

## **New on the MCPS Web**

### **Superintendent's Virtual Operating Budget Presentation**

Staff are invited to tune in to Superintendent Jack R. Smith's Fiscal Year 2020 Virtual Operating Budget Presentation beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18. As part of the presentation, Dr. Smith and MCPS staff will take questions from the community and answer them live. Questions may be [submitted online](#) or via text message to 724-990-8433. The presentation can be viewed live on Comcast Channel 34, Verizon FIOS Channel 36, and RCN Channel 88, as well as through the MCPS website at [montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/fy2018/live.aspx](http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/fy2018/live.aspx). Please encourage members of your school community to watch this presentation. A blurb is provided below.

### **Impact Aid Survey**

MCPS uses the Federal Impact Aid Survey that is distributed to all families to collect information about how many parents/guardians are in active duty with the uniformed services, employed on federal property, reside in federal or public housing, and/or are a foreign government military officer. Impact Aid programs and grants are designed to assist local school districts that enroll federally connected students. The grants from these programs become part of the MCPS general operating budget and support instructional activities. Please encourage parents to complete this survey as soon as possible. More information can be found at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/detail.aspx?formID=103&formNumber=280-4&catID=2&subCatId=0](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/detail.aspx?formID=103&formNumber=280-4&catID=2&subCatId=0). A blurb is provided below.

## **Other News**

### **Know an Outstanding Teacher, Principal, or Supporting Staff Member?**

Awards season has arrived! Nominations are now open for several competitions to honor exceptional teachers, principals, supporting services staff, and administrators. They are—

**The Dr. Edward Shirley Award for Excellence in Educational Administration and Supervision** is given annually to recognize an outstanding MCPS administrator or supervisor. Nominees must be a Montgomery County administrator or supervisor for at least five years and be a current voting member of the Montgomery County Association of Administrators and Principals. Applicants are expected to exhibit in purposeful leadership, instructional or systemwide leadership, human resources development, resource management, interpersonal skills, professional involvement, and community and stakeholder involvement. Nominations may be made by staff, colleagues, parents and community members. Self-nominations will also be accepted. The selection process includes a review of the applicants by a selection committee of stakeholders and on-site visits. The application is available at [www.mcaapmd.org/](http://www.mcaapmd.org/). **The deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 7, 2019.**

**The Marian Greenblatt Excellence in Education Master Teacher Award** recognizes three full-time teachers in kindergarten through Grade 12 who have a demonstrated record of promoting student success, such as closing the achievement gap. One of the Master Teacher Award winners is chosen as the MCPS Teacher of the Year, goes on to represent the school district as a contender for the Maryland State Teacher of the Year award and could become the National Teacher of the

Year. One award winner will be named for each level: elementary, middle, and high school. Each will receive a \$2,000 monetary award. More information is available at the following link: [www.greenblatteducationfund.org/nominationinfo](http://www.greenblatteducationfund.org/nominationinfo). **The deadline is Friday, January 11, 2019.**

**The Marian Greenblatt Excellence in Education Rising Star Teacher Award** recognizes a first-, second-, third- or fourth-year full-time teacher in kindergarten through Grade 12 who has a demonstrated record of promoting student success. The teacher contributes to a professional learning community of students, staff, parents and community. The winner will receive a \$1,000 monetary award. More information is available at the following link: [www.greenblatteducationfund.org/nominationinfo](http://www.greenblatteducationfund.org/nominationinfo). **The deadline is Friday, January 11, 2019.**

*The Washington Post* **Teacher of the Year Award** recognizes a full-time teacher in prekindergarten through Grade 12 who instills in students a desire to learn and achieve. Each nominee must have a minimum of five years teaching experience, three of which must be in MCPS. This teacher also must understand the individual needs of students, encourage their talents, and foster their self-esteem. He or she will demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the subject matter and possess the ability to share it effectively with students. The nominee fosters cooperative relationships with his/her colleagues and the community and demonstrates outstanding leadership qualities. The winner will receive a trophy, a \$7,500 monetary award and a profile in *The Washington Post*. More information is available at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/personnel/awards/Washington-Post-Teacher-of-the-Year-Award/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/personnel/awards/Washington-Post-Teacher-of-the-Year-Award/). **The deadline is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 4, 2019.**

*The Washington Post* **Principal of the Year Award** recognizes principals who go beyond the day-to-day demands of their position to create an exceptional educational environment. In presenting these awards, *The Washington Post* Company Educational Foundation hopes to encourage excellence in school leadership and contribute in a substantive way to the improvement of education in the Washington metropolitan area. Nominations may be submitted by teachers, students, former students, parents, administrators, or the general public. The winner will receive a trophy, a \$7,500 monetary award, and a profile in *The Washington Post*. More information is available at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/clusteradmin/schoolperformance/washingtonpostaward/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/clusteradmin/schoolperformance/washingtonpostaward/). **The deadline is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 4, 2019.**

**The Shirley J. Lowrie “Thank You for Teaching” Award** honors extraordinary elementary school teachers who have a deep dedication to the teaching profession. These elementary school teachers, prekindergarten through Grade 5, must work directly with students in the classroom on a daily basis, demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the subject matter, and effectively communicate that subject matter to students. The nominee should be a teacher who goes the extra mile to ensure that students receive the support they need to succeed. More information is available at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/personnel/awards/award-shirley-lowrie.aspx](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/personnel/awards/award-shirley-lowrie.aspx). **The deadline is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 4, 2019.**

**The Superintendent’s Annual Mark Mann Excellence and Harmony Award:** Established in 1991, this award honors MCPS principals who excel in promoting academic excellence, positive human relations and community outreach. These qualities were exemplified by Mark Mann, a

former principal of Parkland Junior High School, who died in 1988. Nominations made in previous years may be resubmitted. More information is available at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/personnel/awards/annaward/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/personnel/awards/annaward/). **The deadline is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 4, 2019.**

**The Supporting Services Employee of the Year Award** is given to a supporting services employee who has made an outstanding contribution to MCPS.

The winning employee must exemplify the motto, "Education Works Because We Do." The award is given by SEIU Local 500. Nominees must be permanent employees and have at least three years of service with MCPS. Nominations will be judged on a variety of criteria, including initiative, creativity, skill and dedication; contributions to students, staff and/or the broader community; respect and admiration; leadership; and interpersonal skills. The recipient will receive a \$1,000 cash award. The award will be presented at the Champions for Children celebration in April. **The deadline to submit nominations is 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 20.** The nomination form is available at [www.seiu500.org/files/2018/11/5595\\_19\\_SEIUEmpOfTheYear\\_WEB.pdf](http://www.seiu500.org/files/2018/11/5595_19_SEIUEmpOfTheYear_WEB.pdf). Nominations should be sent to: Ruth Musicante, SEIU Local 500, 12 Taft Court, 2nd Floor, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

### **Board of Education Elects New Officers**

On Tuesday, December 4, Shebra Evans was selected by her colleagues to serve as president of the Montgomery County Board of Education. Patricia O'Neill was elected as vice president. Both officers will serve a one-year term. Ms. Evans was elected to her first four-year term on the Board in 2016. Ms. O'Neill is serving her sixth term on the Board of Education and is currently the longest serving member of the Board. A blurb is provided below.

### **Student Service Learning Hours**

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### **MCPS TV**

#### **MCPS Moments**

- [Educational Foundation Hosts Decennial Gala](#)

#### ***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](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC2A7ADDEDF1F2A2E)

### **Blurbs for school newsletters, websites, etc.**

### **Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget Virtual Presentation Set for December 18**

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### **Presentación Virtual del Presupuesto Operativo para el Año Fiscal 2020 Programada para el 18 de Diciembre**

El Superintendente de Escuelas Jack R. Smith tendrá una conversación virtual con la comunidad para presentar su Recomendación del Presupuesto Operativo para el Año Fiscal 2020 el martes, 18 de diciembre, a las 6:30 p.m. Como parte de la presentación, el Dr. Smith y personal de MCPS responderán en vivo preguntas de la comunidad. Las preguntas pueden ser [enviadas en línea](#) o por mensaje de texto al 724-990-8433. La presentación puede ser vista en vivo por el Canal 34 de Comcast, el Canal 36 de Verizon FIOS y el Canal 88 de RCN, así como a través del sitio web de MCPS en [montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/fy2018/live.aspx](http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/fy2018/live.aspx).

### **Help MCPS Receive Critical Impact Aid Grants**

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### **Ayude a Que MCPS Reciba Subvenciones Cruciales de Asistencia de Impacto**

Los programas y subvenciones de Asistencia de Impacto (Impact Aid) están diseñados para ayudar a los distritos escolares locales que matriculan a estudiantes federalmente conectados. Las subvenciones de estos programas se convierten en parte del presupuesto operativo general de MCPS y apoyan actividades de enseñanza. Para calificar para fondos de Asistencia de Impacto, MCPS debe determinar cuántos de sus padres/guardianes están en servicio activo en servicios uniformados, están trabajando en una instalación federal, viven en una vivienda federal o pública y/o son oficiales militares de un gobierno extranjero. MCPS usa la Encuesta Federal de Asistencia de Impacto (Federal Impact Aid Survey) que se distribuye a todas las familias para recabar esta información. Por cada niño/a en edad escolar en su unidad familiar, por favor complete y devuelva la encuesta lo antes posible. La encuesta está disponible en el sitio web de [MCPS](#). Su participación es crucial para asegurar que MCPS reciba su parte justa de fondos de subvención federal de Asistencia de Impacto y que todos los estudiantes de MCPS reciban una educación excelente. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llame a la División del Controlador de MCPS (Division of Controller), teléfono 301-279-3039.

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Ms. O'Neill, a resident of Bethesda, is serving her sixth term on the Board of Education and is currently the longest serving member of the Board. She has served as vice president and president of the Board several times, each. For the past year, Ms. O'Neill has served as the chair of the Policy Management Committee.

### **Consejo de Educación Elige Nuevos Directivos**

Shebra Evans fue elegida por sus colegas el martes, 4 diciembre, 2018, como presidente del Consejo de Educación del Condado de Montgomery. Patricia O'Neill fue elegida como vicepresidente. Ambas directivas servirán un mandato de un año. La Sra. Evans fue elegida para su primer mandato de cuatro años en 2016. Durante el último año, ella ha desempeñado el cargo de vicepresidente del Consejo y ha dirigido el Comité de Administración Fiscal. La Sra. Evans sirve en el Comité de Resolución de la Asociación de Consejos de Educación de Maryland, así como en el Comité de Políticas y Procedimientos.

La Sra. O'Neill, residente de Bethesda, está sirviendo su sexto mandato en el Consejo de Educación y actualmente es el miembro con más antigüedad en el Consejo. Ella ha sido varias veces presidente y vicepresidente del Consejo. Durante el último año, la Sra. O'Neill ha dirigido el Comité de Administración de Políticas.

### **Earn Student Service Learning Hours Over Winter Break**

Winter break is a great time for students to become involved in service activities and earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours. Students can participate in a range of activities—working at a soup kitchen, cleaning up a local park, or collecting items for a clothing or food drive. All MCPS students need 75 SSL hours to graduate from high school.

Visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter/](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter/) to check out the various organizations and opportunities that are already approved for SSL hours. Also, don't forget that all service hours performed during the first semester must be turned in to the school's SSL coordinator no later than **Friday, January 4, 2019.**

### **Sume Horas de Aprendizaje Mediante Servicio Estudiantil durante las Vacaciones de Invierno**

Las vacaciones de invierno son ideales para que los estudiantes se involucren en actividades de servicio y sumen horas de Aprendizaje Mediante Servicio Estudiantil (Student Service Learning—SSL). Los estudiantes pueden participar en una variedad de actividades—trabajando en un comedor comunitario, limpiando un parque local o recolectando artículos para una campaña de

ropa o de alimentos. Todos los estudiantes de MCPS deben cumplir 75 horas de SSL para poder graduarse de la escuela secundaria.

Visite [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter/](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter/) para ver las distintas organizaciones y oportunidades que ya han sido aprobadas para horas de SSL. Además, no olvide que todas las horas de servicio realizado durante el segundo semestre deben ser entregadas al coordinador/a de SSL de la escuela a más tardar el **viernes, 4 de enero, 2019**.