

Principal's Newsletter

Rolling Terrace Elementary School

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MCPS Needs Your Input to Help Prepare the Operating Budget

MCPS is seeking specific input on areas the school district should prioritize in the operating budget for Fiscal Year 2020. Tell us which strategies, programs or efforts are working or are not working to help improve outcomes for all students. Please complete a brief [survey](#) to provide your feedback. MCPS will use the information it receives from this survey to help guide the development of the budget.

New Anonymous Tip Line Available

The Safe Schools Maryland Tip Line is an anonymous reporting system used to report threats to the safety and/or well-being of students.

Students, parents/guardians, faculty, staff, and members of communities throughout Maryland may use this anonymous, app- and web-based reporting system to share their concerns, such as:

- Mental health crises
- Bullying
- School and community violence
- Drug activity
- Abuse
- Harassment
- Other issues affecting our Maryland students

The Safe Schools Maryland Tip Line is a tool for proactively addressing harmful situations and helping students who need it. By using a variety of communication modes to support the reporting and routing of tips, The Safe Schools Maryland Tip Line empowers the citizens of Maryland to create a culture of preparedness, prevention, and school safety for our students. For more information, to share a concern and to download the app, visit safeschoolsmd.org/.

Security Note

For safety reasons, please do not send your child to school before 8:40 a.m., unless you will wait with him/her until school opens. We do not have staff to supervise students before that time.

2018 School-Based Seasonal Flu Clinics

The 2018 flu season is upon us. There are simple steps you and your child can take to stay healthy and help prevent the flu. That includes getting a yearly flu vaccine.

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services will conduct free injectable flu vaccine clinics on November 13 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for children 18 and under at John F. Kennedy, Northwest, and Rockville high schools. These clinics will be open to any school-aged child. The clinic services are free, but **registration is required due to limited vaccine supplies.** For more information, visit the [Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services website](#).

Here are some additional steps that you and your family can take to help prevent the spread of the flu and other seasonal illnesses:

1. Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze, or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer. MCPS-approved hand sanitizer dispensers are available for use at various locations throughout schools (e.g., near the cafeteria or all-purpose room, near the main office).
2. When coughing or sneezing, cover your nose and mouth with your sleeve or a tissue and throw the tissue in the trash.
3. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth to minimize the chance for infection.
4. Stay home from work and school if symptoms develop such as fever, coughing, sneezing, runny nose, headache, and body aches.
5. If you have concerns about the health of your child, please contact your physician immediately or, in an emergency, dial 911.

Additional flu prevention information can be found at the following websites:

Centers for Disease Control: www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/preventing.htm

November 2018

Principal Intern at RTES

Jessica Palladino has been selected as an MCPS Elementary Principal Intern at Rolling Terrace ES for school year 2018-2019. The primary goal of the Principal Internship is to prepare assistant principals to become successful school principals. The internship experience is a combination of professional development activities and strategic coaching and mentoring, leading to the preparation of highly effective administrators. As the Principal Intern, Dr. Palladino will gradually assume the role of the principal at a variety of school functions. She will also be responsible for leading meetings and activities typically carried out by the school principal.

An important component of the Elementary Internship is the job-embedded opportunities for growth. To this end, Dr. Palladino will function as acting principal during a period of seven weeks, beginning January 2, 2019. The goal of this activity is to offer an opportunity for her to gain the experience required to fulfill the responsibilities of the principalship. It is a great privilege for our school to be selected for the opportunity to train a future MCPS principal. Please join the Rolling Terrace staff in supporting Dr. Palladino as she enhances her skills and abilities as an MCPS administrator.

Staying in Touch with MCPS

Winter weather is upon us. MCPS offers numerous ways for parents to learn about school closures, delayed openings, and early dismissals due to inclement weather. Sign up for AlertMCPS and receive text messages or e-mails from MCPS during weather-related emergencies and other major events that impact school system operations. Parents can also sign up to receive alerts

specific to their child's school by visiting www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/alertmcps.aspx.

TWI Meeting—Tips for Parents and Information

When: December 6, 2018 @ 6:30

Where: RTES

Who: Dr. Jose Medina - World Renown Dual Language Expert and RTES Consultant

MCPS Superintendent Smith Releases FY 2020 Capital Budget and CIP Amendments; Makes Boundary Recommendation for New Clarksburg Elementary School

Superintendent of Schools Jack R. Smith is requesting minor adjustments to the adopted [Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2019-2024 Capital Improvements Program](#) to address enrollment growth, school security, and access to college and career readiness programs. The \$1.815 billion recommendation is an increase of \$37.6 million more than the approved six-year CIP. The amended CIP includes a recommended FY 2020 expenditure of \$324.33 million, an increase of \$15.97 million more than the approved FY 2020 expenditure of \$308.36 million. Come share your thoughts on the amendments to the CIP. The Board of Education will hold public hearings on the CIP amendments and recommendations on November 8 and 12. An additional public hearing will be scheduled for November 19, if alternatives are offered at the November 15 work session. All hearings will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be held at the Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive in Rockville. The Board will approve a CIP amendment request on November 27. The request will then be submitted to the Montgomery County Executive and the Montgomery County Council for consideration. For more information on the hearings and to sign up to speak, visit the [Board of Education website](#). The County Executive will issue his recommended FY 2019-2024 CIP amendments for all county agencies by mid-January for Council discussion and action. The Council will hold a hearing in early February and will conduct work sessions in March and April, before adopting an approved FY 2020 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2019-2024 CIP by the end of May. You can read the news release here:

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/press/index.aspx?pagetype=showrelease&id=8234&type=&startYear=&pageNumber=&mode

Share Your Thoughts on Parent Portal

MCPS is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a new Student Information System. A component of the system will include a new parent/student portal. The district wants to hear from parents on their ideas for using an online parent portal, including:

- account creation and management
- access to schedule, grades, attendance and test

Winter Coat Drive Under Way

The Prekindergarten/Head Start Programs is seeking donations to provide students with new winter coats. They are collecting coats for boys and girls in sizes 5, 6, and 7, along with other winter wear, such as hats and gloves. Monetary donations are welcome. Donations can be sent to Rocking Horse Road Center, 4910 Macon Road, Room 141, Rockville, Maryland 20852. For more information, contact [Lisa Conlon](#) at 240-740-4530.

Homework Hotline Live Celebrating 33rd Season

Need homework help? Then call *Homework Hotline Live*. With HHL, you get free after-school homework help from MCPS teachers. You can call the live TV show at 301-279-3234 or send a question online via text or e-mail. When school is in session, watch teachers answer your homework questions live on MCPS-TV from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. You can also get online help from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. Go to www.AskHHL.org for more info and to download the free HHL app! If you call in and correctly answer a BrainTeaser question, you could win an HHL 8GB Flashdrive! Tune in to see the HHL Mathema-Chicken pluck out some math questions.

HHL General Info:

Telephone: 301-279-3234

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Live TV show on Comcast 33, Verizon 35, RCN 88

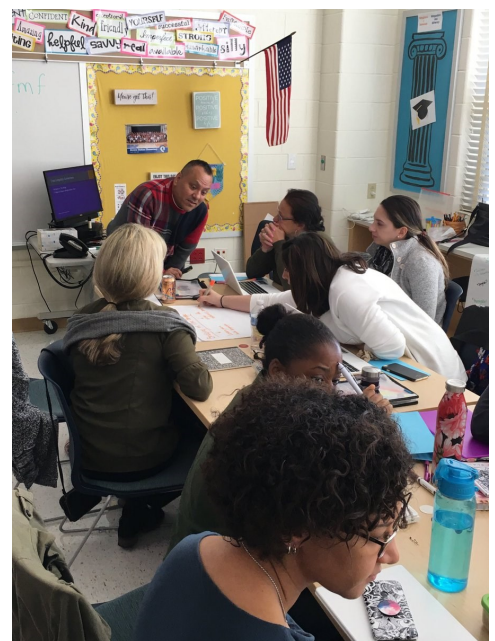
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Scenes from RTES



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Learning about TWI from a Dual Language Expert, Dr. Medina