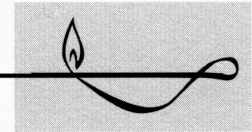


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August 8, 2025

Greetings Cresthaven Families,



A warm welcome to all families, those of you returning and to those new to our community. As a new year of learning and growth begins, your partnership is encouraged, welcomed and appreciated as we make this a year filled with discovery, exploration, and achievement!

Things you need to know: **[2025-2026 School Supply List](#)**

New MCPS Initiatives

Transition Day

This year MCPS has designated Monday, August 25, 2025 as Student Transition Day. This is non-instructional day for **all** 3rd grade students and 4th & 5th grade students who are **new** to Cresthaven Elementary. The purpose of the Student Transition Day is to provide an opportunity for students to get to know their new school, reunite with school mates, and meet their teachers, and other school staff members. The students will spend a full day engaging in community building activities as they prepare for their first day of instruction on Tuesday, August 26, 2025. Buses will run on their normal schedule for arrival and dismissal and students will receive breakfast and lunch. We are very excited about this opportunity to welcome our new students.

Change in School to Home Communication - [ParentSquare Direct Messaging App](#)

The ParentSquare messaging app will replace the Remind app that MCPS used last year to communicate with schools, teachers, and parents. School staff, central office staff, and parents will all use the ParentSquare Direct Messaging app to send and/or receive messages from your child's teacher, updates on school events and activities, and alerts about transportation, emergency closures, etc.



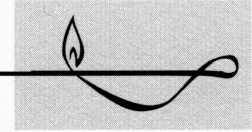
Stay Connected with ParentVue

Synergy ParentVUE is the Parent Portal that serves as the primary source for home-to-school communication to share information regarding your child's grades, attendance, and scheduling. The ParentVue portal can also be used to send email messages to your child's teacher, and communicate with the school administrators. ParentVue is also our school's primary source for parent and emergency contact information. Parents are encouraged to activate their account to ensure that you receive timely information, such as quarterly report cards and academic program status about accelerated programs and Magnet program application status and the like. We are here to assist you if you need to get you connected, just contact the school office and let us know.

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Bell Schedule:

8:45am - Early Drop Off
9:00am - Students Enter the Building
9:25am - Class Begins
3:50pm - Dismissal Begins

Early Dismissal Schedule

8:45am - Early Drop Off
9:00am - Students Enter the Building
9:25am - Class Begins
1:20pm - Dismissal Begins



Daily Arrival and Dismissal: Student drop and pick up – First parking lot on the right. Please do not block driveways or crosswalks.

Late Arrival – After 9:25, parents must sign students in.

Early Dismissal – Parents must present identification when picking students up early from school. Students will only be released to those persons authorized based on the current ParentVue information. **Parents must notify the office of any changes to who is authorized to pick up a student for early dismissal, no exceptions.**



The updated bus route schedule will be sent home via email and posted to the school web page when we receive it from the transportation depot.

Free Breakfast and Lunch for the 2025-26 school year: Cresthaven will continue to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision program. Students will continue to receive free breakfast and lunch each day. Households do **NOT** need to complete Free and Reduced-price Meal (FARMS) applications in order to receive free meal benefits at our school. We encourage students to enjoy breakfast and lunch at school.

Volunteers: Parents are encouraged to visit and to support school programs such as class or school events and field trips. If you wish to volunteer you are required to complete the MCPS online training *Preventing, Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect* before you may participate on school field trips or volunteer in the school.

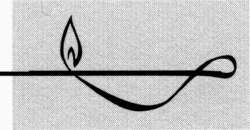
Visit <https://www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/childabuseandneglect/#Volunteer> .

Excel Beyond the Bell (EBB): The EBB program will begin in October 2025. Registration information will be shared in September 2025.

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To ensure a smooth start to the school year, here are some important dates to remember: Please read the information carefully and mark your calendars.

- **Friday, August 22, 2025 – Open House, 9:00-10:30am**
- **Monday, August 25, 2025 – Transition Day, 3rd Grade Only and 4th & 5th Students New to Cresthaven**
- **Tuesday, August 26, 2025 - First Day of School, All Students**
- **Monday, September 1, 2025 – Holiday – Schools & Offices Closed**
- **Wednesday, September 10, 2025 – Back to School Night, 6:00pm to 8:00pm**
- **Friday, September 19, 2025 – Student Picture Day**
- **Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - No School for Students**
- **Friday, September 26, 2025 – Early Release Day, Dismissal – 1:20pm**

We encourage you to stay involved and informed about your child's educational journey at Cresthaven. Should you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our school office or your child's teacher.

We look forward to a productive school year, and we thank you for entrusting us with the education and development of your child. Together, we will make this a memorable and successful year!

Warm regards,

Sherri Gorden
Principal

Jeffrey Mehr
Assistant Principal