

## THE WEEKLY BULLDOG BLAST 2019-2020

Below are important reminders to help you stay involved and engaged with your student's upcoming events at Redland Middle School.

The main office is open from 7:45am – 3:45pm (4:30pm on after school activity days). As a reminder, we require the scanning of all IDs when a parent visits Redland MS. All visitors who are attending meetings or volunteering are required to check in at the main office with an ID. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

### Follow us on Twitter –

<https://twitter.com/RedlandPrin>

[https://twitter.com/AngieFish\\_RMS](https://twitter.com/AngieFish_RMS)

[https://twitter.com/DrLowe\\_AP](https://twitter.com/DrLowe_AP)

### Our weekly email has five sections:

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### Principal Niper Message:

We had a great first week at Redland MS. I want to thank all our parents and family members who joined us for Back to School night on September 5th. Please remember to reach out to our staff if you have any questions. I want to remind you of our first PTA meeting this Tuesday night at 7pm. The PTA will be discussing the year and approving the budget.

As a reminder, cell phones can be used from 7:45 – 8:15am. Our policy is after 8:15am, all cell phones **MUST** be off and out of sight until 3:00pm. We have been reminding our students of the Redland MS policy this past week and we ask that our parents assist us with reminders at home too.

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## 1. REDLAND INFORMATION and CALENDAR

After School Activity and Bus Information: **The Activity Bus will begin on September 10, 2019**

After-school activities are scheduled on most Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays from 3:10 - 4:25 p.m.

Our activity bus route information can be found on our website. Please take this opportunity to discuss which route your child should take to get home and have them write it in their

agenda book.

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/redlandms/activities/>

All students who are car riders need to be picked up NO LATER than 4:30pm.

**Monday, Sept 9**

No Afterschool Activities

**Tuesday, Sept 10**

Activity Bus Begins

Tryouts – Cross Country and Soccer (meet outside gym at 3:05pm)

Yearbook Interest Meeting – Room 144. Contact [katia\\_bore-falecker@mcpsmd.org](mailto:katia_bore-falecker@mcpsmd.org) with questions.

**PTA Meeting – 7:00pm – Media Center**

**Wednesday, Sept 11**

Activity Bus

Tryouts – Cross Country and Soccer (meet outside gym at 3:05pm)

**Thursday, Sept 12**

Activity Bus

Tryouts – Cross Country and Soccer (meet outside gym at 3:05pm)

**Friday, Sept 13**

No Afterschool Activities

Sports Physicals Due

*Summer Reading Day is Friday, September 13th.* All students will celebrate their summer learning this day in English classes, and each should bring a copy of his or her summer reading book to class if possible. Students already turned in their summer reading packets.

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**September/October Events**

**NO SCHOOL:** September 30, 2019

**Family Health Night Meeting** (Parents of 7th & 8th grade students only) - September 18, 2019 in the Media Center parents will be able to view course material from Family Life and Disease Prevention classes. Redland Physical Education and Health teachers will be available to answer parent questions.

**Magruder Cluster Night** - September 20, 2019 - this year's "Cluster Night," Magruder takes on Damascus! We are anticipating activities starting at 6:00pm and kick-off at 7:00pm!!

**Saturday School** is starting for the new school year! Go to [www.SaturdaySchool.org](http://www.SaturdaySchool.org) Magruder HS is one of the Saturday School sites and offers a great opportunity to our students to extend their learning.

How to Enroll: Participation is voluntary. Parents can register students at all Saturday School centers and online, anytime through the year.

Location(s) 12 Saturday School sites. Blair, Clarksburg, Einstein, Gaithersburg, Kennedy, Magruder, Northwest, Paint Branch, Rockville, Springbrook, Watkins Mill and Wheaton High Schools.

Fee \$85 for the entire year (\$40 for FARMS students)

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## **2. Reminders:**

### **Redland Athletics:**

We have a new Bulldog Athletics page on our Redland website!!

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/redlandms/athletics.aspx>

Fall sports start next week on Tuesday, September 10. Please be sure to have physicals and forms turned in by Sept 13., 2019 otherwise students will not be allowed to participate. Cross country and boys and girls softball are offered in the fall. Boys and girls basketball are offered in the winter and boys and girls soccer are offered in the spring.

Tryouts: Tryouts for softball and cross country start after school on September 10, 2019.

You do not have to wait for winter or spring to get students physicals and paperwork all turned in. You can send PDF's by email or have the students turn them in to the Athletic Coordinator, Lori Enicks-Kniss at [Lori\\_L\\_Enicks-kniss@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Lori_L_Enicks-kniss@mcpsmd.org)

### **Attention Parents:**

Did you know our Bulldog Store is 95% funded through donations? You can help fund our store. Please look around your house for new, gently used or used items that you would be willing to donate and bring them to the main office. Please label the bag or box with Bulldog Store.

We appreciate your donations and assistance supporting our students at Redland!

Some ideas for donations:

School supplies, toys, knick-knacks, books, games, etc. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Harrison at [Veronica\\_L\\_Harrison@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Veronica_L_Harrison@mcpsmd.org)

**Please consider volunteering in our Bulldog Store:**

Do you like interacting with middle school students? Are you good at organizing and sorting donations? You might be just the volunteer we are looking for. Volunteers are needed to help maintain and run the Bull Dog Store. Parents of all grade levels are welcomed. We have a wonderful parent (Sarah Thornhill) to help show you the ropes and support you. Ideally the store is open once a month during lunches and having other volunteers during lunches will be helpful. This job works well as a group effort. Please consider contacting Sarah or the school for more information.

Sarah Thornhill. 843.222.0742 sarahvirginiathornhill@gmail.com

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**3. Counseling Corner Updates:**

What a great first week for our Redland Bulldogs—I bet your kids were tired this week (mine were)! Our students are settling into the routine of school nicely and reminding us daily of why we love middle schoolers so much. This can be a challenging age for both kids and their parents/caregivers.

I am recommending an EXCELLENT resource: Middle School Matters: The 10 Key Skills Kids Need to Thrive in Middle School and Beyond--and How Parents Can Help by Phyllis L. Fagell.

In addition, because Ms. Fagell is local, she is holding a book-signing/discussion at Politics and Prose!

Here is the info:

Phyllis L. Fagell - Middle School Matters: The 10 Key Skills Kids Need to Thrive in Middle School and Beyond--And How Parents Can Help — in conversation with Amy Joyce, Sunday, September 15, 2019 - 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

In her illuminating new book, Fagell, school counselor for Sheridan School, argues that children’s middle school years aren’t just a lull between childhood and adolescence, but a crucial developmental phase in their own right. Drawing on the work of psychologists, doctors, educators and her experience as both a licensed clinical professional counselor and a certified professional school counselor, Fagell shows that this period of rapid physical, intellectual, and social change offers parents the opportunity to teach their kids important skills such as how to make friends, how to be their own advocate, how to negotiate conflict, and more. Fagell will be in conversation with Amy Joyce, who writes “On Parenting” for The Washington Post.

This event is free to attend with no reservation required. Seating is available on a first come, first served basis.

Politics and Prose  
5015 Connecticut Ave NW  
Washington DC 20008

As we head into a full week of school, please make sure that your kids are in bed—without any electronics—by 10pm! Sleep is critical for brain and physical growth!

You can also follow us on Twitter at @RedlandCounsel1 and on Instagram at @RMScounseling. Looking forward to a great week ahead!!

–Jennifer Ehlers, 7th grade Counselor and RMS Counseling Department Chair

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**4. PTA Notes:**

We had a great turnout at Back to School Night. Thanks to everyone that took advantage of the early signup discount and joined or renewed their membership in the Redland Middle School PTA. It's not too late to receive the discount (and be eligible for the \$50, \$20, and \$20 gift cards) so join today. Our goal continues to be 100% for both parent and teacher participation, as we strive to provide support for our hard working students and the dedicated teachers in charge of their education.

**Upcoming Events:**

September 10, 2019: Please join us this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for our first PTA meeting of the year. New business will include topics for upcoming monthly meeting programs, restaurant nights, and a discussion of the first annual (hopefully) International Night.

October 8, 2019: Regular monthly meeting. Program TBD. 7:00 p.m. start time.

October 25, 2019: Fall Social. Come to this Tuesday's meeting to hear Mickey Denis' presentation of what has been planned so far and what you can do to get involved.

**Volunteers:**

Thanks to the people who already have signed up or expressed an interest in doing so. You will hear me say it many times, but, "If many people do a little, we collectively can accomplish a lot." Please let us know how you would like to help.

Jonathan Morgan -- PTA President -- jpmorganesq@yahoo.com

PTA memberships and donations can be sent to the school front office or paid online through our PTA website: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/redlandms/pta/>

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**5. MCPS Communication and Information:**

**MCPS Students can earn SSL hours for attending Future Fest.** FutureFest -kid-museum.org/futurefest/

On September 15th in downtown Silver Spring the Invent the Future Challenge is celebrating its third year! The Invent the Future Challenge is the product of a partnership between MCPS and KID Museum. In order to encourage more students to participate, this year students will be awarded SSL hours to come and hear about the challenge, meet some of last year's award winning teams, and get inspired by innovators from around the region. Students should check in at the "Invent the Future Challenge" exhibit at FutureFest. (Flyer Attached)

Good News! All Montgomery County youth ride free every day all day on all Ride On bus routes and select Metrobus routes within the County. This became effective July 1, 2019.

**All Montgomery County youth ages 18 and under ride FREE all the time on Ride On buses.**

\* Children under 5 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

\* All children ride at the discretion of their parents or guardians.

Go to YouthCruiser.com to learn how to ride free on Ride On buses. This program is for Montgomery County residents ages 5 to 18 (older if still in high school) To participate in the program, get a Youth Cruiser SmarTrip® Card at any County library and select schools for FREE. The list of participating schools is also at YouthCruiser.com. Please bring proof of age and residency. A valid school ID is also acceptable through September 30, 2019. Effective October 1, 2019, all student riders must use the Youth Cruiser SmarTrip® Card for free rides. Good News! Some Metrobus routes also participate in this program. The participating routes are: C2, C4, C8, D5, F4, J1, J2, J4, K6, K9, L8, Q1, Q2, Q4, Q5, Q6, T2, Y2, Y7, Y8, Z2, Z6, Z7, Z8, and Z11 .

If your school would like to join the list of participating schools, please contact Paula.VanHagen@montgomerycountymd.gov

**Attachments:**

 [KM FutureFest2019 Flyer OneThirdLtr Fn13 MidSchool.pdf](#) (846.0 KB)

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