



ARGYLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Magnet Program for Digital Design and Development

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Welcome to
Argyle Magnet Middle School
New Caregiver Orientation

SY23-24



Orientation Topics



- Argyle School Information
- ParentVUE & myMCPS Classroom (Canvas)
- Outdoor Education
- Content Class Summary
- SSL Hours
- After School Activities
- Important Dates
- Q & A
- Building Tour



Administrative Team



Mr. James Allrich
Principal



Ms. Hannah Turner
Assistant Principal
6th Grade Administrator



Mr. Ricardo Hernandez
Principal Intern
7th Grade Administrator



Ms. Cortney Chao
Magnet Coordinator
8th Grade Administrator

Main Office Secretary Staff



Ms. Johanna Chavarria
**Administrative
Secretary**



Ms. Patricia Hernandez
Main Office Secretary



Ms. Aracelli Ramirez
**Guidance Secretary &
Registrar**

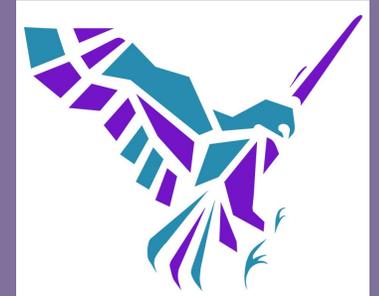
Counseling Team



Mr. Matt Lilja
Resource Counselor
Student Service
Learning Coordinator



Ms. Patricia Hernandez
Main Office Secretary



Ms. Anita Lopez
Restorative Justice Counselor



Ms. Genevieve Dewitt
6th Grade Counselor

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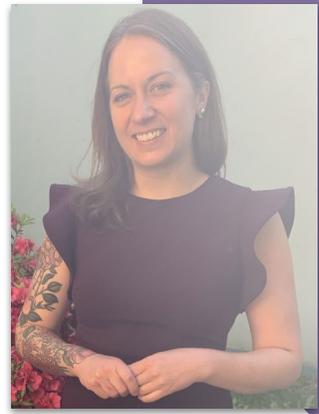
6th Grade Team



Ms. Anita Lopez
Restorative Justice
Counselor



Mr. Matt Lilja
Resource & SSL
Counselor



Ms. Hannah Turner
6th Grade
Administrator



Ms. Morgan Penn
6th Grade
Team Leader
Science 6
Teacher



Mr. Sean Smyth
6th Grade
Co-Team Leader
World Studies 6
Teacher



Ms. Katie Belle
Outdoor
Education
Coordinator
English 6
Teacher



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6th Grade
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Mr. Ricardo Hernandez
7th Grade
Administrator



Ms. Jennifer Aguiar
7th Grade Team
Leader
English 7 Teacher



Ms. Sam Gianicolo
7th Grade Co-Team
Leader
Theater Teacher



Ms. Kristen Andich
7th Grade
Counselor

8th Grade Team



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**Restorative Justice
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**Resource & SSL
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**Magnet Coordinator
8th Grade
Administrator**



**Mr. Paul
Rubino**
**8th Grade
Team Leader
Math 8 Teacher**



**Ms. Yvette
Edwards**
**8th Grade Co-Team
Leader
Cybersecurity &
Capstone Coordinator**



Ms. Miyah Ford
**8th Grade
Counselor**



School Hours & Transportation

MAIN OFFICE PHONE: (240) 740 - 6370

School Hours:

- 8:05 am - 3:00 pm

Transportation:

- School Bus
- Car/Carpool
- Metro
- Walk



Transportation: Out of Consortium Bus Request



MAIN OFFICE PHONE: (240) 740 - 6370



****New This Year****

MCPS is working to provide buses for Out of Consortium families.

Check your email for the survey that was sent on July 24. If you cannot find the email with the survey, please let us know so we can send it to you!

Class Schedule:

- **8 Total Class Periods + Advisory**
- **4 Lunch Blocks**
- **Alternating Odd & Even Days**
- **Advisory meets every morning**



Argyle Magnet Middle School Bell Schedule 2021-2022		
Time	Odd Day	Even Day
First Bell	7:50	7:50
8:05 am - 8:15 am	Lockers and Breakfast 10 mins.	Lockers and Breakfast 10 mins.
8:15 am - 8:36 am	Advisory 21 mins.	Advisory 21 mins.
8:40 am - 10:04 am	Period 1 84 mins.	Period 2 84 mins.
10:08 am - 11:31 am	Period 3 83 mins.	Period 4 83 mins.
A lunch 11:31 - 12:01 pm B lunch 12:01 - 12:31 pm C lunch 12:31 - 1:01 pm D lunch 1:01 - 1:31 pm **transition time after lunch is 4 minutes	Period 5 11:35 - 1:31 (86 mins. in class)	Period 6 11:35 - 1:31 (86 mins. in class)
1:35 - 3:00	Period 7 85 mins.	Period 8 85 mins.

What is Advisory?

- First Period of the day, every day
- Build relationships and community
- Important information is shared
- It is **not** a graded class & is required
- Attendance is taken daily



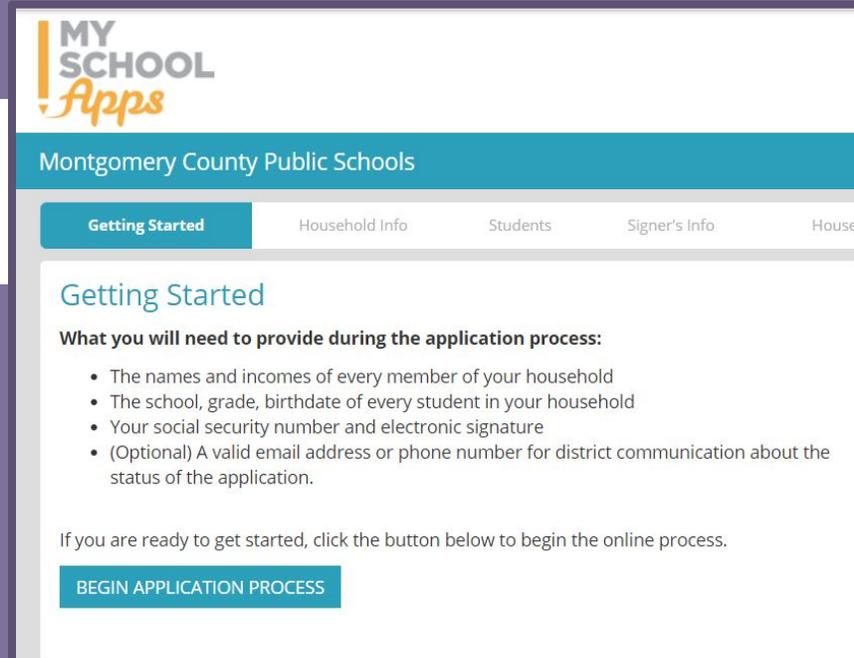
Meals at Argyle

Breakfast

- **ALL students are served breakfast daily**
- **No cost**

Lunch

- **Many lunch and snack options**
- **Free & Reduced Lunch Forms**
- **Families contacted when lunch balance is below \$1**
- **Payment in person, by check or online is preferred**
- **Weekly Menu is available on MCPS website**



Synergy ParentVUE

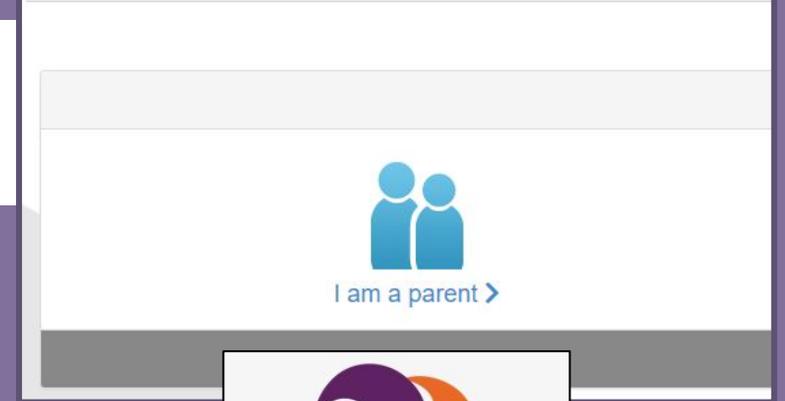
What is Synergy ParentVUE

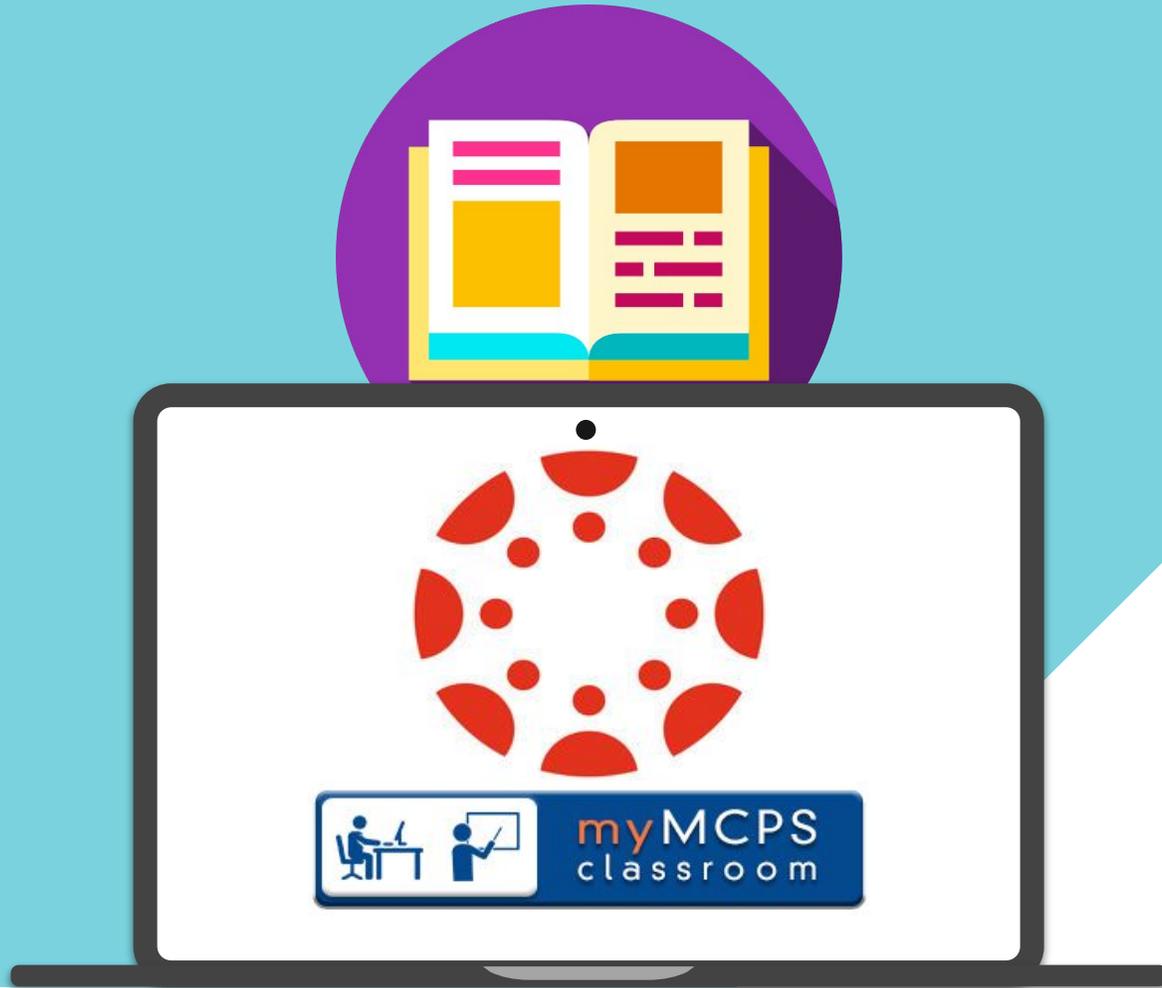
- **The primary home-to-school communication tool** for caregivers and teachers to share information regarding grades, attendance, scheduling and logging into myMCPS Classroom (Canvas).

Sign-Up Today

- **Use the unique registration code** mailed to your primary address.
- Contact the school for support with a duplicate copy if needed.
- **Monitor your child's grades and assignments.**

ParentVUE and StudentVUE Access





We use myMCPS Classroom (Canvas) for...

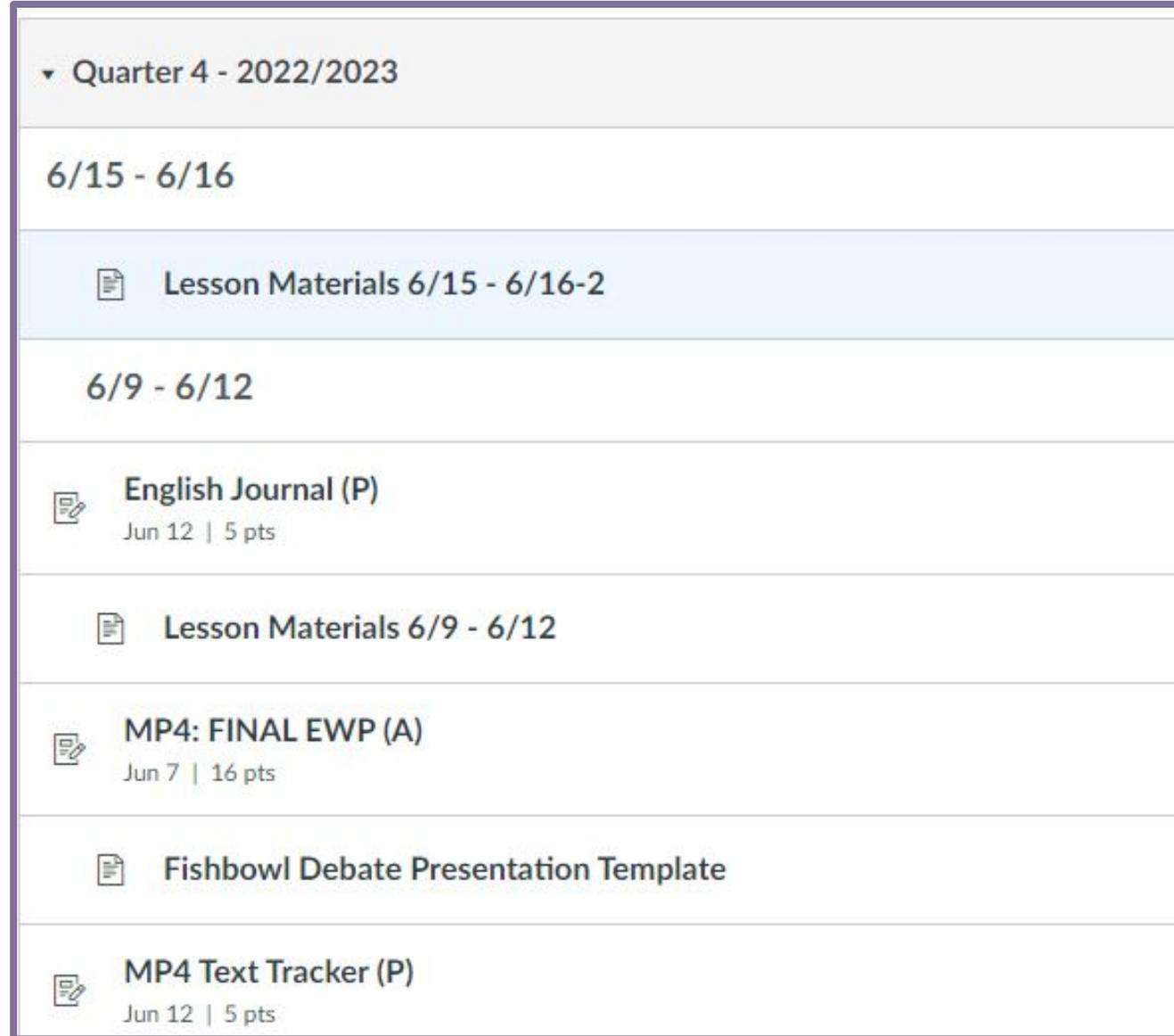
- Classwork
- Homework
- Reteaching & Reviewing
- Test Preparation
- Make-Up Work

Organization Tools



myMCPS Classroom (Canvas) platform will serve as the main organizational tool for your student.

- Class Assignments & Enrichment
- Class Announcements
- Access to important links; including our Student Handbook

A screenshot of a Canvas Learning Management System (LMS) interface. The interface is displayed within a window with a purple title bar and standard window controls (minimize, maximize, close) in the top right corner. The main content area is a list of items for "Quarter 4 - 2022/2023". The items are organized into sections by date ranges. The first section is for "6/15 - 6/16" and contains one item: "Lesson Materials 6/15 - 6/16-2". The second section is for "6/9 - 6/12" and contains three items: "English Journal (P)" (dated Jun 12 | 5 pts), "Lesson Materials 6/9 - 6/12", and "MP4: FINAL EWP (A)" (dated Jun 7 | 16 pts). Below these is "Fishbowl Debate Presentation Template". The final item in the list is "MP4 Text Tracker (P)" (dated Jun 12 | 5 pts). Each item is preceded by a small icon representing a document or assignment.

▼ Quarter 4 - 2022/2023	
6/15 - 6/16	
	Lesson Materials 6/15 - 6/16-2
6/9 - 6/12	
	English Journal (P) Jun 12 5 pts
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	MP4: FINAL EWP (A) Jun 7 16 pts
	Fishbowl Debate Presentation Template
	MP4 Text Tracker (P) Jun 12 5 pts

General Expectations



Tardies & Absences

Tardies can be tracked in ParentVUE.

Repeated lateness may result in escalating responses.

Absence notes can be given to the main office for excused absences. Students are expected to make up the work regardless of the absence being excused or not.

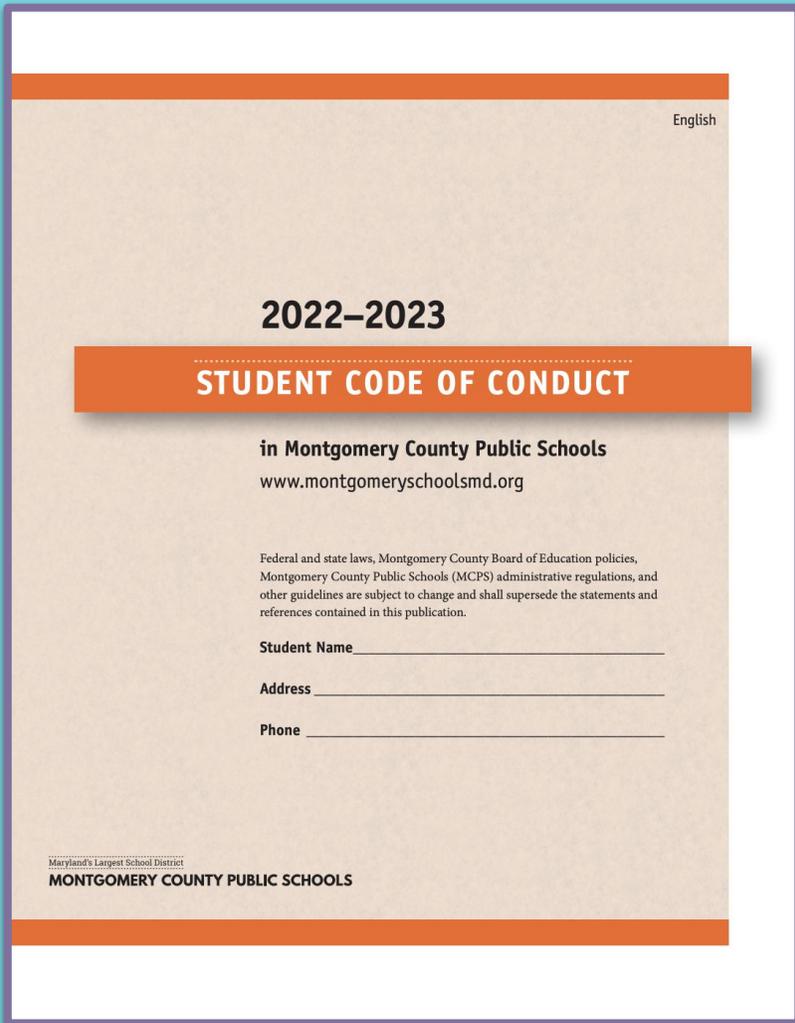
Make-Up Work

Work can be made-up or reassessed throughout the quarter. The final deadline for submitting work is on the last day of the grading period.

Personal Devices

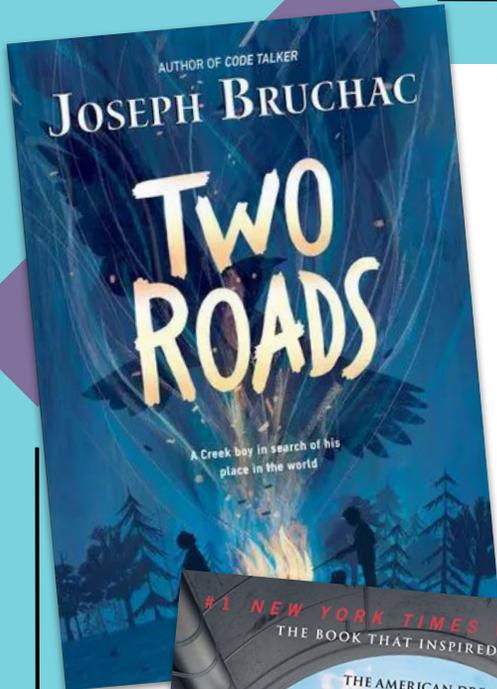
Phones and other personal devices are not used in classrooms or restrooms; if they are found to be used in class, the phone will be collected by Argyle staff and kept in the main office until the end of the day, when the student can pick it up. At times, a parent will be required to collect the device from the office.

Student Code of Conduct



The MCPS Student Code of Conduct provides:

- **An overview of discipline procedures and protocols** and the range of consequences students could face for violating various policies, regulations, and rules.
- **The MCPS philosophy to discipline** and defines the various disciplinary responses.



Take a look!

...Let's take a short break and provide opportunities for questions!



UP NEXT: Content At-A-Glance, After School Activities, Outdoor Ed, & **MORE!**



Student Service Learning Hours (SSL)

75 Hours

Any student in a Maryland public school earning a diploma must complete **75 hours** of service, prior to high school graduation

Earn NOW

Students may begin earning SSL hours, the summer after Grade 5

MCPS Site

Visit the SSL section of the MCPS website for approved community locations/activities

Forms

You may print forms online or pick one up from the Counseling Office

Questions

If you have questions, please email Mr. Lilja at matthew_j_lilja@mcpsmd.org

ANYONE who earns MORE THAN 75 hours *BEFORE* leaving Argyle, **will receive a special award at 8th Grade Promotion!**





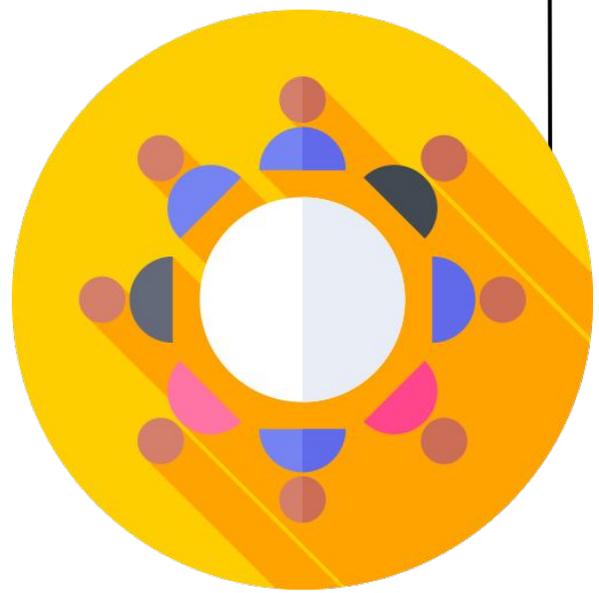
Road to Success: 8th Grade Capstone

Argyle's Innovative Magnet Program and Culminating Project

Pathway to Capstone



Capstone Learning Objectives	6th Grade Mile Marker	7th Grade Mile Marker	8th Grade Capstone
APPLICATION of what you've learned at Argyle	Instruction through technology applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canva (Digital Design) • Scratch (Programming) • Thinglink (Scenario Builder) 	Instruction through technology applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Spaces (Programming) • Inkle writer (Interactive Stories) 	Magnet Capstone Selections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Art • Digital Media • Engineering • Computer Science
Chance to EXPLORE a topic that interests you			
A collaborative EXPERIENCE	2 Team Members	2-4 Team Members	3-5 Team Members Teacher Mentor Team from all content areas
Grade Level Events with content focus	Poster Science Fair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Math 	National History Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Studies • Literacy 	Magnet showcase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magnet • Fine Arts • Physical Education



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After School Activities



Excel Beyond the Bell

- Forms distributed in September and **slots fill quickly!**
- Sessions held Monday - Thursday from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
 - Session 1: Late September to December
 - Session 2: February to Mid May
- Activity buses are provided at 4:30 pm & 5:30 pm

Teacher-Sponsored Clubs

- Clubs that are started by students all require a **teacher to supervise the after school club.**
- Types of clubs, meeting schedules, and duration will vary from year to year. Clubs that teachers may sponsor may include:
 - Rainbow Alliance
 - Anime Club
 - Art Club, *and more!*



Outdoor Education: Grade 6 Extended Day Program



Smith Center

Each of Argyle's **THREE (3)** Sessions will include approximately **100** students for a **FULL** day at the **Smith Center!**

Students will earn SSL hours for this experience

Session Dates are pre-assigned and are as follows:

- **Session 1: January 17-19**
- **Session 2: January 22-24**
- **Session 3: January 24-26**

Outdoor Education: 5 Things to Know



1

Run by **ARGYLE** and **MCPS Teachers**

2

Part of the **MCPS 6th Grade Curriculum**

3

Learn **IN** and **ABOUT** the outdoors!

4

Make new friends and have fun experiences!

5

Reported as one of the most memorable by **MCPS** graduating seniors!

Outdoor Education



Outdoor Education Open House at the Lathrop E. Smith Center

WHERE?

Lathrop E. Smith Environmental
Education Center, 5110 Meadowside
Lane, Rockville, MD 20855

WHEN?

September 6, 2023 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM

WHAT?

Have a tour of the Smith Center and
meet the Outdoor Education Teachers to
learn more about the Outdoor Ed
Program.

For more information visit us

@<https://www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/outdoored/>

Join Our WhatsApp Communities!



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Mark Your Calendars

August 24th

- 6th Grade & New Student Orientation | 8:15 am - 12:00 pm
- Welcome Back Celebration | 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

August 28th | Argyle's FIRST Day of School

August 31st | Back to School Night (BTSN) | 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

November 20th | Parent Teacher Conferences



Questions, Answers & Clarifying Statements

