

Gilbertson's Good News

Greetings!

Clearspring ES

November is a busy month for us at Clearspring. Be sure to stay on top of our calendar!

4th grade is in need of clean (rinsed only- no soap), two liter bottles for a science project on ecosystems.

Be sure to reach out to your child's teacher to secure a conference date/time. All staff have sent either a sign up genius or email to gather times for all parents.

Much of our fall assessments have been completed. Assessment data will be available through the parent portal.

As a school, we reach out to the community to gather items for our troops overseas. A former parent collects these items and sends them for us. Yesterday, we received the following note from our troops, thanking the Clearspring community....

"Dear Clearspring Elementary School,

Good morning. We wanted to thank you for your care packages from May. We always appreciate hearing from folks back home.

We are a U.S. Navy Expeditionary Medical Unit forward deployed in Iraq. We serve as an emergency-surgical team for U.S. and coalition casualties. Thankfully, we have not been too busy. Our team consists of doctors, nurses, and corpsmen (medics).

Life in Iraq is very different than back home. We see scorpions, jackals, camel spiders and a host of other insects. We pretty much live in an open-air zoo. Thankfully the weather has started to cool off. When we first arrived, it was over 110 degrees every day. One day it reached 140 degrees. Now it is very nice 50-80 degrees. The only downside is the rain. When it rains, our base turns into a big pile of mud.

Luckily, our deployment is over very soon. We are all excited to see our families. Thank you again

Mark your Calendars

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EVENTS

Nov 5–CES Grade 5 Field trip to Mount Vernon, VA

Nov 5–13–Book Fair (closed Election Day)

Nov 6–**NO SCHOOL**, Election Day

Nov 7–Early Dismissal at 12:55 p.m.; Mrs. Ramdat's PreK at 10:50 a.m.

Nov 12–Veteran's Day Celebration

Nov 12 & 13–Parent Conferences–Early Dismissal at 12:55 p.m.; **NO SCHOOL** for Head Start and PreK classes

Nov 16–CES Grade 4 Native American Indian Museum Field Trip

Nov 19–Grade 5 MS Magnet School Testing

Nov 20–Report Card distribution

Nov 21–Grandparents' Day, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Nov 21–Early Dismissal at 12:55 p.m., Mrs. Ramdat's PreK class at 10:55 a.m.

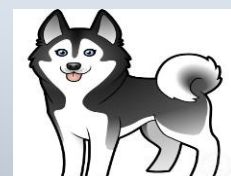
Nov 22 and 23–**NO SCHOOL**, Thanksgiving Holiday

Nov 27–Grade 2 Strathmore Hall Field Trip

Nov 29–Make and Take School Event, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Dec 4–Grade 4 Olney Theater Field Trip

All dates and events are listed on: [Clearspring ES](#) and the [Clearspring PTA](#) websites.



for the care packages and we wish you all a safe holiday season.

Very Respectfully,

LCDR Ian Mitchell, United States Navy Nurse Corps'U.S. Navy Expeditionary Medical Unit – Iraq"

Have a fantastic weekend!

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Upcoming Info

Please stay up to date by visiting our web page. It's a "one stop shop" for all things Clearspring.



Our Book Fair

November 5-13 (Closed on election day).

Mark your calendar!

Book Fair dates: **November 5, 2018 - November 13, 2018**

Shopping hours: **8:00 am - 5:00 pm on November 5, 8, 9, 12 & 13; 8:00 am - 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm on November 7**

NEW digital payment option: eWallet! Now your student can shop the Fair cash-free!

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and to create an account:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/clearspringelementaryschool6>

If you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit our Online Fair at [scholastic.com/fair](http://www.scholastic.com/fair). Our Online Fair is available from **October 29 to November 18**. We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school. Thank you for supporting our readers!



Counselor's Corner

During the month of November, I will be going into every classroom to deliver Personal Body Safety Lessons. These lessons were developed by MCPS to make sure all children know how to respond in dangerous and/or uncomfortable situations. These lessons emphasize knowing how to escape from child predators and how to tell a trusted adult about what happened. Be on the lookout for worksheets coming home about this topic. As always, I encourage you to continue this

discussion with your children at home. It is important that they know they can talk to you if they ever do find themselves in uncomfortable or dangerous situations.

Our next PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) event is right around the corner! On Friday, November 9th we will be having "Extra Recess with DJ Baude." Students can earn entry by saving up and redeeming their paws earned for following the Clearspring Expectations. Also, we are always accepting donations of new and gently used toys and school supplies for the PBIS cart. You can send them in with your child or drop them off in the front office - just put a note on them that says they are for the cart.

As always, I am just a phone call or email away. Please feel free to contact me at 240-740-2587 (direct line) or Tara_B_Gray@mcpsmd.org.

Take care,

Mrs. Gray



SGA Happenings

The SGA will be meeting on Wednesday, November 7th, to discuss our November philanthropies and spirit days.

We concluded our October philanthropy, our non-perishable food drive, by collecting a total of 1,788 items to donate to the Manna Food Center, which will distribute them to families in need across Montgomery County. Thank you to everyone who participated, and made this food drive so successful!

This year, to promote our philanthropies and spirit days, SGA reps will bring home a piece of paper to make a poster detailing either our spirit day or philanthropy. Posters should be turned in to the office by the following Tuesday after our meeting.



**November 29,
6:30-8:00 p.m.**

Please come join us for a fun-filled night for the 'LOVE OF

LEARNING'. There will be literacy, math, and Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) activities for every age. You will walk away with a wealth of resources to help encourage the love of learning with your child. It will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2018, 6:30-8pm, at Clearspring ES. It will feature Math games – Calming Jars – Stress Relieving strategies - Words Their Way - Reading Fun for grades PK – 2 and grades 3-5

Note: Siblings in grades PK-5 who attend other schools are also welcome to attend this event.

[Important Information from MCPS](#)

2019–2020 School Year Calendar (English and Spanish)

MCPS is developing the school calendar for the 2019–2020 school year. The Board of Education held a discussion at its business meeting on October 9, 2018, about the process, options, and challenges for developing the calendar and is considering two potential calendar scenarios. As the district develops a calendar, it must start with several requirements from the

state:

- September 4–June 15: the permissible time frame for instruction
- 180: the minimum number of instructional days required
- 15: the number of state-mandated days that schools must be closed
- 3: the number of snow make-up days required at the end of the year (before June 14)

For a more detailed explanation of the calendar process, visit the [2019–2020 calendar webpage](#). The scenarios are posted on the MCPS website for public information and review. If you would like to offer comment on the calendar, please do so using the drop box provided on the calendar information [webpage](#).

The Board will hold a final discussion and adopt a final calendar later this fall. You can stay engaged and informed in this process by visiting the [Calendar webpage](#).

Calendario Escolar 2019–2020

MCPS está diseñando el calendario escolar para el ciclo escolar 2019–2020. Durante su reunión de negocios del 9 de octubre, 2018, el Consejo de

Educación habló acerca del proceso, las opciones y las dificultades de desarrollar el calendario y está considerando dos opciones posibles para el calendario.

A medida que el distrito escolar desarrolla un calendario, debe comenzar con varios requisitos del estado:

- 4 de septiembre–15 de junio: el lapso de tiempo de enseñanza permitido
- 180: el número mínimo de días lectivos exigidos
- 15: el número de días que el estado ordenó que las escuelas deben estar cerradas
- 3: el número de días de recuperación de tiempo de enseñanza por días de nieve que se necesitan al final del ciclo escolar (antes del 14 de junio)

Para una explicación más detallada del proceso del calendario, visite la página web del [calendario escolar 2019–2020](#). Las opciones están publicadas en el sitio web de MCPS para información y revisión. Si usted desea aportar un comentario sobre el calendario, por favor hágalo usando el buzón que se provee en la [página web del calendario escolar](#).

El Consejo tendrá una última conversación sobre el tema y adoptará un calendario definitivo más adelante en el otoño. Usted puede mantenerse involucrado/a e informado/a sobre este proceso visitando la [página web del calendario escolar](#).

Students Invited to Become Vision Zero Ambassadors (English and Spanish)

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation is seeking high school students to serve as Vision Zero Youth Ambassadors. Ambassadors will have the opportunity to become road-safety leaders in their school and community through this school year. Interested students may apply [here](#) through November 5.

Los Estudiantes Están Invitados a Convertirse en Embajadores de Visión Cero

El Departamento de Transportes del Condado de Montgomery busca estudiantes de las escuelas secundarias para servir como Jóvenes Embajadores de Visión Cero (Vision Zero Youth Ambassadors). Los embajadores tendrán la oportunidad de ser líderes de seguridad en las calles de sus escuelas y comunidades durante el ciclo escolar en curso. Los estudiantes interesados pueden solicitar [aquí](#) hasta el 5 de noviembre.



Free School-Based Flu Clinics Available

Has your child received a flu shot yet? If your child is between the ages of 3 and 18 years, make an appointment for your child to receive a free flu shot at John F. Kennedy, Northwest, or Rockville high schools on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, from 1:30–4:30 p.m. by visiting the Montgomery County Government website at www.MontgomeryCountyMD.gov or calling 311. #FightFlu

Protect Yourself. Protect your Family. Get Vaccinated.

.LOST and FOUND



If you are missing something, please check our lost and found area near the counselor's office.

Worth Repeating

Children need to **be in class by the 9:00** bell or they will be marked tardy

When children are absent,
they **MUST** have a note upon
returning to school. Or report
the via the online form [Online
Absence Notice](#)

