

New on the MCPS Web

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Operating Budget Survey

MCPS is seeking specific input on areas the school district should prioritize in the operating budget for Fiscal Year 2020. 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. A blurb is provided below.

Other News

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- Mental health crises
- Bullying
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- Drug activity
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2018 School-Based Seasonal Flu Clinics

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For more information, visit the [Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services website](#). A blurb is provided below.

Reminder: Mental Wellness Resource Fair

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National Hispanic College Fair Set for November 8

Career Council, Inc. and National Hispanic College Fairs, Inc. will host a college fair for Hispanic youth in Montgomery County on **Thursday, November 8**, at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park, 506 South Frederick Avenue in Gaithersburg. Students should check with their school's College and Career Center for permission slips and information. The Career Council, Inc. and National Hispanic College Fairs, Inc. serve more than 125,000 students and 1,800 colleges/universities in 50 locations across the nation. Visit collegefair.info/ for more information.

MCPS TV

MCPS Moments

- [Meet Hunter, Carl Sandburg Learning Center's Therapy Dog](#)

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.

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Qué Hay de Bueno, MCPS

MCPS ha creado una nueva página web para celebrar las buenas noticias acerca de los mejores estudiantes, empleados y escuelas del distrito escolar. [Qué Hay de Bueno, MCPS](#) ofrece notas recolectadas de los medios sociales boletines informativos de la comunidad y del personal de MCPS, medios locales y más. Usted también puede participar en la conversación y contarnos las grandes cosas que usted está viendo en MCPS, usando la etiqueta ("hashtag") #WhatsGoodMCPS en los medios sociales o enviando el siguiente formulario cuando usted se entere sobre otras buenas noticias: docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfyax02sFuOLtrFkdSzBmH7JLPfgY-HIST3uE1p_FyWvgWSjA/viewform. La página web será actualizada regularmente, así que consúltela con frecuencia.

MCPS Needs Your Input to Help Prepare the Operating Budget (English and Spanish)

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.

MCPS Necesita de Su Aporte para Ayudar a Preparar el Presupuesto Operativo

MCPS solicita aporte específico sobre las áreas que el distrito escolar debería priorizar en el presupuesto operativo para el Año Fiscal 2020. Díganos qué estrategias, programas o esfuerzos están funcionando o no, a fin de ayudar a mejorar los resultados para todos los estudiantes.

Por favor complete una breve [encuesta](#) para proporcionar sus comentarios. MCPS usará la información que reciba de esta encuesta para ayudar a guiar la elaboración del presupuesto.

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Disponible la Nueva Línea Anónima para Reportar Pistas

La Línea de Escuelas Seguras de Maryland para Reportar Pistas (Safe Schools Maryland Tip Line) es un sistema anónimo que se utiliza para reportar amenazas a la seguridad y/o al bienestar de los estudiantes.

Los estudiantes, los padres/guardianes, los docentes, el personal y los miembros de las comunidades de todo Maryland pueden usar este sistema anónimo con base de aplicaciones e Internet, para compartir sus preocupaciones, tales como:

- Crisis de salud mental
- Abuso/intimidación ("bullying")
- Violencia en una escuela y en la comunidad
- Actividades relacionadas con drogas
- Abuso
- Acoso
- Otros asuntos que afectan a nuestros estudiantes en Maryland

Safe Schools Maryland Tip Line es una herramienta para abordar de manera proactiva situaciones perjudiciales y ayudar a los estudiantes que la necesiten. Mediante el uso de una variedad de métodos de comunicación para apoyar que se reporte y se dirija información, Safe Schools Maryland Tip Line faculta a los ciudadanos de Maryland para que creen una cultura de preparación, prevención y seguridad escolar para nuestros estudiantes. Para más información, para compartir una preocupación o para descargar la aplicación, visite safeschoolsmd.org/.

2018 School-Based Seasonal Flu Clinics (English and Spanish)

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](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HealthandHumanServices/).

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

Montgomery County: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/resident/flu.html

Clínicas de Vacunación en las Escuelas contra la Gripe Común/de Temporada 2018

Ya está aquí la temporada de gripe 2018. Existen simples medidas que usted y su hijo/a pueden tomar para mantenerse sanos y ayudar a prevenir la gripe. Eso incluye vacunarse contra la gripe todos los años.

El Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos del Condado de Montgomery (Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services) ofrecerá clínicas gratuitas para dispensar vacunas inyectables contra la gripe, el 13 de noviembre, entre la 1:30 p.m. y las 4:00 p.m., para menores de 18 años en las escuelas secundarias John F. Kennedy, Northwest y Rockville. Estas clínicas son para cualquier niño/a en edad escolar.

Los servicios de las clínicas son gratuitos, pero **se requiere inscripción debido a la cantidad limitada de vacunas**. Para más información, consulte el sitio web del [Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos del Condado de Montgomery](#).

Aquí ofrecemos algunas medidas adicionales que usted y su familia pueden tomar para ayudar a prevenir la propagación de la gripe y otras enfermedades de temporada:

1. Lávese las manos frecuentemente con agua y jabón, especialmente después de toser o estornudar, o use desinfectante para manos con base de alcohol. Hay dispensadores de desinfectante para manos aprobados por MCPS disponibles para su uso en distintos lugares en todas las escuelas (por ejemplo, cerca de la cafetería o del salón de usos múltiples y cerca de la oficina principal).
2. Al toser o estornudar, cúbrase la boca y la nariz con la parte de adentro del codo o con un pañuelo desechable y descarte el pañuelo en la basura.
3. Evite tocarse los ojos, la nariz o la boca para reducir al máximo las probabilidades de infección.
4. Permanezca en su casa y no vaya a trabajar o a la escuela si presenta síntomas tales como fiebre, tos, estornudo, goteo de la nariz, dolor de cabeza o dolores musculares.
5. Si usted tiene alguna preocupación sobre la salud de su hijo/a, por favor póngase en contacto con su médico de inmediato o, en caso de emergencia, llame al 911.

Se puede encontrar información adicional para la prevención de la gripe en los siguientes sitios web:

Centros de Control de Enfermedades (Centers for Disease Control):

www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/preventing.htm

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Feria de Recursos de Bienestar Mental

El Consejo de Educación proclamó que MCPS celebre el mes de octubre como el Mes de Bienestar y Concientización sobre la Salud Mental. MCPS está presentando una Feria de Salud Mental el sábado, 27 de octubre, de 11:30 a.m. a 3:00 p.m., en Julius West Middle School. Los estudiantes, miembros del personal y la comunidad pueden conocer más acerca de los recursos que existen en la comunidad y en las escuelas para apoyar el bienestar físico, social y psicológico de los estudiantes. Para más información y para responder a la invitación para este evento, ingrese a www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/student-services/

National Hispanic College Fair (English and Spanish)

The National Hispanic College Fair (NHCF) will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2018, at the Bohrer Park Community Center in Gaithersburg. This annual event sponsored by NHCF and MCPS for juniors and seniors is free for students. The fair features more than 40 colleges, universities, and service organizations committed to providing outreach and opportunity to all students.

MCPS students participate by attending with their schools; this event is not open to the public and is held during the school day. Registration and permission forms for this event can be accessed by contacting the College and Career Coordinator at your child's school.

For more information, you may contact the NHCF Coordinator, Ms. Patricia Maloney, via e-mail, at Patricia_A_Maloney@mcpsmd.org or by telephone, at 301-353-8029 or Ms. Robyn Hart, via e-mail at robyn_h_hart@mcpsmd.org or by telephone, at 240-314-4862.

Feria Universitaria Hispana

La Feria Universitaria Nacional Hispana (National Hispanic College Fair–NHCF) se llevará a cabo el jueves, 8 de noviembre, 2018, en el Centro Comunitario Bohrer Park, en Gaithersburg. Este evento anual patrocinado por NHCF y MCPS para estudiantes que cursan los Grados 11 y 12 es gratuito para los estudiantes. La feria presenta más de 40 colegios universitarios, universidades y

organizaciones de servicio, todos ellos comprometidos a proveer alcance y oportunidades a todos los estudiantes.

Los estudiantes de MCPS participan asistiendo con sus escuelas; este evento no está abierto al público y se realiza durante la jornada escolar. Los formularios de inscripción y de autorización para este evento se pueden conseguir del Coordinador/a de Universidades y Carreras Profesionales (College and Career Coordinator) en la escuela de su hijo/a.

Para más información, comuníquese con la Coordinadora de NHCF, Patty Maloney, en [Patricia A Maloney@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Patricia_A_Maloney@mcpsmd.org), o llame al 301 353-8029; también puede comunicarse con la Srta. Robyn Hart en robyn_h_hart@mcpsmd.org, o llamando al 240-314-4862.