



February 17, 2019
North Bethesda Middle School
News and Notes



NORTH BETHESDA MIDDLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/22 HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE SEMINAR FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS. 6 – 7:30 p.m. Click here for [EVENT FLYER](#)
- 2/19 Presidents' Day Holiday – No School for students and staff
- 2/22 Community circles through SOARR
- 3/1 Early Dismissal for students (12:30 p.m.)
- 3/1 Clay Smile presentation
- 3/8 SGA Social/Dance 3-5 PM
- 3/8 PTA Sponsored March Madness Tournament – Walter Johnson High School

SAVE THE DATE: March 15, 2019 PTSA Skate Night at Cabin John Skating Rink – 8:15 – 9:45 p.m. More information to come. For questions, please contact Marla Hollander, VP Student Enrichment, MarHollander@aol.com

Dear North Bethesda Family:

This past week, in alignment with the Maryland Safe to Learn Act of 2018, we trained our students in “lockdown with options” through grade level team meetings. The students were very attentive and thoughtful. One key term discussed was “situational awareness.” The students also learned the terms, Avoid, Deny, and Defend.

Our Coffee with the Counselors was very well attended. Mr. Vincent DeVivo from the United States Attorney’s Office, District of MD, presented, “Innocence Stolen: Protecting Our Children Online. The program reviewed the array of threats students (and adults) face when they go online. I will be posting some resources on our website in the coming weeks.

March 8 will be an afternoon and evening of fun for the NBMS community. We are looking forward to a great SGA Social/Dance on March 8 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the gym. In the evening there will be the PTSA Sponsored March Madness Tournament at Walter Johnson High School from 6:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. More information below!

What: SGA Sponsored Social

When: Friday, March 8 from 3-5

Where: North Bethesda Gym and Cafeteria

Come hang out with friends, listen to music, shoot some hoops, and have pizza! Tickets will be on sale starting March 5 each morning in the lobby! Hope to see you there!

2019 March Madness: NBMS Basketball Tournament

What is it? A Basketball tournament for NBMS Students! This is a great family and community event, it gives parents, guardians, grandparents, etc. and staff the opportunity to mingle with each other, to get to know your kid's new friends and your student's families while the kids play basketball and/or cheer for their friends!

Who will Play? Teams of 5 NBMS students from the same grade (boys/girls). 5 minute elimination games. Winning teams will continue to the next round. We will have a winner team per grade/category.

When is the Tournament? Friday, March 8th, 6-8:45 pm

Where: WJHS Gym - **It is a Family Event. Not a drop off event**

How can I help? We need the support of parents/grandparents/teachers/staff to help us make this event a success. **Tasks involved include distributing registration forms at lunch time, set up/run the game, monitor doors and hallways, keep scores, assist students, etc./clean up after the event.**

Blank registration and waiver forms are in the NBMS main office but you can also print the forms from the PTSA website. <http://www.nbms-pta.org/announcements/savethedate-marchmadnessfridaymarch8>

In addition to dropping off completed forms at the school, you can scan and email directly to me. bobbkim@gmail.com

We need volunteers to sign up for various roles for this event. Sign up online. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4dafa92ca3fa7-2019>

ACCEPTANCE

An NBMS mother made a good point to me emphasizing that perhaps rather than tolerance, we should use the word acceptance. Here at NBMS, we strive to create an environment well all students feel accepted and valued. When discussing being vigilant in the lockdown with options drill, I talked about how students should be vigilant not only in terms of physical safety, but also in looking out for one another's emotional safety. When they see students being unkind to others, they should step in and be an ally to show others that being unkind is not cool or funny.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL SAFETY

We greatly appreciate our PTSA in supporting us both academically and in the realm of social emotional health. On the March 1st half day, students will be attending grade level assemblies where they will be engaged by a presentation from the [CLAYSMILE](#) organization. This presentation will inspire students to have a positive mindset in order to reach their personal, academic and/or professional goals.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

I had the opportunity to observe Ms. Montello's 8th grade science classes. Students broke in to groups and created one model of the water cycle. They did a beautiful job. I especially loved the story one group wrote describing the "lives" of four raindrops. So creative and cute!

COUNSELING NEWS

Remember that **Mindfulness Mondays** are happening at S.O.A.R.R. all year long. Encourage your tween to come check it out. We are practicing focusing our minds and with that relieving stress and anxiety and creating an atmosphere of calm. Skills are transferable anywhere!

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! Please consider **donating \$10 or whatever amount you choose** to help with the cost of our:

- **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.

Attention 8th Graders: What better way to spend your 3-day weekend than designing your class shirt! This is the last call for entries, we still need more fashion designers to enter. Just follow the rules below and submit to the front office:

8th Grade T-shirt Design Contest Rules

Entries must:

be original student art.

- Contain the year "2019", the entire name of the school (North Bethesda Middle School) or the acronym (NBMS), and a reference to 8th grade.
- Be on standard size 8.5 x 11 inch white paper.
- Be in black ink only. No photocopies. (Tip: sketch in pencil then trace in ink); computer printouts acceptable
- Be school appropriate/related theme
- When complete, print the 8th grade student's name and history teacher's name on the back of the entry.
- Submit your entry (inside a sealed envelope) to the front office in the box labeled "Place T-Shirt Designs Here".

Entries must be submitted in main office by 3pm on [March 1](#).

Questions? Contact Ms. Kelley at Megan_G_Kelley@mcpsmd.org

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Show NBMS some ❤️ with Box Tops!

Last day to turn in Box Tops for the spring deadline is **Friday, February 22, 2019**. Just drop them in the **PINK BOX** inside the front office. Thank you for clipping!!

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](#)

SSL coordinator: [Carla A Jurewicz@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Carla_A_Jurewicz@mcpsmd.org).

Bullying and Harassment reporting form. [Form 230-35](#)

[Grade Level News](#)

MYMCPS Parent Portal Resources

[MYMCPS Overview](#)

[MYMCPS PORTAL GUIDE](#)

[Portal Resources In Spanish](#)

[Cyberbullying](#)

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-](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfyax02sFuOLtrFkdSzBmH7JLPfgY-HIST3uE1p_FyWvgWSjA/viewform)

[HIST3uE1p_FyWvgWSjA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfyax02sFuOLtrFkdSzBmH7JLPfgY-HIST3uE1p_FyWvgWSjA/viewform). The webpage will be updated regularly so check back frequently.

YEARBOOKS

Please order your child's yearbook as soon as possible so we can have an accurate count. You may now order your yearbook at <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/> using ID #10235719. Yearbooks are only sold online; NBMS does not order extra books to be sold at school. When you order a yearbook, you will be emailed a receipt; please keep this receipt until books are distributed the last week of school. If you have pictures of NBMS students at school events that you would like to submit to the yearbook, please email them to Ms. Wolfinger at maryellen.wolfinger@mcpsmd.net.

SCHOOL YEAR EXTENDED

2018–2019 School Year Extended to June 14

Recent inclement weather forced MCPS to close schools on three days. The 2018–2019 MCPS school calendar includes 182 instruction days, two more than the minimum required in the state of Maryland. As a result of these closures, MCPS will need to use one designated make-up day to ensure that it meets the state-required number of school days. The school year will now be extended to June 14, 2019. The last day will be an early release day for all students. Any additional school closures for emergency weather will result in the need to use additional make-up days. If we have a fourth school closure due to emergency weather conditions, then the next emergency weather make-up day will be Wednesday, June 5, 2019. MCPS will continue to closely monitor for severe weather and provide updates on any impact it may have to the school calendar. For more information on the MCPS school calendar, visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org.

MCPS NEWS

Elementary Immersion Programs

Applications for elementary school language immersion programs in MCPS are now available.

The application deadline for the 2019–2020 school year is Friday, April 26, 2019. Elementary school language immersion programs begin in kindergarten and are offered in Chinese, French, and Spanish.

For more information about elementary immersion programs and to download the Immersion Interest Form, visit the Special Programs website: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/immersion. Forms are also available at elementary schools.

Programas de Inmersión en Idiomas Extranjeros en las Escuelas Elementales

Ya están disponibles las solicitudes para los programas de inmersión en idiomas en las escuelas elementales de MCPS. El plazo límite para presentar las solicitudes para el ciclo escolar 2019–2020 es el viernes, 26 de abril, 2019. Los programas de inmersión en idiomas en las escuelas elementales comienzan en Kindergarten y se ofrecen en español, chino y francés. Para más información acerca de los programas elementales de inmersión y para descargar el formulario de interés en un programa de inmersión (Immersion Interest Form), visite el sitio web de Programas Especiales (Special Programs): www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/immersion. Los formularios también están a disposición en las escuelas elementales.

Choose Respect Video PSA Contest Accepting Entries

The tenth Annual Choose Respect Montgomery video PSA contest is now accepting entries. This contest challenges teens to create an original 60-second public service announcement video to promote awareness of dating abuse and domestic violence among teens. The contest is open to students in Grades 6 through 12 and students may enter on their own or as a group. The top five videos win cash prizes (first prize is \$1,000). The submission deadline is Friday, March 8. More information can be found here: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/fjc/chooserespect/psa.html. Winners will be announced at the Choose Respect healthy teen dating conference on Sunday, April 7, at Richard Montgomery High School.

Nominations Open for Counselor of the Year Awards

Do you know a school counselor who goes above and beyond to support students, nurtures strong relationships with colleagues and student families, and demonstrates outstanding leadership? The time is now to nominate these special staff for the MCPS School Counselor of the Year Awards. These awards honor the dedication and hard work of counselors—one each at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Nominations can be submitted by staff, administrators, parents/guardians, and students.

To be nominated, counselors must actively be working as a counselor in MCPS and have worked for the system for at least three years. Nominees also must demonstrate outstanding leadership; understand the individual needs of students, encourage their talents, and cultivate their self-esteem; foster collaborative relationships with colleagues, students, their families and the community; and use data to help drive decision making. Online nomination forms are available at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/departments/student-services/mentalhealth/2019%20School%20Counselor%20of%20the%20Year%20Nomination%20Packet.pdf. Nominations are due **Friday, February 15**. The deadline to submit an application is 4:00 p.m. on **Friday, March 29**.

Upcoming County Education Budget Meetings

Parents/guardians and members of the community are invited to join Montgomery County Councilmember Craig Rice, Superintendent of Schools Jack R. Smith, and Montgomery College President DeRionne Pollard at upcoming Education Budget meetings scheduled for February and

March. Attendees can find out how budget decisions are made, what the County is doing today to get ready for FY 2020 and beyond, and the opportunities residents have to influence budget decisions.

The meetings will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the following locations:

February 20, Neelsville Middle School, 11700 Neelsville Church Road in Germantown

February 27, Col. E. Brooke Lee Middle School, 11800 Monticello Avenue in Silver Spring

March 6, Rockville High School, 2100 Baltimore Road in Rockville

March 11, Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, 4301 East-West Highway in Bethesda

March 27, Montgomery College Takoma Park Campus, 7600 Takoma Avenue in Takoma Park (Cultural Arts Center Theater 1)

The county executive will announce his Recommended FY 2019 Operating Budget in March. In April, the County Council will hold public hearings and approve the operating budget at the end of May.

Próximas Reuniones sobre el Presupuesto para la Educación

Los padres/guardianes y los miembros de la comunidad están invitados a acompañar al Concejal del Condado de Montgomery Craig Rice, al Superintendente de Escuelas Jack R. Smith y a la Presidenta de Montgomery College DeRionne Pollard durante próximas reuniones sobre el Presupuesto para la Educación programadas para febrero y marzo. Quienes asistan pueden informarse sobre cómo se toman las decisiones presupuestarias, lo que el condado está haciendo hoy para prepararse para el Año Fiscal 2020 y más adelante y las oportunidades que los residentes tienen para influenciar las decisiones presupuestarias.

Las reuniones tendrán lugar de 6:30 a 8:30 p.m., en los siguientes lugares:

20 de febrero, Neelsville Middle School, 11700 Neelsville Church Road, en Germantown

27 de febrero, Col. E. Brooke Lee Middle School, 11800 Monticello Avenue, en Silver Spring

6 de marzo, Rockville High School, 2100 Baltimore Road, en Rockville

11 de marzo, Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, 4301 East-West Highway, en Bethesda

27 de marzo, Campus de Montgomery College en Takoma Park, 7600 Takoma Avenue, en Takoma Park—Centro de Artes Culturales, Teatro 1 (Cultural Arts Center Theater 1)

En marzo, el ejecutivo del condado anunciará su Presupuesto Operativo Recomendado para el Año Fiscal 2019. En abril, el Concejo del Condado llevará a cabo audiencias públicas, y a fines de mayo aprobará el presupuesto operativo.

Nominees Sought for Annual Distinguished Service to Public Education Awards

The Montgomery County Board of Education is seeking nominations from the public for its 22nd Annual Awards for Distinguished Service to Public Education. The awards are sponsored by the Board to recognize and show appreciation to individuals (including students), groups and organizations that have made exemplary contributions to public education in Montgomery County. Visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/community/awards/ for more information. **Completed nomination forms must be received in the Board of Education office by 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2019.**

Se Solicitan Nominaciones para los Premios Anuales por Servicio Ilustre a la Enseñanza Pública

El Consejo de Educación del Condado de Montgomery solicita nominaciones del público para sus Vigésimo Segundos Premios Anuales por Servicio Ilustre a la Educación Pública. Los premios son auspiciados por el Consejo de Educación para reconocer y agradecer las contribuciones ejemplares de individuos (incluyendo estudiantes), grupos y organizaciones a la educación pública en el Condado de Montgomery. Visite www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/community/awards/ para más información. **Los formularios de nominación completados deben ser recibidos por la oficina del Consejo de Educación antes de las 5:00 p.m., del 1ro. de marzo, 2019.**

Don't Be Distracted Contest Open to Elementary and Secondary Students

A Safe Kids study demonstrated that one in four high school students and one in six middle school students walk distracted. These distractions were most often texting or wearing headphones. Research also indicates that for teen drivers, a single glance off the road for two or more seconds increases the risk of a crash or near crash by almost four times. When students are distracted while walking or driving, they are putting themselves and others in danger. The Montgomery County Department of Transportation is inviting all MCPS students to help raise awareness of this critical issue by participating in the 2019 Don't Be Distracted Contest.

Students are asked to create a 30- to 60-second public service announcement (PSA) video or artwork about one or both of the following topics:

1. Tell your peers the importance of not walking or driving distracted.
2. Tell adults the importance of not being distracted while driving, especially in school zones.

All entries are due Monday, March 4. For more information and to submit an entry, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-PedSafety/SRTS/creative-contest.html.

Concurso "No Te Distraigas" Abierto para Estudiantes de las Escuelas Elementales y Secundarias

Un estudio de Safe Kids (Niños Seguros) demostró que uno de cada cuatro estudiantes de escuela secundaria y uno de cada seis estudiantes de escuela de enseñanza media camina distraído/a. La mayoría de las veces estas distracciones se debieron a estar distraídos con mensajes de texto o por el uso de auriculares. Las investigaciones también indican que entre los adolescentes que conducen vehículos, desviar una sola vez la vista del camino por dos o más segundos aumenta casi cuatro veces el riesgo de chocar o casi chocar. Cuando los estudiantes están distraídos cuando caminan o conducen un vehículo, se ponen en riesgo ellos mismos y ponen en riesgo a otros. El Departamento de Transportes del Condado de Montgomery (Montgomery County Department of Transportation) invita a que todos los estudiantes de MCPS ayuden a crear conciencia sobre este problema crítico participando en el Concurso "No Te Distraigas" 2019.

Se pide a los estudiantes que creen un video de anuncio de servicio público (public service announcement–PSA) de entre 30 y 60 segundos, o un trabajo de arte sobre uno o ambos de los siguientes temas:

1. Háblales a tus compañeros sobre la importancia de no estar distraídos al caminar o conducir un vehículo.
2. Háblales a los adultos sobre la importancia de no distraerse al conducir un vehículo, especialmente en zonas escolares.

El plazo límite para todas las inscripciones para el concurso es el lunes, 4 de marzo. Para más información y para inscribirse en el curso, visite: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-PedSafety/SRTS/creative-contest.html.

Share Your Thoughts on Policy KBA

The Montgomery County Board of Education wants to hear from the community on proposed revisions to Policy KBA, *Policy on Public Information*. The revised policy discusses the importance of effective communication with members of the Montgomery County community across a variety of existing and emerging media and communication channels. The revised policy also affirms the Board of Education’s commitment to following all legal obligations regarding the protection and appropriate disclosure of student and employee information. You can provide comments until March 3, 2019. For more information, visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/policy-for-public-comment.aspx.

Student Transfer Application Season Begins February 1 (English and Spanish)

Parents and 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 which begins on February 1. ***All COSA requests must be submitted no later than April 1.***

Except for students in the Northeast Consortium (NEC), Downcounty Consortium (DCC), and Middle School Magnet Consortium (MSMC) areas, MCPS students are assigned to a school on the basis of their place of residence or their Individualized Education Program (IEP) and are expected to attend their home school. Assignment changes for students from one school to another are permitted under limited circumstances. For more information, visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/transfers.

Temporada de Solicitud para Transferencias de Estudiantes Comienza el 1ro. de Febrero

Los padres y guardianes que deseen solicitar un Cambio de Asignación de Escuela (Change of School Assignment–COSA) para sus hijos desde su escuela local a otra pueden iniciar el proceso durante la próxima temporada de transferencias de escuela que comienza el 1ro. de febrero. Todas las peticiones de COSA deben ser presentadas a más tardar el 1ro. de abril.

Excepto para los estudiantes en las zonas de Northeast Consortium (NEC), Downcounty Consortium (DCC) y Middle School Magnet Consortium (MSMC), los estudiantes de MCPS son asignados a una escuela de acuerdo a su domicilio o de acuerdo con su Programa Educativo Individualizado (Individualized Education Program–IEP) y por lo tanto deben asistir a su escuela local. Los cambios de asignación de una escuela a otra son permitidos a los estudiantes bajo circunstancias muy limitadas. Para más información, visite www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/transfers.

Honoring Contributions to Special Education

Students and parents/guardians are encouraged to submit nominations to recognize individuals who have contributed to the success and acceptance of students with special needs. The recognitions are being given by the Special Education Committee of the Montgomery County Council of PTAs, Inc. (MCCPTA, Inc.).

Nominations are being accepted in four categories: Staff, Programs, Parents, and Students. Electronic submissions are strongly encouraged. Applications are due by Friday, March 22. Nominations can be submitted by e-mail attachment or in the body of an e-mail message to SpecialEd@mccpta.org. If you are unable to submit an electronic nomination, you may send a completed nomination form and a nominating statement, along with supporting statements, to the MCCPTA, Inc. office: Montgomery County Council of PTAs, Inc., P.O. Box 10754, Rockville, Maryland 20849.

The nomination form can be accessed at the following link: news.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/MCCPTA-2018-2019-Special-Education-Award-Nomination-Form.pdf.

Students Can Design Their Dream Classroom in United We Learn Contest (English and Spanish)

Montgomery County Public Schools is launching the third year of its student contest, United We Learn. This year's contest, United We Learn: Schools of the Future, allows students to design their ideal learning space and challenges them to think critically about how their physical environment affects their ability to learn.

The contest follows a November 2018 survey that asked students and staff about how they use learning spaces at their schools, and what they would like classrooms and schools to look like in the future. Recurring elements mentioned in the survey feedback included considerations regarding color, lighting, furniture, technology, and security. That feedback will be used to support the continuous improvement of our educational facilities. The contest tasks students to consider these same elements as they design their vision of what an ideal learning space might look like in the future. By participating in this contest, students may also have the ability to help influence future design. More details are available on the contest website: montgomeryschoolsmd.org/events/unitedwelearn/.

Los Estudiantes Pueden Diseñar el Aula de Sus Sueños en el Concurso Unidos Aprendemos

Montgomery County Public Schools está dando inicio al tercer año de su concurso para estudiantes, Unidos Aprendemos (United We Learn). El concurso de este año, Unidos Aprendemos: Las Escuelas del Futuro (United We Learn: Schools of the Future), permite a los estudiantes diseñar su entorno de aprendizaje ideal y los desafía a pensar de manera crítica sobre cómo su ambiente físico afecta su capacidad de aprender.

El concurso sigue a una encuesta realizada en noviembre 2018 que les preguntaba a los estudiantes y al personal acerca de cómo ellos usan los espacios de aprendizaje en sus escuelas, y cómo les gustaría que fueran sus salones de clase y sus escuelas en el futuro. Los elementos recurrentes mencionados en las respuestas a la encuesta incluyeron consideraciones relacionadas con color, luz, muebles, tecnología y seguridad. Esos comentarios/sugerencias serán utilizados para apoyar el mejoramiento continuo de nuestras instalaciones educativas. El concurso asigna a los estudiantes la tarea de considerar estos mismos elementos al diseñar su visión de cómo sería el espacio ideal para el

aprendizaje en el futuro. Al participar en este concurso, los estudiantes también tienen la capacidad de ayudar a influenciar los diseños futuros. Hay más detalles disponibles en la página web del concurso: montgomeryschoolsmd.org/events/unitedwelearn/.

Restorative Justice Workshops Set for February 5 and April 2 (English and Spanish)

Parents, guardians, and community members are invited to attend a workshop on Tuesday, February 5, at Julius West Middle School, and on Tuesday, April 2, at A. Mario Loiederman Middle School from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to learn more about the district's restorative justice vision and how this social justice platform allows students to actively engage and problem-solve physical, psychological, and disciplinary issues that affect their lives and the community. More information can be found [here](#).

Talleres sobre Justicia Restaurativa Programados para el 5 de Febrero y el 2 de Abril

Se invita a los padres, guardianes y miembros de la comunidad a que asistan a un taller el martes, 5 de febrero, en Julius West Middle School, y el martes, 2 de abril, en A. Mario Loiederman Middle School, de 6:30 a 8:30 p.m., para conocer más acerca de la visión del distrito escolar sobre la justicia restaurativa y cómo esta plataforma de justicia social permite a los estudiantes participar activamente y resolver problemas físicos, psicológicos y disciplinarios que afectan sus vidas y la comunidad. Se puede encontrar más información [aquí](#).

Community Conversations on the Future of High School Programs (English and Spanish)

MCPS is holding a series of community conversations with Chief Academic Officer Maria V. Navarro to discuss the future of high school programs. Attendees will have an opportunity to discuss what high school programs MCPS should offer in the future to best support college and career readiness. Staff, students, parents, guardians, and members of the community are invited to attend. The forums are scheduled for:

- Monday, February 11, Clarksburg High School, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 8, Richard Montgomery High School, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Register online at mcpsweb.wufoo.com/forms/community-conversation/.

Conversaciones con la Comunidad sobre Programas Futuros en las Escuelas Secundarias

MCPS está llevando a cabo una serie de conversaciones entre la comunidad y Maria V. Navarro, Jefa de Asuntos Académicos (Chief Academic Officer), para hablar sobre el futuro de los programas en las escuelas secundarias. Quienes asistan tendrán la oportunidad de hablar sobre qué programas debería ofrecer en el futuro MCPS en las escuelas secundarias para apoyar de mejor manera la preparación para la universidad y para carreras. El personal, estudiantes, padres, guardianes y miembros de la comunidad están todos invitados a asistir. Los foros han sido programados para los días:

- Lunes, 11 de febrero, Clarksburg High School, 6:30 a 8:30 p.m.
- Lunes, 8 de abril, Richard Montgomery High School, 6:30 a 8:30 p.m.

Inscríbese en línea en: mcpsweb.wufoo.com/forms/community-conversation/.

Have a fantastic week!

Respectfully,

AnneMarie Kestner Smith, Ed.D.

Principal

North Bethesda Middle School

[North Bethesda Middle School Website](#)

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