

# Principal's Newsletter

## Rolling Terrace Elementary School

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### Happy 2019!

The new year has gotten off to a strong start here at Rolling Terrace ES. Staff and students have gotten right back in the rhythm of teaching and learning.

As a reminder, Dr. Jessica Palladino is currently assuming the role of principal as part of the leadership development program in MCPS. We are fortunate to have Mr. Jeff Cline as a visiting principal during this time. Dr. Marcus will return to Rolling Terrace at the end of February.

A few upcoming dates we want to share:

- January 15– PTA Meeting at 6:30 PM
- January 21– NO SCHOOL
- January 24– Winter Instrumental Music Concert at 7:00 PM
- January 25– Early Dismissal (end of MP 2)
- January 28– NO SCHOOL for students
- February 6– Report Cards distributed

### Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget Virtual Presentation

In case you missed it, you can still watch the superintendent's virtual community conversation on the Fiscal Year 2020 recommended operating budget online at

[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/).

During the December 18 discussion, Superintendent Jack R. Smith, MCPS staff, and community partners answered questions on the budget and stressed the importance of its focus on student classrooms and schools, including the key bodies of work: improving programs; increasing access to strong academic and career opportunities; extending learning; providing language opportunities; focusing on physical, social and psychological well-being; hiring and retaining an effective and diverse workforce; and strengthening operational excellence. Now that Dr. Smith has presented his recommendation, the timeline for the FY 2020 Operating Budget is as follows:

January 9 and January 14, 2019: Board of Education holds operating budget hearings

January 16, 2019: State releases budget

January 17 and 24, 2019: Board of Education holds operating budget work sessions

February 12, 2019: Board takes action on the recommended operating budget

For more information, visit

[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/).

### HBCU Fair Set for February 22

The Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Fair will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on February 22 at the Universities at Shady Grove, Building 3, 9640 Gudelsky Drive in Rockville. All high school students and their parents/guardians are invited to participate. Dozens of colleges and universities will be present to talk to parents, guardians and students about their programs and several will conduct on-the-spot admissions interviews for high school seniors. You can register and view more information at

[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/familysupport/hbcu/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/familysupport/hbcu/)

### 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)

# January 2019

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.

### 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: Tell your peers the importance of not walking or driving distracted.

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](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-PedSafety/SRTS/creative-contest.html)

### Winter 2019 Parent Academy Schedule

The MCPS Parent Academy offers parents/guardians and community members the opportunity to attend workshops that provide information, resources, tools, and tips to support their children's success in school. The 2019 winter season of workshops has begun. You won't want to miss sessions on mindfulness, college and career planning, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) resources and much more.

Parent Academy workshops are free. Childcare and interpretation services are provided at all sessions. A full list of courses is available on the Parent Academy website

[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/)