



The Owl's Hoot

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Dear Luxmanor Families,

We have already reached the middle of the first marking period. On Monday, October 8th, we will host our annual FAB Dads/Special Guest Breakfast beginning at 8:15 a.m. We invite every child to bring someone special in their life to breakfast – dad, mom, aunt, uncle, mentor, whomever they would like to bring. Afterwards, we will have our annual Open House from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. All parents are invited to join your child in their classroom to see what a typical day looks like for them.

Our Book Fair also begins on Monday the 8th and runs for the entire week, ending on Friday, October 12th. Students will visit the fair with their class, but will also have the opportunity to return later in the week.

On Wednesday, October 24th we will host a principal's coffee at 9:15 a.m. During this meeting, we will discuss how Luxmanor is supporting the emotional needs of our students. Mrs. Silverberg will present on the mindfulness strategies we are using in our classrooms, as well as Restorative Circles.

Our annual Halloween Parade and celebrations will be held on Wednesday, October 31st. All students will begin the celebrations at 2:00 p.m. with an outdoor parade followed by classroom parties. Parents, guests and other relatives are invited to watch our parade or to wear costumes and join us! If rain cancels the outdoor parade, we will parade the costumes inside the building. Following the parade and photo opportunities, teachers will lead students back into the school. Classroom parties will begin



October 8	Open House, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
October 8-12	Book Fair
October 23	Science Fair
October 24	Principal's Coffee 9:15 a.m.
October 31	Halloween Parade and parties
November 6	No School
November 7	Early Dismissal, 12:55 p.m.
November 12	Early Dismissal, 12:55 p.m. – Parent Conference Day
November 13	Early Dismissal, 12:55 p.m. – Parent Conference Day

immediately after the parade, at approximately 2:30 p.m. If your child plans to wear their Halloween costume for the parade, please send it to school in a bag marked with your child's name. Students should not wear their costumes to and from school. Costumes that replicate violent acts, contain replica weapons or which could be described as gory are not permitted.

If you would prefer for your child not to participate in the Halloween parade and/or classroom party, please let your child's teacher know. There will be an alternate activity available in the media center for students not participating.

As I recently informed you, Luxmanor was selected as a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School. We appreciate all of your emails and notes. This is an honor that celebrates the work of the entire community and we are truly fortunate to work in a community that supports the work we do.

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for November 12th and 13th. If you have not had the opportunity to schedule a conference with your child's teacher, please be sure to either email them or call them at school to schedule your meeting.

Just a reminder that during arrival and dismissal, cars are not permitted in the bus loop in the parking lot. The pick-up location for our students who are car riders is on the side of the building on Dickens Lane. We close the parking lot off at approximately 8:40 a.m. and 3:20 p.m.

Below you will find additional information regarding MCPS. We are here to make sure your child has a great school year! Please do not hesitate to contact us with your questions/concerns.

Thank you for everything you do for Luxmanor!

Sincerely,

Ryan D. Forkert

Principal

Jennifer Redden

Principal Intern

MCPS Parent Academy

The MCPS Parent Academy has kicked off its fall season on September 24. Parents/guardians and members of the community are invited to participate in these free workshops that provide information, resources, tools, and tips to support your child's success in school. Don't miss this season of workshops, which will be offered on a range of topics, including college and career planning, study skills, cybersafety and social media, and positive communication.

Parent Academy workshops are free. Childcare and interpretation services are provided upon request. A full list of courses is available on the [Parent Academy website](#).

Academia para Padres de MCPS

La Academia para Padres de MCPS inició su temporada de otoño el 24 de septiembre. Los padres/guardianes y miembros de la comunidad están invitados a participar en estos talleres gratuitos que brindan información, recursos, herramientas y consejos para apoyar el éxito de sus

hijos en la escuela. No se pierda esta temporada de talleres, que tratarán una variedad de temas, que incluyen planificación universitaria y profesional, destrezas de estudio, ciberseguridad y redes sociales y comunicación positiva.

Los talleres de la Academia para Padres son gratuitos. Se ofrecerán servicios de cuidado infantil y de interpretación de idiomas a pedido. Una lista completa de los talleres está a disposición en el sitio web de la [Academia para Padres](#).

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MIDDLE SCHOOL OPTIONS FOR GRADE 5 STUDENTS**

To Grade 5 students and parents/guardians:

The following middle school program information is for you to consider for school year 2019–2020. Please see the details below.

The Middle School Magnet Consortium (MSMC) Schools: Argyle, A. Mario Loiederman, and Parkland

*Argyle Magnet School for Digital Design and Development
A. Mario Loiederman Magnet School for Creative and Performing Arts
Parkland Magnet School for Aerospace Technology*

CHOOSE SUCCESS! The MSMC is made up of three middle schools, each of which offers an innovative and challenging magnet curriculum. All Grade 5 students are eligible to participate in the Choice Process. Students who live within the MSMC attendance area will participate and those who live outside of the MSMC boundaries are invited to participate to be selected for an MSMC school. *

MSMC Evening Information Meeting: Grade 5 students and their parents are invited to attend an information meeting to learn about the Choice process and to hear overviews of the MSMC programs. *No information about Roberto W. Clemente, Eastern, Martin Luther King Jr., or Takoma Park Middle Schools will be shared. Presentation will be available in English and Spanish. You have the option of watching it live!* Go to the MCPS webpage to view at 6:00 p.m. on September 25, 2018, to see the live presentation in English. (If connectivity for our LIVEstream is poor, the video presentation will be made available within three days for parents)

- ◆ John F. Kennedy High School, September 25, 2018, 6:00 p.m. •1901 Randolph Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20902

Information about the Choice process also will be available at each of the MSMC Open Houses listed below.

MSMC Open Houses: Grade 5 students and their parents are invited to attend all three MSMC open houses to learn about each school's unique magnet program. All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

- ◆ A. Mario Loiederman Middle School, October 3, 2018 ◆ 12701 Goodhill Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20906
- ◆ Parkland Middle School, October 17, 2018 ◆ 4610 West Frankfort Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20853
- ◆ Argyle Middle School, October 24, 2018 ◆ 2400 Bel Pre Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20906

MCPS students who live outside the MSMC* will use their student Gmail account to complete and submit a Choice form at bit.ly/choiceMSMC (case-sensitive). This link will be active in mid-October.

The deadline for Choice forms is November 2, 2018.

For more information, visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/msmagnet/

* MSMC elementary schools within boundaries are: Brookhaven, Georgian Forest, Harmony Hills, Sargent Shriver, Strathmore, Viers Mill, Weller Road, and Wheaton Woods.

Provide Input on Important Board of Education Policy

The Montgomery County Board of Education is seeking public comments on draft Board Policy KEA, *Political Campaigns and Political Materials* (KEA), and changing the policy name to *Civic Engagement, Political Campaigns, and Political Materials*. The revised and renamed policy reflects the Board's desire to allow students to receive excused absences for participation in civic engagement activities.

During the 2017–2018 school year, many MCPS students became involved in important issues confronting our country and even received national recognition for their engagement. As a result, students, families, and Board members expressed interest in supporting student participation in civic activities without impact on their attendance status. Currently, Policy KEA permits students in Grades 9-12 to participate in political campaign activity during school hours during the two-

week period immediately prior to a primary or general election, at the request of the political candidate or organization with written parent/guardian consent, and written approval of the principal/designee. The public comment period for this policy will be limited to 30 days, until Friday, October 12, 2018. More information is provided [here](#).

Dé Su Opinión sobre Una Importante Política del Consejo

El Consejo de Educación del Condado de Montgomery está solicitando comentarios del público sobre el borrador de la Política KEA del Consejo, *Campañas Políticas y Materiales Políticos* (KEA), y sobre el cambio de nombre de la política a *Compromiso Cívico, Campañas Políticas y Materiales Políticos*. La política revisada y con el nuevo nombre refleja el deseo del Consejo de permitir que a los estudiantes se les otorguen ausencias justificadas por participar en actividades de compromiso cívico.

Durante el ciclo escolar 2017–2018, muchos estudiantes de MCPS se involucraron en asuntos importantes que afronta nuestro país e incluso recibieron reconocimiento nacional por su participación. Como resultado, los estudiantes, las familias y los miembros del Consejo expresaron interés en apoyar la participación de los estudiantes en actividades cívicas, sin que eso afecte su situación en cuanto a la asistencia escolar. Actualmente, la Política KEA permite que los estudiantes en los Grados 9–12 participen en actividades de campaña política durante el horario escolar, durante el período de dos semanas inmediatamente anterior a una elección primaria o general, a solicitud del candidato/a u organización política, con el consentimiento por escrito del padre/madre/guardián y la aprobación por escrito del director/a de la escuela o persona designada. El período para comentarios del público para esta política se limitará a 30 días, hasta el viernes, 12 de octubre, 2018. [Aquí](#) se provee más información.