child/Reminders:

- Get a good night's rest the night before
 - Eat a healthy breakfast at home or plan to eat the school-provided breakfast
 - Be on time on the day of testing - Students who arrive at school late will not be allowed into the classroom during a testing session and will be required to test on a make-up day.
 - **NO CELL PHONES/WATCHES/Bluetooth Headphones** - Personal mobile devices, such as cell phones/watches/tablets or Bluetooth-enabled headphones, are NOT permitted during the assessment administration. Use of these items during testing is a violation of test security and is strictly prohibited.
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A Message from our PTA...

★ **Cultural Night is Friday, May 16, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** Come share your culture through fun facts, performances, music, and more! We're looking for volunteers to host a culture-themed table, perform, or help out at the event. To sign up and learn more, visit the [PTA Webpage](#). Registration to host a table has been extended to Monday, May 12, 2025.

MCPS News...

Montgomery County Schools - [THINGS TO KNOW](#)

Academic Programs Analysis - Your Input is Needed! - Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is conducting a study to ensure that high school students have equitable access to high-quality academic programs that reflect the needs of our student community, enabling them to thrive in their futures and meet the demands of tomorrow's workplace and industries. *The changes made as part of this analysis will create a lasting foundation for many years, so we want to hear from all families, including those whose children are not yet in high school.* Your feedback is very important to ensure that the needs of all students are considered. As part of this effort, we invite all families to complete this short [survey](#). The survey will take no more than 5 minutes to complete and closes on **May 15, 2025**.

Information about the Upcoming Public Engagement Sessions for the Boundary Studies
We invite you to come and participate in multiple upcoming engagement sessions for the boundary studies for the reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School, the opening of Crown High School, and the expansion of Damascus High School. In these sessions, the initial options for each study will be shared, along with information about how the changes could potentially impact families whose middle and high schools are included in the boundary study scopes. Please see the MCPS boundary studies [webpage](#) for more information about the dates, times, and locations for these in-person and virtual one-hour sessions.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD! YOUR OPINION MATTERS! - Parents or guardians of children receiving special education and related services were previously mailed the Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey from the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services ([information flyer](#)).

Parents are asked to complete the survey and return it in the postage-paid envelope by May 30, 2025. The survey may also be completed online. Please look for details in your survey packet. Your feedback will help guide efforts to improve special education and related services in your local school system. Your voice can make a real difference for your child and many other children across the state of Maryland. To learn more, please visit <https://www.mdparentsurvey.com>.

Transportation: [MCPS Department of Transportation](#) | West Farm Upper Bus Depot: 240-740-7361 | Transportation Updates: [Route Status](#) | BES Bus Routes: [Arrival](#) | [Departure](#)

Food & Nutrition: - School menus are available on MealViewer - [here](#).

Yours in Service,

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