



# HIGHLAND HIGHLIGHTS

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## APPLICATIONS FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICED MEALS

Students already brought home the Application Form for Meals Benefits for the school year 2018-2019. Please make sure to return the application form by September 28th with your child to their teacher or to the school office. If the information that you provide is incomplete, your application may be delayed or denied. You will be notified when your application for meals benefits is approved or denied. New this year, families can apply on-line at: <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>. If you have any questions or need help to complete the form, please contact the office at: 240-740-1770. Thank you!



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Each year schools are required to update the emergency/crisis plan and practice fire evacuation drills and Lockdown and Shelter-in-Place drills. In the event of an evacuation on-site, students will be directed to the back playground. In the event we need to evacuate off-site, we will report to **St. Catherine's Church/Avalon School**. Our alternate site is **Einstein H.S.** Our parent/reunification (PCR) is a systematic process we use during an emergency to assist us in reuniting students with their parents. During this process, parents will need to report to the All Purpose Room and bring identification. If you have any questions about our emergency plan, please contact the school.



## MORNING AND AFTERNOON PROCEDURES

All parents and visitors who enter the building must sign in at the main office and receive a visitor's sticker. Parents are welcome to walk their child to class before 9:00 a.m. The instructional day begins at 9:00 a.m. Students who arrive after 9:00 a.m. will be marked tardy. **Parents will not be permitted to walk their child to class after 9:00 a.m. to avoid disrupting classroom instruction.**



Dismissal begins at 3:25 p.m. Parents will be permitted to enter the building at **3:15 p.m.** Students who will be picked up by a parent/guardian, will be waiting in the cafeteria. Parents should wait in a line outside of the cafeteria until the doors are opened. Parents should make sure to see the classroom teacher before taking their child home. **Parents who need to pick up their child early (i.e. for medical appointments) must arrive in the office before 3:05 p.m.** The end of the day can be extremely busy with teachers giving important last minute directions and homework assignments therefore we ask that parents arrive before 3:05 p.m. if they need to pick up their child early. If a parent arrives after 3:05 p.m., they will be asked to wait until students are dismissed at 3:25 p.m.

## LINKAGES TO LEARNING & SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER

**Linkages to Learning** is a collaborative initiative among the [Montgomery County Public Schools](#), [Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services](#), and [private community providers](#). A variety of mental health, health, social and educational support services are made available to address the possible barriers to learning. Each Linkages to Learning site develops its own unique combination of activities based on the resources and needs within the community. Our Linkages to Learning program is housed in our school based health center.

The SBHCs help children and families become healthy, achieve academic success and become socially secure in their communities. Nurse practitioners and physicians join with school staff, social service and mental health professionals and other providers to assure that students and families have access to the care and services they need. Comprehensive health services are available to eligible children attending Highland, their eligible siblings, and to selected community children in the Care for Kids program: and Laboratory testing. Students must return completed forms to receive services at the School Based Health Center. If you have questions, please call the Health Room at 240-740-1758



## IMPORTANT DATES

9/19/18—No school for students & teachers

9/24/18—PTA Fundraiser at Panera in Aspen Hill—6-9 p.m.

9/25/18—Pre K/Head Start Parent Orientation—9-10:30 a.m.

10/2/18—PTA Meeting @ 7:00 PM

## HISPANIC HOTLINE

This is a telephone service available to parents to help you:

Communicate with your child's school

Interpret information that is sent home from school

Learn about adult education opportunities

Become aware of the services available to Montgomery County community

**(240) 740-2845**

Monday-Friday

8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

