



HIGHLAND HIGHLIGHTS

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NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR LINKAGES TO LEARNING AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

We are very fortunate to have many after school clubs this year for students sponsored by our Linkages to Learning. However, we have found that many parents have been upset when their child is not able to participate in a club because it's full. We understand this frustration and have been working on finding an equitable registration process. For future clubs, Linkages will announce a sign-up registration day and parents will need to register their child **in person**. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Steffan.

NAACP REPRESENTATIVE FOR HIGHLAND NEEDED

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Parents' Council is looking for active parents/guardians interesting in focusing on the goals of increased parent/guardian involvement and the achievement of Black/African American students. Information about the organization can be found at www.naacppc-md.org. This organization meets monthly at the Carver Educational Services held on the third Thursday of each month. Highland is currently in need of a representative. If you are interested in serving in this position, please contact Mr. Steffan.

ELEMENTARY FOREIGN LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAMS

The immersion lottery process application dates are Feb. 1-May 4. Montgomery County residents may submit a MCPS Form 306-1, Interest Form for the lottery without a MCPS ID number. If a student without an MCPS ID number is invited to an immersion program, the parent will need to pre-enroll their child by May 18, 2018 to accept the immersion seat. Completed immersion interest forms can be returned to DCCAPS, Spring Mill Field Office, 11721 Kemp Mill Rd., Silver Spring by May 4, 2018. DCCAPS will mail student selection notifications to parents and will correspond with elementary schools regarding student selection in May 2018. For questions regarding the lottery process, please call 240-740-2540.

STUDENT TRANSFER APPLICATION SEASON SCHEDULED FROM FEB. 1—APRIL 1, 2018

Montgomery County parents/guardians who wish to request a Change of School Assignment (COSA) for their children from their home school may begin the process during the upcoming transfer season—February 1 through April 1, 2018.

Except for students in the Northeast Consortium (NEC), Downcounty Consortium (DCC), and Middle School Magnet Consortium (MSMC) areas, students in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) are expected to attend the school in the established area in which they live (home school) or where they are assigned in accordance with their Individualized Education Program (IEP). Students may apply for a COSA from the home school or the school of assignment through the IEP process based on the following criteria:

When a documented unique hardship is shown. Problems that are common to a large number of families do not constitute a unique hardship.

When a family moves within Montgomery County, preference to remain in the original school will be considered to complete the current school year only, with the exception that Grade 11 students will be permitted to stay through graduation.

When a younger sibling seeks to attend the school where an older sibling will be enrolled in the regular/general school program, or a special education program, during the year the younger sibling seeks to enroll.

When an older sibling attends a magnet, language immersion, or other application program, a COSA may be approved to the regular school program for a younger sibling on a case-by-case basis. Such approval requires consideration of available classroom space, grade-level enrollment, staffing allocations, or other factors that impact the schools involved. The criteria above regarding siblings does not apply if a boundary change has occurred.

The transfer process begins in the home school where parents/guardians may request the Change of School Assignment (COSA) Information Booklet that contains the COSA form, describes the process, and provides useful information. Beginning the first week of February 2018, the COSA booklet will be available in schools and online on the Student Transfers web page at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/transfers. The booklet will be available in both English and Spanish. Exempt countywide programs that do not fall under the transfer guidelines are listed in the information booklet.

PRE-K/HEAD START REGISTRATION

The 2018-2019 registration season for the MCPS Pre-K/Head Start programs will open on March 5, 2018. The MCPS Prekindergarten/Head Start program serves low-income families with children who will be four years old by September 1, 2018. This includes children with disabilities. Both To increase flexibility; prevent parents from having to wait in a long line; and minimize the amount of time parents may need to take off from work to register their child, we are highly encouraging parents to reach out to the Early Childhood Office prior to March 5 to schedule a personal appointment. All necessary information about registration is on the MCPS website, search Pre-K or Head Start. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Claudia Simmons via email or at 301-230-0676.

IMPORTANT DATES

2/5/18— Report cards distributed

2/6/18—PTA Meeting @7:00 p.m.

2/7/18—Winter Concert @ 7:00 p.m.

2/15/18—No Head Start classes

2/19/18—No School President's Day

2/20-2/23—Head Start home visits, no school for Head Start students

2/22/18—No Prek-Classes
Literacy Night 6-7

2/27/18—PreK/Head Start Parent Meeting 9-10:30 a.m.
Grade 3 to Imagination Stage

**CAR-RIDER LOOP:
PARENTS PLEASE
DO NOT LEAVE
YOUR VEHICLE UN-
ATTENDED AT ANY
TIME AND PLEASE
DO NOT BLOCK
OTHER CARS! If you
are picking up a child
in the car rider loop,
please remain in your
vehicle-thank you!**

