

Principal's Newsletter

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Kindergarten Registration

Please contact the main office to begin Kindergarten registration. We will send letters home in the end of March with an orientation appointment for either April 23 or 24 as well as a registration packet that needs to be completed.

Upcoming RT Events:

- March 5– PTA Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- March 18– Two-Way Immersion meeting with Dr. Medina @ 6:30 PM
- March 21– STEM Night @ 6:15 PM
- April 3– Marking Period 3 ends
- April 17-22– SPRING BREAK
- April 23 & 24– Kindergarten Orientation (no school for current Kindergarten students)

PTA READ-A-THON!

Read as much as you can outside of school from 3/10/19 – 3/24/19 and win fabulous prizes.

- Record all of your reading minutes on the log sheet. You can even count minutes when your parents read aloud to you!
- Ask your parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, neighbors and friends to support the PTA by sponsoring your reading.
- For each person that says, “Yes, I’ll sponsor you!” fill out a line on the pledge form. They can pledge a specific total amount or pay for each minute you read.
- **Even if you don’t have any sponsors, you can still win prizes by turning in your reading log.**
- Add up all your minutes and fill in the TOTAL line on your form.
- Turn in your Reading Log to your teacher March, 29, 2019.

Join Us for Discussions on Safety and Security

MCPS and the Montgomery County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations (MCCPTA) are hosting a series of community conversations on safety and security. The meetings will feature Ed Clarke, chief safety officer for MCPS, and Dr. Christina Conolly, director of MCPS psychological services. They will discuss school safety issues, student mental health concerns, and lockdown with options protocols. The community meetings will be held:

- **Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**
Silver Creek Middle School
3701 Saul Road, Kensington, MD 20895
- **Wednesday, March 13, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** Paint Branch High School
14121 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866
- **Thursday, March 21, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** Northwood High School - Cafeteria 919 University Blvd., West Silver Spring, MD 20901
- **Tuesday, March 26, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** Clarksburg High School Cafeteria 22500 Wims Road, Clarksburg, MD 20871

RSVP here: www.mcpsliveevent.org/ and visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/security/resources/ for more information on MCPS safety and security

New Date and Location for Summer Opportunities Fair

Parents can explore a multitude of summer opportunities for school-age children at a fair on March 14. Local and regional providers will be available to talk about summer camps, programs and volunteer activities. Parents can meet program staff, pick up applications, and get information on financial assistance. The fair will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Richard Montgomery High School, 250 Richard Montgomery Drive in Rockville. Register for the fair online at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/> or call 240-314-4825.

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Provide Feedback on Draft MCPS Strategic Plan

The Draft MCPS Strategic Plan for FY 2019–2022 is now available and MCPS is seeking your feedback. This Strategic Plan represents the district’s continued commitment to the five core values that define what it means to be an exceptional school system: Learning, Relationships, Respect, Excellence and Equity. MCPS is committed to educating students so that academic success is not predictable by race, ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic status, language proficiency or disability. The plan is centered on six outcomes for MCPS that include

1. Students Ready To Learn;
2. Reducing and Eliminating Disparities in Student Learning;
3. Students Prepared for College and Career;
4. A Safe and Healthy Learning Environment;
5. Efficient Operations; and
6. Highly Effective Employees.

Aligned to each of the six outcomes are program indicators that are monitored using data to determine the achievement of goals as. The draft plan can be found at: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/campaigns/Strategic-Planning-FY19-22/ and includes a feedback form we encourage you to fill out so that you may share your thoughts about the plan.

Emergency Weather Make-Up Schedule

Recent inclement weather forced MCPS to close schools on four days. The 2018–2019 MCPS school calendar includes 182 instruction days, two above the minimum required in the state of Maryland. As a result of these closures, MCPS will need to use two designated make-up days to ensure that it meets the State-required number of days. The school year has been extended to June 14, 2019. In addition to June 14, students also will attend school on June 5 which was originally scheduled as a professional day. Any additional school closures for emergency weather will result in the need to use additional make-up days. 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

Board of Education Adopts Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget

The Board of Education voted unanimously to adopt a \$2.66 billion Operating Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020. This includes an increase of \$65.56 million from FY 2019. The budget will allow MCPS to manage growth, maintain high levels of achievement, and eliminate opportunity gaps. A majority of the \$65.56 million spending increase will be used to maintain services for a growing student population; manage increasing operational costs; fund ongoing salaries and benefits; and invest in key areas of work to close opportunity gaps and improve academic excellence for all students. The budget also includes funding for key bodies of work that will strengthen the district's efforts to improve programs; increase access to strong academic and career opportunities; extend learning; provide language opportunities; focus on physical, social and psychological well-being; hire and retain an effective and diverse workforce; and strengthen operational excellence. To learn more about the Board's adopted budget, visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/press/index.aspx?pagetype=showrelease&id=8287&type=&startYear=&pageNumber=&mode=.