

Dr. Ronald E. McNair ES Back To School Night

September 17, 2026





**Welcome Back
Families!**

Outcomes

By the end of this meeting, participants will have:

- Received introductions from the administrators and counselors
- Reviewed the MCPS standard response protocol
- Reviewed the MCPS student code of conduct
- Reviewed Synergy and ParentVue
- Reviewed “No Cell or Smart Watches Bell to Bell”
- Reviewed information on FARMS Application
- Received information on the other rotations

Who is Principal

Waters

- Principal, Montgomery County Public Schools. Dr. Ronald E. McNair Elementary School
- Principal Intern: Stedwick Elementary School
- Acting Principal at Watkins Mill ES and Whetstone ES
- Assistant Principal at Clearspring ES and Whetstone ES
- TSI Liaison
- Focus Team Leader
- Elementary, Middle, and High School Teacher
- Graduate of Hood College, Phoenix University, Washington Adventist University, and Antigua State College
- Borned, raised and began my career in Antigua in the Caribbean
- Wife of Vernon, and mother of two sons, and two daughters-in law

My Why

My core values of faith, relationship, and integrity direct how I accomplish my mission. I believe all human beings are created for a purpose, which gives value to their lives. For me, each person's purpose when acted upon, builds on another person's life.

Vision:

Empower every staff member and student to thrive in an environment where all feel safe to take risks, grow, and achieve.

Counselors



Mrs. Rebecca Lavo

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Grades K, 2, 4



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Grades, 1, 3, 5

Please contact us if you need assistance with school supplies or interested in Manna's Smart Sacks program or academic/social/friendship concerns.

Our Counseling program

CLASSROOM
GUIDANCE LESSONS

INDIVIDUAL
COUNSELING

LUNCH
BUNCHES/GROUPS

STUDENT
GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION (SGA)

AMBASSADOR
PROGRAM

KINDNESS WEEK

CAREER DAY

Standard Response Protocol

Standard Response protocol

IN AN EMERGENCY TAKE ACTION



HOLD! In your room or area. Clear the halls.

STUDENTS

Clear the hallways and remain in room or area until the "All Clear" is announced
Do business as usual

ADULTS

Close and lock the door
Account for students and adults
Do business as usual



SECURE! Get inside. Lock outside doors.

STUDENTS

Standard Response Protocol
Do business as usual

ADULTS

Bring everyone indoors
Lock outside doors
Increase situational awareness
Account for students and adults
Do business as usual



LOCKDOWN! Locks, lights, out of sight.

STUDENTS

Move away from sight
Maintain silence
Do not open the door

ADULTS

Recover students from hallway if possible
Lock the classroom door
Turn out the lights
Move away from sight
Maintain silence
Do not open the door
Prepare to evade or defend



EVACUATE! (A location may be specified)

STUDENTS

Leave stuff behind if required to
If possible, bring your phone
Follow instructions

ADULTS

Lead students to Evacuation location
Account for students and adults
Notify if missing, extra or injured students or adults



SHELTER! Hazard and safety strategy.

STUDENTS

Use appropriate safety strategy for the hazard

Hazard

Tornado
Hazmat
Earthquake
Tsunami

Safety Strategy

Evacuate to shelter area
Seal the room
Drop, cover and hold
Get to high ground

ADULTS

Lead safety strategy
Account for students and adults
Notify if missing, extra or injured students or adults

Student Code of Conduct: Supporting Safe, Respectful Schools

Creates safe, supportive, and respectful learning environments through clear expectations, consistent responses, and restorative approaches.

MCPS EXPECTATION: All staff use progressive, instructive, and restorative approaches to student behavior.

PREVENT & EDUCATE

Establish clear behavioral expectations

Teach and reinforce positive behaviors

Apply expectations consistently and equitably

Build strong student–staff relationships

RESPOND & SUPPORT

Use tiered, **progressive** responses

Begin with redirection and intervention

Increase responses based on behavior and circumstances

Use administrative action when necessary

REPAIR & RESTORE

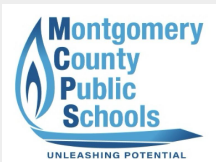
Address harm and **rebuild relationships**

Support successful student reentry

Partner with students and families

Reduce the likelihood of recurrence

Our goal is not simply to respond to behavior—it is to teach, correct, restore, and keep students connected to learning.



Synergy and ParentVUE Updates

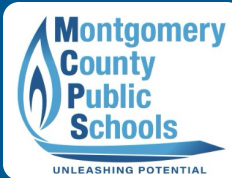
ParentVUE Submitted Attendance

- New Feature for parents and guardians parents and guardians to submit absences for each student enrolled in a participating school.
- Parents and guardians select an absence code, enter a brief note, upload documents, and select the applicable dates.
- School staff review and process submitted absences from a consolidated list in Synergy.
- Electronic submission reduces manual data entry and helps schools receive absence information more efficiently and parents/guardians see accurate attendance information in ParentVUE.
- Flyers to post for parents in all seven communication languages. Tech short video for parents.

Tardy, Check-In & Early Checkout Kiosks

- KioskVUE automates the Tardy Check-in and Early Dismissal Checkout processes. Students or parents can simply scan a student ID with the barcode/QR code reader or enter the students MCPS login.
- Synergy automatically updates attendance, and prints a hall pass for secondary students.
- For elementary students, parents can access their student's ID QR code in their ParentVUE mobile app for quick check-in.
- Secondary students should have their student ID ready for quick check-in.

Mobile Device Policy & Code of Conduct Connection



COG-RA Mobile Devices Regulation

PMDs are strictly prohibited during the academic school day ("Bell to Bell"). This includes cell phones, smart watches, tablets, and communication devices under the **Maryland Phone-Free Schools Act**.

Progressive Intervention & Discipline

Violations trigger tiered, progressive responses. Unauthorized PMD use transitions range from administrative warnings to out-of-school suspensions and/or exclusions.

Code of Conduct: Tech Violations

Technology infractions are fully integrated into student discipline protocols. The updated Code targets critical digital and academic safety issues:

- **AI Misuse:** Academic and social impacts.
- **Cyberbullying:** On and off-campus behaviors.
- **Media Infractions:** Recording/posting fights.

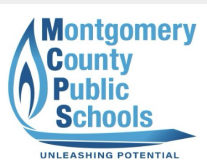
Shared Accountability & Integrity

Aligning phone-free school boundaries with the Code of Conduct ensures distraction-free classrooms, safeguarding student mental health and academic integrity.

"Think before you click, Pause before you post, and If it's not helpful to others, delete it!"

FARMS Application

- A new [FARMS application](#) must be completed every school year
- Submit the online FARMS application through [MySchoolApps](#) (translations are available)
- Only one application is needed for all students in a household
- For more information, visit the Department of Food and Nutrition Services [website](#)



Department of Food & Nutrition Services (DFNS)

Important information for families

Our Mission

The mission of DFNS is to provide a variety of appealing, quality, nutritious meals in a cost effective and efficient operation. Dedicated employees, empowered to promote success for every student, serve meals in an innovative learning environment, respectful of each students' needs and differences.

Our Meals

Students can enjoy breakfast and lunch at all schools. Some schools also offer after school snack or supper. Meals include whole grains and fresh fruits and vegetables. Menus are planned to meet student preferences while offering a variety of foods that represent the diversity of MCPS.

MealViewer

Download the **MealViewer** app or visit Mealviewer.com to view your school's daily menus, check nutritional information and even set up allergen alerts. It's your one stop shop to see what's cooking at your school.



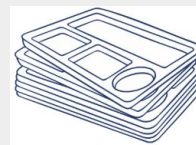
Apply for Free Meals

Families must submit an application for Free and Reduced-price meals (FARMs) every year. Qualifying students receive breakfast and lunch, free of charge, each day. It's MORE than just free meals! Your application may also provide increased school funding, and discounts on items such internet access, college application fees, and extra-curricular activity fees.



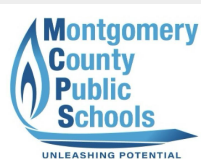
Set up a Student Meal Account

Sign up for a **MySchoolBucks** account. Make prepayments to your student account, check your balance and recent purchases, and set up low balance alerts.



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Departamento de Servicios de Alimentación y Nutrición (DFNS)

Información importante para las familias

Nuestra misión

La misión de DFNS es ofrecer una variedad de comidas atractivas, de calidad y nutritivas, mediante una operación eficiente y rentable. Los empleados, comprometidos con promover el éxito de cada estudiante, sirven las comidas en un entorno de aprendizaje innovador que respeta las necesidades y diferencias de cada estudiante.

Nuestras comidas

Los estudiantes pueden disfrutar del desayuno y el almuerzo en todas las escuelas. Algunas escuelas también ofrecen refrigerios o cenas después de clases. Las comidas incluyen cereales integrales y frutas y verduras frescas. Los menús se planifican teniendo en cuenta las preferencias de los estudiantes y, al mismo tiempo, ofrecen una variedad de alimentos que representan la diversidad de MCPS.

MealViewer

Descargue la aplicación **MealViewer** o visite Mealviewer.com para consultar los menús diarios de su escuela, revisar la información nutricional e incluso configurar alertas sobre alérgenos. Es su recurso integral para saber qué se está preparando en su escuela.



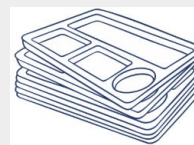
Solicite comidas gratuitas

Las familias deben presentar una solicitud para recibir comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido (FARMS) cada año. Los estudiantes que reúnen los requisitos reciben el desayuno y el almuerzo sin costo todos los días. ¡Es **MUCHO MAS** que comidas gratuitas! Su solicitud también puede ayudar a aumentar los fondos destinados a la escuela y proporcionar descuentos en servicios como el acceso a Internet, las tarifas de solicitud universitaria y las cuotas de actividades extracurriculares.



Configure una cuenta de comidas para estudiantes

Regístrese para obtener una **cuenta de MySchoolBucks**. Realice pagos por adelantado en la cuenta de comidas de su estudiante, consulte el saldo y las compras recientes, y configure alertas de saldo bajo.



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¡Síguenos y manténgase al tanto!



Rotations

Administrators/Counselor (Cafe)	Classroom Teachers (K-5 Classrooms)	Content Specialists (Room 109)
Times: 6:30, 7:00, or 7:30	Times: 6:30, 7:00, or 7:30	Times: 6:30, 7:00, or 7:30
● Introductions ● Standard Response Protocol ● Code of Conduct ● Synergy, Parent Vue, & Parent Square ● No Cell or Smart Watches Bell to Bell ● FARMS Applications	● Meet the teacher ● Overview of classroom routines & expectations ● WIN (What I Need) ● Classroom resources ● Brief Curriculum Overview ● Parent/Teacher Conference Sign Up	● Introductions ● Overviews of CKLA changes / New Desmos Math ● Parent Resources / How to Help ● Assessment Calendar ● Opportunity to ask specific questions related to the curriculum



Any Questions?

**Thank
you**



Gracias

