

New on the MCPS Web

Schools of the Future Survey

MCPS wants to know how students and staff use classrooms and other spaces in their schools on a daily basis because those environments affect teaching and learning. Students in all grade levels, as well as staff, are invited to participate in a survey to share their feedback. Visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/mainstory/story/614773/Schools-of-the-Future/ to learn more. A blurb is provided below.

Comment Sought on Four Board of Education Policies

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Public comments on Policy KEA, *Civic Engagement, Political Campaigns, and Political Materials*, are due by Sunday, December 16. Comments on Policy BBB, *Ethics*; Policy BFA, *Policysetting*; and Policy IGK, *Career and Technology Education*, must be submitted by January 13, 2019. A blurb is provided below.

Other News

Save the Date—Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget Virtual Town Hall Presentation

Superintendent of Schools Jack R. Smith will present his Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget Recommendation on Tuesday, December 18. Following the presentation, there will be a live virtual community conversation during which the superintendent of schools and MCPS staff will answer questions submitted via the web and social media. Details on how to view the presentation will be shared in the coming weeks.

Restorative Justice Workshop

Staff, parents/guardians, and community members are invited to attend a workshop on Tuesday, December 4 at Neelsville Middle School from 6:30 to 8:30 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, social, and disciplinary issues that affect their lives and the community at large. A blurb is provided below.

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- Northwood High School, 919 University Boulevard West in Silver Spring
- Paint Branch High School, 14121 Old Columbia Pike in Burtonsville

Please share this information with your school community. A blurb is provided below.

Community Forum for African American Families

The African American Student Achievement Action Group is hosting a community forum on Wednesday, December 5 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Argyle Middle School. MCPS parents and guardians, students, and staff are invited to attend to learn more about the district's efforts to close the achievement gap; learn about the new Maryland State Report Card and what it means for MCPS students; and hear from newly elected County councilmembers and Board of Education members. To register for the event, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/aasaag-community-forum-tickets-3635919132. A blurb is provided below.

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Used Car and Computer Sale Set for December 8

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MCPS TV

MCPS Moments

- [Barnsley Elementary Hosts Civility Carnival](#)
- [More than 150 Students Participate in Latin Dance Competition](#)

Esta Semana en MCPS

Esta Semana en MCPS is a brief update, in Spanish, on what is happening throughout the district. The shows are cablecast on MCPS TV and may be viewed at the following URLs:

- Spanish: www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC2A7ADDEDF1F2A2E

Blurbs for school newsletters, websites, etc.

What Does Your School of the Future Look Like? (English and Spanish)

The physical classroom and school environment affects teaching and learning and MCPS wants to know how students use those spaces on a daily basis. Students in all grade levels are invited to participate in a survey for them to share their feedback.

Parents/guardians of elementary students are encouraged to talk with their children about their learning environments and help them complete this survey: docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSerCMOXTGuVCeThRki6Dz7I4m2eVha_A5Ba_MSNmiurPUkv-w/viewform.

Middle and high school students may share their feedback here: docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfAH--vCIE-36XnLccMmss3MaB0GPtMRF1u3nBujsxaewr4Dg/viewform.

MCPS will collect survey results through the beginning of January and the information will be used to support continuous improvement of its educational facilities. After results have been collected, students will have the opportunity to participate in a contest to envision the future of schools and help influence future design. More information about the contest will be provided in the coming weeks.

¿Cómo Te Parece Que Debería Ser Tu Escuela del Futuro?

La apariencia física del salón de clase y el ambiente escolar afectan a la enseñanza y al aprendizaje y MCPS desea saber cómo los estudiantes usan esos espacios diariamente. Los estudiantes de todos los niveles de grados académicos están invitados a participar en una encuesta creada para que ellos compartan su opinión.

Se alienta a los padres/guardianes de los estudiantes de las escuelas elementales a que hablen con sus hijos sobre sus entornos de aprendizaje y que les ayuden a completar esta encuesta: docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSerCMOXTGuVCeThRki6Dz7I4m2eVha_A5Ba_MSNmiurPUkv-w/viewform.

Los estudiantes de las escuelas de enseñanza media y las escuelas secundarias pueden compartir su opinión aquí: docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfAH--vCIE-36XnLccMmss3MaB0GPtMRF1u3nBujsxaewr4Dg/viewform.

MCPS recogerá los resultados de la encuesta hasta principios de enero, y la información se utilizará para apoyar el mejoramiento continuo de sus instalaciones educacionales. Una vez que se hayan recopilado los resultados, los estudiantes tendrán la oportunidad de participar en un concurso para imaginar el futuro de las escuelas y ayudar a influenciar diseños futuros. En las próximas semanas se proveerá más información sobre el concurso.

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Se Solicitan Comentarios sobre Cuatro Políticas del Consejo de Educación

El Consejo de Educación del Condado de Montgomery está solicitando comentarios de los padres y miembros de la comunidad sobre cuatro políticas—la Política BBB, *Ética*; la Política BFA, *Establecimiento de Políticas*; la Política IGK, *Educación Profesional y Tecnológica*; y la Política KEA, *Participación Cívica, Campañas Políticas y Materiales Políticos*. Visite www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/policy-for-public-comment.aspx para leer el borrador de las políticas y para aportar su comentario.

El plazo límite para los comentarios del público sobre la Política KEA, *Participación Cívica, Campañas Políticas y Materiales Políticos*, es el domingo, 16 de diciembre. Los comentarios sobre la Política BBB, *Ética*; la Política BFA, *Establecimiento de Políticas*; y la política IGK, *Educación Profesional y Tecnológica*, deben ser presentados a más tardar el 13 de enero, 2019.

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Taller sobre Justicia Restaurativa Programado para el 4 de Diciembre

Se invita a los padres/guardianes y miembros de la comunidad a que asistan a un taller el día martes, 4 de diciembre, de 6:30 a 8:30 p.m., en Neelsville Middle School, para conocer más acerca de la visión del distrito escolar sobre la justicia restaurativa y cómo esta plataforma de justicia social permite a los estudiantes participar activamente y resolver problemas físicos, psicológicos, sociales y disciplinarios que afectan a sus vidas y a la comunidad en general. Por favor llame al 240-740-3951 para más información sobre este taller, que es el primero de tres talleres para los padres que habrá durante este ciclo escolar.

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Talleres de Educación Especial para los Padres Programado para el 5 de Diciembre

MCPS está realizando talleres de educación especial para los padres y guardianes, para conocer más acerca de los documentos y el proceso del Programa Educativo Individualizado (Individualized Education Program–IEP). Los talleres se realizarán de 7:00 a 8:30 p.m., el día miércoles, 5 de diciembre, en tres lugares–

- Gaithersburg High School, 101 Education Boulevard, en Gaithersburg
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Habrán servicios de interpretación de idiomas disponibles a petición. Para más información, llame al 240-740-3884.

Community Forum—Measuring the Achievement Gap (English and Spanish)

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Foro Comunitario—Midiendo la Brecha de Rendimiento Académico

El Grupo de Acción sobre el Rendimiento de los Estudiantes Afroamericanos del Condado de Montgomery (Montgomery County African-American Student Achievement Action Group) está presentando un foro comunitario el miércoles, 5 de diciembre, de 6:00 a 8:00 p.m., en Argyle Middle School. Se invita a los padres, guardianes, estudiantes y empleados de MCPS a que asistan para conocer más sobre los esfuerzos que el distrito escolar realiza para eliminar la brecha de rendimiento académico; conozca acerca del nuevo Boletín de Calificaciones del Estado de Maryland (Maryland State Report Card) y lo que el mismo significa para los estudiantes de MCPS; y escuche a los recientemente electos concejales del Condado y miembros del Consejo de Educación. Para inscribirse en el evento, visite www.eventbrite.com/e/aasaag-community-forum-tickets-3635919132.

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Está en Marcha la Campaña de Recolección de Abrigos de Invierno

Los programas de Prekindergarten/Head Start están pidiendo donaciones para proporcionar nuevos abrigos de invierno a los alumnos. Están recolectando abrigos para niños y niñas de tallas 5, 6 y 7, además de otras prendas de invierno, tales como sombreros/gorros y guantes. Se aceptan donaciones monetarias. Las donaciones pueden ser enviadas a Rocking Horse Road Center, 4910 Macon Road, Room 141, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Para más información, por favor llame a [Lisa Conlon](#), especialista en servicios sociales, teléfono 240-740-4530.

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Members of the community are welcome to donate vehicles to the program. Vehicles may be donated at any of the automotive programs located at Damascus, Gaithersburg, Seneca Valley high schools or Thomas Edison High School of Technology. Donations may be tax deductible.

Estudiantes de MCPS Tendrán Venta de Automóviles y Computadoras Usados

El **sábado, 8 de diciembre**, de 9:00 a 11:00 a.m., en Gaithersburg High School, los estudiantes de la Fundación de Profesiones Automotrices para Estudiantes del Condado de Montgomery (Montgomery County Students Automotive Trades Foundation–ATF) y de la Fundación de Tecnología de Informática (Information Technology Foundation–ITF) venderán computadoras y vehículos usados que ellos han restaurado.

Se puede ver una lista de vehículos disponibles para comprar en: www.cars2purchase.org/. Para más información sobre las computadoras que estarán a la venta, por favor llame al 240-740-2050. Los vehículos y las computadoras han sido re-equipados y restaurados por los estudiantes como parte de sus estudios en el aula y en el laboratorio. Estas ventas proveen a los estudiantes con la oportunidad de practicar sus aptitudes para ventas, sumar horas de Aprendizaje Mediante Servicio Estudiantil (Student Service Learning–SSL) y desarrollar un aprecio más profundo por el involucramiento en la comunidad.

El programa acepta vehículos donados por miembros de la comunidad. Los vehículos pueden ser donados en cualquiera de los lugares donde están ubicados los programas automotrices, en las escuelas secundarias Damascus, Gaithersburg y Seneca Valley o en Thomas Edison High School of Technology. Las donaciones pueden ser deducibles de impuestos.