NORTH BETHESDA MIDDLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

5.14  PTSA Meeting 7:00 p.m. Media Center
      2019-2020 officers will be voted in and there will be a speaker discussing vaping.

5.14  7th and 8th Grade MCAP – English Language Arts (ELA)

5.15  7th and 8th Grade MCAP – ELA

5.16  6th Grade ELA

5.16  Last day for activity buses

5.17  6th Grade ELA

5.17  Beauty and the Beast, Jr. 7:00 p.m.

5.18  Beauty and the Beast, Jr. 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

5.19  Beauty and the Beast, Jr. 2:00 p.m.

5.24  GT/LD Parent Coffee 10:30 – 12:00 p.m.

6/7  Walter Johnson High School Graduation

6/7  8th Grade Dance 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

6/13  8th Grade Hershey Park trip

6/14  8th Grade Awards Ceremony

6/14  Last Day of School – Half Day

Dear North Bethesda Family:

Happy Mother’s Day! Thank you for everything the PTSA did for our staff during Staff Appreciation week. Staff loved the amazing cupcakes, the succulents, the seeds and, the delicious lunch Wednesday. The bulletin board that was decorated with notes of appreciation for students was amazing. Staff also enjoyed a breakfast and a snack treat in the form of “room service” on Thursday provided by administration. This issue includes photos of some of our events from last week that can only be seen if you open the attachment to this e-mail or look at the News and Notes on our website.
Wednesday was a trying day for students and staff with the shelter and lockdown. I want to express my appreciation to parents who reached out with words of support and were patient as I responded to communicated questions and concerns by e-mail or phone.

Thursday’s transition to middle school networking event was well attended by more than 100 rising 6th grade parents. We appreciate the current parents who led small group discussions and the counselors for coordinating, attending and providing informative materials for the parents.

Friday, we were able to see the excited faces of next year’s 6th grade class. What a great group! They were enthusiastic, polite, and energetic! I am thankful to enjoy strong partnerships with the cluster principals so we can easily coordinate such events.

Thank you to our amazing 8th grade student artists and their friends and families who attended the 15th annual opening reception of the Diversity Through the Arts Show this past Friday evening at the Rockville Memorial Library. This is a collaboration between the Montgomery County Executive’s Office, MCPS, and the Rockville Memorial Library to celebrate the cultural diversity of our middle school students. The show will be on display on the second floor rotunda until the end of August.”

Thank you to Tina Montello and Kelly Boeckl for taking our first STEM SOCIETY members to present their inventions to save the environment at Gaithersburg High School this past Saturday.
The Music in the Arts participants enjoyed beautiful weather after having amazing performances. Band, Orchestra, and Chorus all earned superior ratings!

DRESS/LOST AND FOUND

Please remind your students to dress appropriately for school. Important things to remember. We do not permit “belly” shirts and clothes that expose undergarments. Shorts should not expose any part of a student’s backside. Students should also be sure to bring a sweater or sweatshirt because parts of the building are cold because of the air conditioning.

Please encourage your child to check the lost and found outside the cafeteria. At the end of the quarter, items will be donated to charity.

MCAP TESTING INFORMATION
Beginning Tuesday, May 14th, all North Bethesda Middle School students will be taking the MCAP reading/language arts and mathematics assessments. Attendance on assessment days are important and eliminate the need to pull your child from their regular class to make-up missed assessments. Encourage your children to be well-rested and have a good breakfast so they are ready to show what they know! Please review the attached assessment schedule and contact me at Mark_Smith@mcpsmd.org if you have any questions and or concerns. The school testing schedule is linked HERE and on the NBMS website.

The Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) provides information to educators, parents and the public on student progress towards proficiency on the Maryland state content standards. Through a strong assessment system, stakeholders gain an understanding of how schools are performing and where assistance can be directed to support student growth and achievement.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that states administer annual assessments statewide assessments to all students in reading/language arts and mathematics in grades 3–8 and once in high school, as well as in science once in each grade span (3–5, 6–8 and high school), and annual English language proficiency assessments in grades K–12 for all English learners. Maryland also provides Alternate Assessments written to the Alternate Standards for those students who require this accommodation.

SAFETY
As spring weather is upon us, students will be walking and bicycling more to school. Please review the MCPS SAFE ROUTES website with your child. Also, remind your children not to play in the storm drain on NBMS property.

SUPPORT NBMS
ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS!!!
Preparations are underway for the Class of 2019 festivities! Our committee is working hard to make sure that the end of the year is memorable for all NBMS 8th grade students! We need you for a successful year end!
Click here for the PTSA Flyer with information regarding how to support 8th grade events

Please consider donating $10 or whatever amount you choose to help at http://www.nbms-pts.org/8th-grade-activities:
• 8th Grade Party on Fri., June 7 from 7–9 p.m.
• Class T-shirt to be worn on the all-day class trip to Hershey Park
• Yearbook Signing & Donut Party on last day of school from 8:30–9:30 a.m.

COUNSELING CENTER NEWS
SUMMER IS COMING! See below for some great opportunities for our students!

AALEAD supports low-income and underserved Asian Pacific American youth with educational empowerment, identity development, and leadership opportunities through after school, summer, and mentoring programs. I am writing to recruit students at your school for our IGNITE 2019 Summer Program. AALEAD is hosting a free five-week summer program for low-income and underserved Asian Pacific American middle school and high
school youth in Montgomery County. Five full-time staff will lead youth through interactive and engaging team-building, identity exploration, and SSL and leadership development activities each day and take youth on weekly field trips. The program takes place Monday July 1 through Thursday August 1, 2019; 9:30 am – 4:00 pm at Parkland Magnet Middle School. Program information and applications are attached to this email for your reference.

FY19 Program Participation

FY19 IGNITE FLYER

WALTER JOHNSON LACROSSE CAMP. Click here for the brochure.

Acceptance to Terp Discovery at the University of Maryland is competitive and based upon academic performance. This 2-week summer program gives students the opportunity to attend courses taught by UMD faculty, engage with experts in innovative fields, and collaborate with other students. Students participate in interactive seminars, workshops and social activities that provide an introduction to campus life at Maryland and all of their great resources. Learn more at: http://discovery.umd.edu

MCPS Career Readiness Camps – calling all middle school students, registration is now open! Camps will take place at Gaithersburg High School June 24–28 and Thomas Edison High School of Technology July 8–July 12. Students will explore skilled and professional careers that match their career goals and areas of interest with career academies and high school programs. Camps run 8:30am – 12:30pm and cost $50/week. To register, visit: https://goo.gl.VEaWQf.

LGBTQIA School Community Forum

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019

Working to build, support and advocate for a stronger and more diverse LGBTQIA school community in partnership with MCCPTA, Montgomery County Public Schools and community organizations.

Thomas S. Wootton High School,
2100 Wootton Parkway, Rockville MD, 20850

Time: 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

RSVP Online

Giant A+ School Rewards Program

Please sign up for Giant A+ School Rewards Program to support our school

How Do Parents/Guardians Community Members Sign Up

- Locate your 12-digit Giant card number found on the back of your card.
- Visit https://giantfood.com/aplus and select “register your card,” located in the box at the top right of the webpage. Follow the prompts to complete the registration, or call the A+ School Rewards Hotline at 1-877-275-2758 for assistance.
If you have a Giant card but do not know your 12-digit card number, call the Giant card hotline at 1-877-366-2668 and select Option #1.

If you need a Giant card, please visit your local store or visit giantfood.com

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

The main office staff asked me to share the following with parents/guardians:

In the afternoon, we receive a high volume of requests from parents who are either picking up a student or sending a message to them. Often, this occurs during the last 20 minutes of the school day. We want to accommodate these requests and ask for your help to ensure a more efficient process. See below for some helpful practices:

- Please send a note with your child in the morning requesting that he/she be in the office at the time you would like to leave. The student will get a pass, which is then presented to the appropriate teacher at the appropriate time. The child will come to the main office. You can sign them out and off you go! This is especially helpful during the lunch time.
- A similar strategy can help with your child remembering after school schedules – write a note and put it in the Student Handbook.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS/LINKS:

Attendance Note

Bullying and Harassment reporting form. Form 230–35

Grade Level News

MYMCPS Parent Portal Resources

MYMCPS Overview

MYMCPS PORTAL GUIDE

Cyberbullying

SSL coordinator: Carla_A_Jurewicz@mcpsmd.org.

Safe Schools Hotline and Information: safeschoolsmd.org/.

MCPS has created a webpage to celebrate the good news about the district’s great students, staff, and schools. What’s Good, MCPS stories are collected from social media, MCPS community and staff newsletters, local media, and more. You can also join in the conversation and tell us about the great things you are seeing in MCPS
by using the hashtag #WhatsGoodMCPS on social media or by submitting the following form when you hear about other good news: docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfyax02sFuOLtrFkdSzBmH7JLPfgy-Y-HIST3uElp_FyWvgW5jA/viewform. The webpage will be updated regularly so check back frequently.

MCPS NEWS

New on the MCPS Web

MCPS TV

Esta Semana en MCPS
Esta Semana en MCPS is a brief update, in Spanish, on what is happening throughout the district. The shows are cablecast on MCPS TV and may be viewed at the following URL:
- Spanish: www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC2A7ADDEDFF1F2A2E

Graduations Begin May 24 (English and Spanish)
The 2019 high school commencement season is set to begin on Friday, May 24, and will end on Thursday, June 13. Graduations taking place at DAR Constitution Hall will be streamed live, courtesy of DAR, on DAR’s website at www.dar.org/constitution-hall/watch-graduation-live-stream. The graduation schedule can be found here.

MCPS is inviting parents/guardians to submit their favorite graduation snapshots. Parents and guardians should select the best graduation photo of their child(ren) and e-mail it to pio@mcpsmd.org. Many of the pictures will be posted on the MCPS website. Parents, guardians, and students also can submit photos via Twitter (using the hashtag #mcpsgrad). Pictures will be reposted on social media.

To contribute a photo via e-mail, follow these simple steps:
- Choose your best, horizontal snapshot.
- Send the photo as a jpeg file (no larger than 4 MB) and e-mail it to pio@mcpsmd.org.
- Include your child’s first name and school name. (We will not publish last names.)

By submitting a photo, parents/guardians are agreeing to its use for publication on the MCPS website. If you have questions, contact the Department of Public Information and Web Services at 240-740-2837 or via e-mail, at pio@mcpsmd.org.

Las Ceremonias de Graduación Comienzan el 24 de Mayo
La temporada de ceremonias de graduación 2019 de las escuelas secundarias está programada para comenzar el viernes, 24 de mayo, y terminará el jueves, 13 de junio. Las ceremonias de graduación que se realizan en DAR Constitution Hall se transmitirán en vivo, por cortesía de DAR, en el sitio web

MCPS invita a los padres/guardianes a que envíen sus fotos de graduación favoritas. Los padres y guardianes deberán seleccionar la mejor foto de graduación de su hijo/a o hijos/as y enviarla por correo electrónico a pio@mcpsmd.org. Muchas de las fotos se publicarán en el sitio web de MCPS. Los padres, guardianes y estudiantes pueden también enviar fotos a través de Twitter, usando la etiqueta (“hashtag”) #mcpsgrad. Las fotos serán reenviadas en los medios sociales.

Para contribuir una foto por correo electrónico, siga estos simples pasos:
- Escoja su mejor foto, en formato horizontal.
- Envíe la foto en formato jpeg (no más grande de 4 MB) y enviela por correo electrónico a pio@mcpsmd.org.
- Incluya el nombre de su hijo/a y el nombre de la escuela. (Nosotros no publicaremos apellidos.)

Al contribuir una foto, los padres dan su consentimiento para que sea publicada en el sitio web de MCPS. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, por favor contacte al Departamento de Información Pública y Servicios Web (Department of Public Information and Web Services), teléfono 240-740-2837, o envíe un correo electrónico a pio@mcpsmd.org.

Nominations Open for Staff & Student ESOL Awards (English and Spanish)

Nominations are open for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Outstanding Student, Outstanding Teacher, and Principal of the Year Awards. The ESOL/Bilingual Advisory Committee (EBAC) will be presenting several awards:

- Outstanding Teacher Awards will be given to three ESOL teachers (one each in elementary, middle, and high school) who are excellent teachers and leaders and who have guided ESOL students in learning English and adjusting to life in the U.S.
  Teacher nomination form:
docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJ4uEsfYFq0gLUFdLG-erkU8pHtEFL67L8vn-89PI2FTV6Xw/viewform?pli=1

- Principal of the Year will be awarded to one principal who has provided exceptional support to the ESOL/Bilingual program in their school.
  Principal nomination form:
docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc3QNUGEBpPPvsPexfZqQfIKnx6o9cp1TU8Y5KbbYu4bD3lI/viewform?pli=1

- Each school may nominate one ESOL student for every 20 ESOL students. These students will have shown growth in English language development and content during the 2018-2019 school year.
  Student nomination form:
Additional supporting documents, such as letters or statements, may be attached to the respective Google form as PDF files. All nominations are due online by Friday, May 10. For questions, contact Tamisha L. Sampson, supervisor of the Elementary Integrated Curriculum Team.

Nominaciones Abiertas para los Premios ESOL para el Personal y los Estudiantes
Las nominaciones están abiertas para los Premios de Inglés para Personas Que Hablan Otros Idiomas (English for Speakers of Other Languages—ESOL) al Estudiante Destacado/a, Maestro/a Destacado y Director/a de Escuela del Año. El Comité de ESOL/Asesoramiento Bilingüe (ESOL/Bilingual Advisory Committee—EBAC) presentará varios premios:

- El Premio al Maestro/a Destacado/a será adjudicado a tres maestros/as de ESOL (uno/a de las escuelas elementales, uno/a de las escuelas de enseñanza media y uno/a de las escuelas secundarias), por ser excelentes maestros/as y líderes y por guiar a los estudiantes de ESOL en el aprendizaje del idioma inglés y en su adaptación a la vida en los Estados Unidos. Formulario de Nominación de Un Maestro/a: docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0qGsWn90vXhBN9yqQ204gBD8g260Nl8L68qKzwQkI/viewform?pli=1

- El Premio al Director/a de Escuela del Año será adjudicado a un director/a de escuela que haya proporcionado apoyo excepcional a ESOL/Programa Bilingüe de su escuela. Formulario de Nominación de Un Director/a de Escuela: docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc3QJ4zPb8zPwruKtqf77dL8v89PI2FTV6Xw/viewform?pli=1

- Cada escuela puede nominar a un/a estudiante de ESOL por cada 20 estudiantes de ESOL. Estos/as estudiantes habrán mostrado crecimiento en la adquisición de lenguaje en inglés y contenido académico durante el ciclo escolar 2018-2019. Formulario de Nominación de Un/a Estudiante: docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScotB4ggd-c1Jk8Eu7AVMxdX6wKd-2cYzHzwQIKXjGHjAUaLf/viewform?pli=1

Se puede adjuntar al respectivo formulario de Google documentación adicional de apoyo, como por ejemplo cartas o declaraciones, en formato PDF. Todas las nominaciones deben ser presentadas en línea a más tardar el viernes, 10 de mayo. Para preguntas, por favor contacte a Tamisha L. Sampson, supervisora del Equipo de Currículum Elemental Integrado (Elementary Integrated Curriculum Team).

Don’t Miss the 2019 Gaithersburg Book Festival (English and Spanish)
The 2019 Gaithersburg Book Festival will take place Saturday, May 18, on the grounds of Gaithersburg City Hall, 31 South Summit Avenue in Gaithersburg. The festival features a great lineup
of authors and activities for children of all ages. Several members of the MCPS community will be conducting readings at the festival, and there will be programs, workshops, and activities in the Children’s Village that are designed to promote interest in reading and writing.

More than 100 authors are scheduled to appear. Among the children’s and young adults authors attending are: Zeno Alexander; Fred Bowen; Amy Ewing; Jessica Day George; and Monica Hesse. Some of the writing workshops will cover how to build suspense, creative writing in Spanish, and journal writing.

For more information about the festival, visit www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org.

No se Pierda el Festival del Libro de Gaithersburg 2019
El Festival del Libro de Gaithersburg 2019 tendrá lugar el sábado, 18 de mayo, en los terrenos de Gaithersburg City Hall, 31 South Summit Avenue, en Gaithersburg. El festival ofrece un programa estupendo con autores y actividades para niños de todas las edades. Varios miembros de la comunidad de MCPS ofrecerán lecturas durante el festival, y habrá programas, talleres y actividades en la Villa de los Niños (Children’s Village) diseñados para promover el interés en la lectura y la escritura.

Más de 100 autores están programados para presentarse. Entre los autores de libros infantiles y libros para jóvenes adultos que asistirán se encuentran: Zeno Alexander, Fred Bowen, Amy Ewing, Jessica Day George y Monica Hesse. Algunos de los talleres de escritura cubrirán cómo crear suspenso, escritura creativa en español y escritura en diario personal.

Para más información sobre el festival, visite www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org.

Summer School Registration Under Way (English and Spanish)
Summer school registration is under way for the high school regional summer school program. The high school program is open to all students who are residents of Montgomery County, whether or not they are enrolled in MCPS. The high school program will be offered at four locations: James Hubert Blake, Winston Churchill, Gaithersburg, and Northwood high schools. The first session runs from Monday, June 24 through Friday, July 12; the second session runs from Tuesday, July 16 through Thursday, August 1.

Parents/guardians should contact the summer school coordinator at their child’s school for information on the middle school program. More information is available at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/extendedhours/summerschool/high.aspx#sites.

Ya Están en Marcha las Inscripciones para la Escuela de Verano
Ya están abiertas las inscripciones para el programa de escuela de verano regional para las escuelas secundarias. El programa de escuela secundaria está abierto a todos los estudiantes que residen en el Condado de Montgomery, estén o no matriculados en Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). El programa de escuela secundaria se ofrecerá en cuatro lugares: las escuelas secundarias James
Hubert Blake, Winston Churchill, Gaithersburg y Northwood. La primera sesión es desde el lunes, 24 de junio, hasta el viernes, 12 de julio; la segunda sesión es desde el martes, 16 de julio, hasta el jueves, 1ro. de agosto.

Los padres/guardianes deberán comunicarse con el coordinador/a de la escuela de verano en la escuela de su hijo/a para obtener información sobre el programa para las escuelas de enseñanza media. Hay más información disponible en www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/extendedhours/summerschool/high.aspx#sites.

High School Career Readiness Camps (English and Spanish)
MCPS is offering summer readiness camps for students to explore skilled and professional careers and match their career goals and interest with career academies and high school programs. The camps will take place from 8:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Thomas Edison High School of Technology from Monday, July 15, 2019, to Friday, August 2, 2019. Students currently in Grade 8 are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Leslie A. Cardenas, transition specialist, Transition Services Unit, at 301-649-8008. To register, visit tinyurl.com/y5sdm535.

MCPS to Host Private Screening of the Film, Circles
MCPS staff, students, and families are invited to a free, private screening of the film, Circles. During the event, guests will have an exclusive chance to hear from the star of the film, Mr. Eric Butler, about his implementation of restorative circles both professionally and personally. Circles focuses on the life of Eric Butler, a Hurricane Katrina survivor and pioneer of the Restorative Justice movement. Shot over two years, the film follows Butler’s impassioned efforts to nurture troubled youth and keep them in school, fighting racial discrimination by replacing snap suspensions and expulsions with gritty, intimate, and honest mentoring.

The screening will take place on Tuesday, May 28, at 6:00 p.m. at AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center in Silver Spring. Admission is free, but tickets must be reserved online, at docs.google.com/forms/d/1ky1J5d2C_zPSlRbSYP3nSVAU-zli1AfBc9x0P-sCcQ/edit.

2019 Special Education Parent Involvement Survey (English and Spanish)
Parents or guardians of children receiving special education and related services are asked to complete the 2019 Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey over the next few weeks. The information you provide will help guide the state’s efforts in improving special education and related services in public schools. The survey is anonymous and can be completed online. The deadline to complete the survey is Friday, May 17. Visit www.mdparentsurvey.com/ to complete the survey.

Encuesta 2019 de Educación Especial sobre Participación de los Padres
Se solicita a los padres o guardianes de estudiantes que reciben educación especial y servicios relacionados que en las próximas semanas completen la Encuesta 2019 de Maryland de Participación de los Padres en Educación Especial. La información que usted provea servirá para guiar los esfuerzos del estado a fin de mejorar la educación especial y los servicios relacionados en las escuelas públicas. La encuesta es anónima y se puede completar en línea. El plazo límite para completar la encuesta es el viernes, 1ro. de mayo. Visite www.mdparentsurvey.com/ para completar la encuesta.

Have a fantastic week!

Respectfully,

AnneMarie Kestner Smith, Ed.D.
Principal
North Bethesda Middle School Website

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