

# Principal's Newsletter

## Rolling Terrace Elementary School

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## February 2019

### Students Can Design Their Dream Classroom in United We Learn Contest

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/](http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/events/unitedwelearn/).

### Restorative Justice Workshops Set for February 5 and April 2

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.

**Kindergarten Orientation**  
Rolling Terrace will hold **Kindergarten Orientation and Registration** on **April 23 & 24, 2019**. We will begin scheduling appointments in March, so be on the lookout for more information next month.

**Student Transfer Application Season Begins February 1**  
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](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/transfers)

#### Upcoming RT Events:

- February 15– PTA-sponsored Valentine's Day Dance @ 6:30 PM
- February 18– NO SCHOOL
- March 1– EARLY RELEASE for students
- March 5– PTA Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- March 21– STEM night
- April 3– Marking Period 3 ends
- April 17-22– SPRING BREAK
- April 23 & 24– Kindergarten Orientation (no school for current Kindergarten students)

#### Elementary Language Immersion Program Applications

Applications for elementary school language immersion programs in Montgomery County Public Schools (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. The district offers three Spanish, two French and two Chinese elementary language immersion programs at seven sites in the county. The two French programs and one of the Spanish programs are total immersion. In total immersion, all core subjects, including reading/language arts, are taught in the target language. Two of the Spanish programs and both Chinese programs are partial immersion. In partial immersion, some core subjects are taught in the target language. For more information about elementary immersion programs and to download the Immersion Interest Form, visit the [Special Programs website](#)

#### 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](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/policy-for-public-comment.aspx).

### **Community Conversations on the Future of High School Programs**

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

Monday, April 8, Richard Montgomery High School, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Register online at [mcpweb.wufoo.com/forms/community-conversation/](https://mcpweb.wufoo.com/forms/community-conversation/)

### **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](mailto: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](https://news.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/MCCPTA-2018-2019-Special-Education-Award-Nomination-Form.pdf).