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May 4, 2025

Good evening, Burtonsville Families!

Mark your calendars:


5/5-9 - Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

5/6 - Family Market at 5:00 PM



5/6 - PTA Meeting at 6:30 PM

5/7 - Fifth Grade trip to Annapolis

5/12 - Patrol Picnic (9:45 AM - 2:00 PM)

 Join [Common Sense Media](#) for a webinar on **May 7** for a timely look at the skills kids need to develop to thrive in the future.

“Today's kids will have multiple careers in their lifetimes and may wind up in jobs that haven't yet been invented. Adding to the unknown is artificial intelligence (AI), which is accelerating change at dizzying speed. Hear from experts how to help your student foster an adaptable mindset, plus guidance for families trying to keep up with it all. By attending this webinar, you'll gain valuable insights and resources to support your child's career development in today's digital age. Can't make the live webinar? Register anyway, and you'll receive the recording after the webinar concludes.” [Here is the link to register.](#)

 **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 & 4 - May 5 and 7

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...

★ A **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who came out to support the Chipotle Fundraiser Night! We hope everybody had a great time!

★ **Board Elections** for the upcoming term will take place during our **May 6 PTA Meeting** at 6:30 PM on Zoom (meeting [link](#) to join). To learn more about the available positions and nomination procedures, please visit www.burtonsvillepta.org/board-elections.

★ **BES Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week begins May 5th!** It's a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and show gratitude for the hard work and dedication of the BES staff, who positively impact the lives of all our students. For inspiration, please visit www.burtonsvillepta.org/staff-favorites.

★ **Cultural Night is Friday, May 16, from 5:00 to 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 www.burtonsvillepta.org/event-details/cultural-night-2025. **Please RSVP by Friday, May 9.**

MCPS News...

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

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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