

Friday, October 13, 2017

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The Principal's Message for Fields
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The Falcon's Nest

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. WILLIAMS

We are off to another great start this school year! Thank you to all of the families who participated in our Walk to School Day with our special guest, Molly Cochran, meteorologist at ABC 7 News. We enjoyed the beautiful weather that day, as we celebrated family and fitness!

Interims are being sent home with students today. The interims will provide an opportunity for you to see the progress your child has made. Please take this opportunity to speak with your child about his/her grades. Celebrate the successes and set goals to work on any areas that need improvement.

Near the end of the month we will have our first ever Hispanic Heritage Potluck dinner! Please join us on Wednesday, October 25th at 6:30 p.m. We would like to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by inviting our FRES families to bring and share a special dish, along with your family, and be ready to enjoy some quality time with the Hispanic community and teachers at Fields Road!

It is time for our next big event...The Book Fair! The Book Fair start Monday, October 16th. The theme is the Wild West! Our Book Fair committee has been working hard to transform our school with fabulous decorations to get us in the mood for a Wild West fair. Below is a schedule for the week.

Monday, October 16, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 17, 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. **Family Event 5:30—7:30 p.m. Tuesday night!**

Wednesday, October 18, 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Muffins for Mom, Thursday, October 19, 8 a.m., Book Fair closes at 4 pm on Thursday

Donuts for Dad, Friday, October 20, 8 a.m., Book Fair closes at 4 pm on Friday

We hope to see you next week at the Book Fair!



Important Dates:

10/16—10/20, Week of
Fall Book Fair

10/17 Field Trip, Kinder-
garten, Homestead Farm

10/20 Field Trip, Pre-k,
The Little Gym

10/25 Hispanic Heritage
Potluck dinner, 6:30 pm

10/26—Field Trip, Grade
5, Strathmore Hall Music
Concert

10/31—Halloween Parade
and Parties, 2 pm



WORLD OF MONTGOMERY FESTIVAL

The World of Montgomery Festival celebrates and displays the rich cultural heritages of Montgomery County and the Washington, D.C., area. The festival will be held Sunday, October 15, at Montgomery College's Rockville Campus, 51 Manakee Street in Rockville, from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. MCPS is proud to be a partner in this year's festival. The free event includes an international village, a global kitchen with chef demonstrations of traditional ethnic food, a craft market, a Parade of Cultures, two performance stages of traditional dance and music, connections through service, traditional arts, and fun interactive activities for the whole family. For more information, visit www.worldofmontgomery.com.

Recordatorio: ¡Venga al Festival del Mundo de Montgomery!

El Festival del Mundo de Montgomery celebra y exhibe las ricas herencias culturales del Condado de Montgomery y del área de Washington, DC. El festival tendrá lugar el domingo, 15 de octubre, en el campus de Montgomery College en Rockville, 51 Manakee Street, de 12 del mediodía a 4:00 p.m. MCPS se enorgullece en ser un colaborador en el festival de este año. El evento gratuito incluye una aldea internacional, una cocina global con demostraciones de chefs preparando platos étnicos tradicionales, un mercado artesanal, un Desfile de Culturas, dos escenarios con danzas y música tradicionales, conexiones a través de servicios, artes tradicionales y divertidas actividades interactivas para toda la familia. Para más información, visite www.worldofmontgomery.com

FREE AND REDUCED APPLICATIONS

Free and Reduced Meals Application Forms need to be turned in as soon as possible if you wish to apply. **Meal benefit eligibility from last year will remain current only through October 17, 2017.** Students who received meal benefits last year **must** have a new application approved in order to continue receiving free or reduced-price meals. **Beginning October 17th, all students who do not have an approved application for the current year must pay full price for meals until a new application is approved.**



2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR

It's that time of year again when the district develops the school calendar for the following school year. Since last year, school districts across Maryland have been discussing how best to design their school calendars given the new time constraints placed on the length of the school year. The current 2017–2018 school year is the first school year operating under these new rules, which are that school cannot start before Labor Day and must end before June 15.

MCPS has been meeting with focus groups of parents, staff, and other stakeholder groups and is seeking your feedback on how best to design the 2018–2019 school calendar. Next year, the district will have even fewer days to work with than in years past to accommodate instructional and non-instructional traditions.

For a more detailed explanation of the calendar, as well as to see various examples of how the calendar could be developed, please visit the [school calendar webpage](#). If you would like to offer comment on the calendar, please do so using the [drop box provided on the calendar webpage](#).

NAACP PARENTS' COUNCIL KICKOFF MEETING

The NAACP Parents' Council kickoff meeting will be held from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, October 16 at Gaithersburg High School. This event will bring together parents, MCPS teachers, and principals to share ideas on cultivating parent engagement and promoting student achievement. The event will begin with a community resource fair to highlight community services and resources of interest. Attendees will have an opportunity to hear from speakers who are educational experts in the area of promoting minority student achievement and participate in breakout sessions on topics including closing the achievement gap, parent-teacher conferences, and discipline. To register for the event, visit naacppc-md.org/.

Core Values

Respect

Responsibility

Dedication

Safety

Mission Statement

At FRES, our mission is to inspire an appreciation for diversity, motivate innovative thinkers and develop empathetic, responsible world citizens.

Vision Statement

We believe every child deserves to flourish in a safe, positive, and collaborative school community that empowers and academically prepares them to become knowledgeable participants in a global society.



CONSORTIA AND APPLICATION PROGRAMS

Attend Open Houses for Middle and High School Consortia Application Programs

The deadline for applications to participate in the *Choice* process is November 3. Parents/guardians and students are encouraged to attend open houses to learn about the *Choice* programs scheduled in October at Northeast Consortium (NEC) and Downcounty Consortium (DCC) high schools, and at the Middle School Magnet Consortium (MSMC) middle schools. [Get dates and locations here.](#)

Grade 8 DCC and NEC parents/guardians will receive information about the *Choice* process in the mail in mid-October. Grade 5 families received information about the middle school options in the mail in late September.

Parents/guardians and students are also encouraged to attend information meetings to learn more about the application-only programs. [Get dates and locations here.](#) [Visit this website](#) for more information about the magnet programs at the elementary school Centers for Enriched Studies, Roberto W. Clemente, Eastern, and Takoma Park middle schools, and Montgomery Blair, Richard Montgomery, and Poolesville high schools.

Asista a las Reuniones Abiertas al Público de los Programas de Ingreso por Solicitud en los Consorcios de las Escuelas de Enseñanza Media y Secundarias

El plazo límite para presentar una solicitud para participar en el proceso *Choice* es el 3 de noviembre. Se alienta a los padres y a los estudiantes a que asistan a las reuniones abiertas al público (open houses) programadas en octubre en las escuelas secundarias de Northeast Consortium (NEC) y Downcounty Consortium (DCC), y en las escuelas de enseñanza media de Middle School Magnet Consortium (MSMC), para obtener información sobre los programas *Choice*. [Obtenga las fechas y los lugares aquí.](#)

Los padres de los estudiantes que cursan el Grado 8 en DCC y NEC recibirán información sobre el proceso *Choice* por correo a mediados de octubre. Las familias con estudiantes en el Grado 5 recibieron información sobre las opciones de escuela de enseñanza media por correo a fines de septiembre.

También se recomienda a los padres y a los estudiantes que asistan a reuniones de información para conocer más acerca de los programas de ingreso únicamente por solicitud. [Obtenga las fechas y lugares aquí.](#) [Visite esta página de Internet](#) para más información sobre los programas magnet de los Centros para Estudios Enriquecidos (Centers for Enriched Studies) en las escuelas elementales, en las escuelas de enseñanza media Roberto W. Clemente, Eastern y Takoma Park y en las escuelas secundarias Montgomery Blair, Richard Montgomery y Poolesville.

COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEK

Celebrate the 31st Annual Montgomery County Community Service Week

Get ready for a week chock-full of volunteer opportunities across the county in honor of Montgomery County's 31st annual Community Service Week, set for October 22-29. There will be lots of ways for students and families to help a variety of local nonprofits, schools, and government agencies throughout the week, including many projects pre-approved for student service learning hours.

Check the Montgomery County Volunteer Center's [online calendar of volunteer needs](#) for the latest list of projects (and check back regularly as projects are being added daily), and pick any or

all that match your interests! Schools and PTAs are planning volunteer projects as part of the service week. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter/volunteers/Community-Service-Week.html for more information.

Celebre la Trigésima Primera Semana Anual de Servicio Comunitario del Condado de Montgomery

Prepárese para una semana repleta de oportunidades de voluntariado en todo el condado en honor a la Trigésima Primera Semana Anual de Servicio Comunitario del Condado de Montgomery, que tendrá lugar del 22 al 29 de octubre. Habrá muchas maneras en que los estudiantes y las familias podrán ayudar a una variedad de organizaciones sin fines de lucro, escuelas y agencias gubernamentales locales durante la semana, incluyendo muchos proyectos pre-aprobados para horas de aprendizaje mediante servicio estudiantil (Student Service Learning–SSL).

Consulte el [calendario en línea de necesidades de voluntariado](#) en el Centro de Voluntarios del Condado de Montgomery (Montgomery County Volunteer Center) para ver la lista más actualizada de proyectos (y vuelva a consultar la lista regularmente, ya que se agregan proyectos todos los días). ¡Elija cualquier proyecto, o todos los proyectos más adecuados a sus intereses! Las escuelas y las Asociaciones de Padres y Maestros (Parent-Teacher Associations–PTAs) están planeando proyectos para voluntarios como parte de la semana de servicio.

Visite www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter/volunteers/Community-Service-Week.html para más información.

BULLYING

The Safe Schools Reporting Act of 2005 mandates that the Maryland State Department of Education report to the legislature information about incidents of harassment, intimidation, and bullying that were brought to the attention of school staff by students, parents, or close adult relatives of a student. Should you believe that your child is the victim of bullying, please contact the office. MSDE has developed a standard victim reporting form that will be used by students, parents, or close adult relatives of students to report an incident. Access to the form is on the MCPS website or you may ask for a copy in the school's main office.