

Principal's Newsletter

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RTES Partnership with the Silver Spring (MD) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated

The Silver Spring (MD) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated has partnered with Rolling Terrace in order to enhance the education of RTES students and positively contribute to the Montgomery County community.

The Links, Incorporated began the partnership with RTES in the Spring of 2018, by donating books with an international theme to the school's media center and sponsoring a reading enrichment program. Upcoming activities include a financial literacy program for RTES parents and a nutritional activity to encourage healthy eating. We look forward to great things from this new partnership!

About The Links, Incorporated

The Links, Incorporated is an international, not-for-profit corporation, established in 1946. The membership consists of nearly 15,000 professional women.

RTES Leadership Club Food Drive

Our school will collect non-perishable food during the month of October to help fight hunger in Montgomery County. Thank you in advance for your donation!

Join the fight to end hunger.

Principal's Coffee

The first principal's coffee of the year will be held October 17th from 9-10 AM. We will review the benefits of Title I at the meeting. Be sure to join us!

Blair Cluster Football Game

Join us Friday, October 19th at 6:30 PM for the varsity football game at Blair HS. Student who attend schools in the Blair cluster, including Rolling Terrace, are admitted for free. Wear your Rolling Terrace gear!

RTES Tweets

Follow us on Twitter at:
[@RollingTerrace](https://twitter.com/RollingTerrace)



Volunteer Requirements

Volunteers are an important part of our school program and we welcome you. However, to volunteer at RTES or any other MCPS school, you must complete a required online training for volunteers, *Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect* (<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/childabuseandneglect/>).

Volunteers must take the training every 3 years.

Upon completion of the course, you will print out the certificate of completion and share a copy with the school. If you need support completing the survey, please contact the office or Ms. Gonzales.

For overnight field trips, trips that involve travel of greater than 50 miles, or which extend beyond the normal school day, in addition to taking the online training, volunteers/chaperones must undergo a fingerprint background check before being permitted to chaperone. More information will be provided by the school for trips that require you to be fingerprinted.

Parent Community Coordinator (PCC)

Erika Gonzales, PCC, is here to support you. Please see her information below:

- Office Hours at RTES: 8:30a.m. to 10:00 a.m and 3:30p.m. to 4:00p.m.
- Examples of what she can help you with: interpreting and filling out forms/paperwork, completing the online child abuse training, signing up for the Parent Portal, etc.
- You may reach her at (240)740-1950 Please feel free to visit her during her office hours. In the event that she is helping another parent, she will schedule another time to meet with you.

PTA Meeting

Thursday, October 18 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the All Purpose Room. Check out their website for more information.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent /Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Monday, November 12, and Tuesday, November 13, 2018.** Students will be dismissed early (12:55 p.m.) on those days. Parent-teacher conferences are an opportunity to strengthen the partnership with your child's teacher and discuss how your child is doing in school. Please be sure to sign up for a parent conference time with your child's teacher if you have not already done so.

Converting Air Conditioning to Heat

It's fall and we have converted our heating and cooling system over to heat. On these unseasonably hot days, we will **not** have air conditioning. You may want to look at the weather forecast and dress your child accordingly. Let's hope for cooler days soon.

MCPS Parent Academy

The MCPS Parent Academy has kicked off its fall season on September 24. Parents/guardians and members of the community are invited to participate in these free workshops that provide information, resources, tools, and tips to support your child's success in school. Don't miss this season of workshops, which will be offered on a range of topics, including college and career planning, study skills, cyber safety and social media, and positive communication.

Parent Academy workshops are free. Childcare and interpretation services are provided upon request. A full list of courses is available on the [Parent Academy website](#).

El Espanol Sale a la Calle (Spanish Language "Street Fair")

Come and celebrate the Spanish Language and Culture Night October 25th from 6:30-8:00. Please turn in the sign up sheet to your child's teacher. Look out for the flier!

Provide Input on Important Board of Education Policy

The Montgomery County Board of Education is seeking public comments on draft Board Policy KEA, *Political Campaigns and Political Materials* (KEA), and changing the policy name to *Civic Engagement, Political Campaigns, and Political Materials*. The revised and renamed policy reflects the Board's desire to allow students to receive excused absences for participation in civic engagement activities.

During the 2017–2018 school year, many MCPS students became involved in important issues confronting our country and even received national recognition for their engagement. As a result, students, families, and Board members expressed interest in supporting student participation in civic activities without impact on their attendance status. Currently, Policy KEA permits students in Grades 9-12 to participate in political campaign activity during school hours during the two-week period immediately prior to a primary or general election, at the request of the political candidate or organization with written parent/guardian consent, and written approval of the principal/designee. The public comment period for this policy will be limited to 30 days, until Friday, October 12, 2018.

Saturday School

The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy, Inc. kicked off its 2018–2019 season of Saturday School on Saturday, September 15. Saturday School is a low-cost tutoring and mentoring program that provides a sixth day of learning and helps MCPS students enhance their mastery of core academic subjects. Students who are in need of additional academic support can attend sessions at 1 of 12 locations across Montgomery County. Classes began on **Saturday, September 15** and will end in May, but registration is still being accepted. Registration is \$40 for students who receive Free and Reduced-price Meals System (FARMS) services and \$85 for non-FARMS students (<https://www.saturdayschool.org/>).

Stay Informed with MCPS QuickNotes

MCPS QuickNotes is a bimonthly newsletter that provides MCPS families with important news and information about MCPS programs and activities, plus emergency information. MCPS QuickNotes is offered in seven languages: English, Spanish, French, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Amharic. Visit news.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/ to read the latest edition.

Scenes from RTES



TWI Pillars and Cognates (words that are similar in two languages)

Courtyard Makeover—Thanks PTA!!



Students enjoying the recess field and equipment!!

The gym floor has been laid and is near completion