

New on the MCPS Web

Equity Accountability Model

The MCPS Equity Accountability Data Dashboard provides information on the strategies the district is using to monitor and report student achievement. MCPS created the Equity Accountability Model to provide a way to look at the impact of a school specific to the achievement of all students. More information can be found at

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/evidence-of-learning-framework/equity-accountability-model.aspx. A blurb is provided below.

REMINDER: Special Education Parent Survey

Parents or guardians of students receiving special education related services are asked to complete the 2019 Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey over the next few weeks. The survey can be accessed at www.mdparentsurvey.com/. The deadline to complete the survey is Friday, May 17, 2019. A blurb is provided below.

Other News

June 5 Inclement Weather Make-Up Day

Inclement weather forced MCPS to close schools on four days. As a result of these closures, MCPS will use two designated make-up days to ensure that it meets the state required number of days. The school year will now be extended to June 14 and schools will now be open on June 5, which was a previously scheduled professional day for staff and a no school day for students. Please share this important information with your school community. A blurb is provided below.

REMINDER: Special Education Summit Set for April 27

MCPS staff, parents/guardians, and community members are invited to the sixth annual Special Education Summit, *Leading the Way Today, Partnering for a Better Tomorrow*, on Saturday, April 27, at Quince Orchard High School. A blurb is provided below.

Latino Parent Forum Set for April 30

MCPS parents and guardians are invited to attend the second MCPS Latino Community Forum for the 2018–2019 school year. This community forum will provide Latino families with an opportunity to engage in an important conversation about enrichment opportunities for Latino students. The forum will be held on Tuesday, April 30 at Forest Oak Middle School. To RSVP online

visit docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfLVLb2HnMQhuS1MeHcHHRsVjCpaepKsgPP0CkJK3kMIKiow/viewform. A blurb is provided below.

High School Programming Meeting

MCPS will hold the fourth meeting in a series of community conversations for parents/guardians to discuss the future of high school programming on Wednesday, May 1, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Paint Branch High School. A blurb is provided below.

High School Science Curriculum Night

MCPS, in partnership with the Montgomery County Councils of Parent Teacher Associations, Inc. (MCCPTA), is hosting a science curriculum night for parents/guardians and students to learn about all of the core high school science course options in the district.

The science night will take place on Wednesday, May 8, at Thomas S. Wootton High School. More information is available at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/publicinfo/hsscienicenight/. A blurb is provided below.

REMINDER: Equity Accountability Community Meetings

Members of the community are invited to join staff from the MCPS Office of School Support and Improvement at an upcoming meeting to learn about the MCPS Equity Accountability Model and other strategies the district is using to monitor and report student achievement. The final meeting will take place on:

- Monday, May 13, 2019
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Rockville High School
Quince Orchard High School
Springbrook High School

For more information and to RSVP, visit mcpsweb.wufoo.com/forms/equity-accountability-modelcommunity-meetings/. A blurb is provided below.

LGBTQIA Forum Set for May 18

MCPS, in collaboration with MCCPTA and community partners, is hosting a forum on Saturday, May 18 to help build, support, and advocate for a stronger and more diverse LGBTQIA school community. The forum will be held at Thomas S. Wootton High School from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. To RSVP, visit mcpsweb.wufoo.com/forms/lgbtqia-rsvp-form/. A blurb is provided below.

Curriculum Parent Nights

MCPS is hosting three information nights for parents/guardians to learn about the new curricular and instructional materials and supports for elementary and middle English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. There will be a presentation of both the Math and ELA elementary school curriculum and an opportunity for attendees to ask question.

The information nights will take place on Tuesday, May 21; Wednesday, May 22; and Thursday, May 23. More information, including the meeting locations, is available at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/publicinfo/community/school-year-2018-2019/parent-info-nights/elementary-english-math.html. A blurb is provided below.

MCPS TV

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 URL:

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

Blurbs for school newsletters, websites, etc.

Equity Accountability Model Now Available

The MCPS Equity Accountability Data Dashboard provides information on the strategies the district is using to monitor and report student achievement. MCPS created the Equity Accountability Model to provide a way to look at the impact of a school specific to the achievement of all students. You can view the dashboard and learn more at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/evidence-of-learning-framework/equity-accountability-model.aspx.

Reminder: 2019 Special Education Parent Involvement Survey (English and Spanish)

Parents or guardians of children receiving special education and related services are asked to complete the 2019 Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey over the next few weeks. The information you provide will help guide the state's efforts in improving special education and related services in public schools. The survey is anonymous and can be completed online. The deadline to complete the survey is Friday, **May 17**. Visit www.mdparentsurvey.com/ to complete the survey.

RECORDATORIO: Encuesta 2019 de Educación Especial sobre Participación de los Padres

Se solicita a los padres o guardianes de estudiantes que reciben educación especial y servicios relacionados que en las próximas semanas completen la Encuesta 2019 de Maryland de Participación de los Padres en Educación Especial. La información que usted provea servirá para guiar los esfuerzos del estado a fin de mejorar la educación especial y los servicios relacionados en las escuelas públicas. La encuesta es anónima y se puede completar en línea. El plazo límite para completar la encuesta es el viernes, **17. de mayo**. Visite www.mdparentsurvey.com/ para completar la encuesta.

Changes to the 2018–2019 School Calendar Due to Inclement Weather (English and Spanish)

Inclement weather forced MCPS to close schools on four days this winter. The 2018–2019 MCPS school calendar includes 182 instruction days, 2 more than the minimum required in the state of Maryland. As a result of these closures, MCPS will need to use two designated make-up days to ensure that it meets the state-required number of school days. The school year will be extended to June 14, 2019, and schools also will be open on June 5, which was a previously scheduled professional day for staff. June 14 will be an early release day for all students.

Cambios al Calendario Escolar 2018–2019 Debido a Tiempo Inclemente

El tiempo inclemente forzó a MCPS a cerrar cuatro días las escuelas durante este pasado invierno. El calendario escolar 2018–2019 de MCPS incluye 182 días lectivos, dos más que el mínimo exigido en el estado de Maryland. Como resultado de estos cierres, MCPS necesitará usar dos de los días designados para recuperación de día lectivo, a fin de asegurar el cumplimiento con el número de días que exige el Estado. El ciclo escolar se extenderá hasta el 14 de junio, 2019, y las escuelas también abrirán el 5 de junio, que anteriormente había sido programado como día profesional para el personal. El 14 de junio será de media jornada de clases para todos los estudiantes.

REMINDER: Special Education Summit Set for April 27 (English and Spanish)

MCPS parents/guardians, staff, and community members are invited to the sixth annual Special Education Summit, *Leading the Way Today, Partnering for a Better Tomorrow*. The summit will take place from 8:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on **Saturday, April 27** at Quince Orchard High School, 15800 Quince Orchard Road in Gaithersburg.

The keynote speaker is Lisa Dieker, Ph.D., Pegasus Professor and Lockheed Martin Eminent Scholar Chair, University of Central Florida, College of Community Innovation and Education. Dieker holds a Ph.D. in special education and curriculum and instruction from the University of Illinois.

There is no cost to attend the event, which is open to parents/guardians, educators, and community partners. Childcare, a light breakfast, and interpretation services are provided. More information is available at: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/special-education/events/.

RECORDATORIO: Cumbre de Educación Especial Programada para el 27 de Abril

Los padres/guardianes, personal y miembros de la comunidad de MCPS están invitados a asistir a la sexta Cumbre Anual de Educación Especial, *Abriendo el Camino Hoy, Colaborando para un Mejor Mañana*. La cumbre tendrá lugar desde las 8:15 a.m. hasta la 1:00 p.m., el **sábado, 27 de abril**, en Quince Orchard High School, 15800 Quince Orchard Road, en Gaithersburg.

La invitada que pronunciará el discurso principal es Lisa Dieker, Ph.D., Profesora de Pegasus y Presidenta Académica Eminente de Lockheed Martin, University of Central Florida, College of Community Innovation and Education. Dieker tiene un Ph.D. en educación especial y en currículum e instrucción de University of Illinois.

Asistir al evento es gratis, y está abierto a los padres/guardianes, educadores y colaboradores de la comunidad. Habrá servicio de cuidado infantil, un desayuno ligero y servicios interpretación de idiomas. Hay más información disponible en: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/special-education/events/.

Latino Community Forum Set for April 30 (English and Spanish)

MCPS parents/guardians and members of the community are invited to attend the Latino Community Forum to engage in an important conversation about enrichment opportunities for Latino students and deepen connections among MCPS leaders, Latino parents/guardians and students, and their school communities. The forum will be held at Forest Oak Middle School on

Tuesday, April 30 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sessions will be conducted in Spanish, with English interpretation available. Food and childcare will be provided. RSVP online at docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfLVLb2HnMQhuS1MeHcHHRsVjCpaepKsgPP0CkJK3kMKiiow/viewform.

Foro para la Comunidad Latina Programado para el 30 de Abril

Se invita a los padres y miembros de la comunidad de MCPS a que asistan al Foro para la Comunidad Latina para participar en una importante conversación sobre las oportunidades de enriquecimiento para los estudiantes latinos y para profundizar los vínculos entre los líderes de MCPS, los padres y estudiantes latinos y sus comunidades escolares. El foro tendrá lugar en Forest Oak Middle School, el día martes, 30 de abril, de 5:30 a 8:30 p.m. Las sesiones se realizarán en español, con interpretación en inglés disponible. Habrá comida y se proveerá cuidado infantil. Responda a la invitación en línea en docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfLVLb2HnMQhuS1MeHcHHRsVjCpaepKsgPP0CkJK3kMKiiow/viewform.

Help Build the Future of MCPS High School Programs (English and Spanish)

What high school programs should Montgomery County Public Schools offer in the future to best support college and career readiness? Be a part of the future! MCPS wants to hear from you about what programs you want made available at your local school and throughout the district. The district will hold the fourth in a series of community conversations for parents/guardians to discuss high school programs. The event will be held on Wednesday, May 1, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Paint Branch High School.

Ayude a Construir el Futuro de los Programas de Escuelas Secundarias de MCPS

¿Qué programas debería Montgomery County Public Schools ofrecer en las escuelas secundarias en el futuro para apoyar de mejor manera la preparación para la universidad y para carreras? ¡Sea parte del futuro! MCPS quiere saber de usted acerca de qué programas usted desea que estén disponibles en su escuela local y en todo el distrito escolar. El distrito escolar llevará a cabo el cuarto encuentro de una serie de conversaciones comunitarias para padres/guardianes para hablar sobre los programas de las escuelas secundarias. El evento tendrá lugar el miércoles, 1ro. de mayo, de 6:30 a 8:30 p.m., en Paint Branch High School.

May 8 High School Science Curriculum Night (English and Spanish)

Learn more about all core high school science course options, including Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses during the High School Science Curriculum Night on Wednesday, May 8 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Thomas S. Wootton High School. This event is co-sponsored by MCPS and MCCPTA, childcare and translation services will be available.

RSVP online at mcpweb.wufoo.com/forms/high-school-science-curriculum-night-may-8/.

8 de Mayo—Noche del Currículo de Ciencias de las Escuelas Secundarias

Conozca acerca de todas las opciones de cursos básicos de ciencias en las escuelas secundarias, incluyendo cursos de Estudios Avanzados (Advanced Placement–AP) y de Bachillerato Internacional (International Baccalaureate–IB), durante la Noche del Currículo de Ciencias de

las Escuelas Secundarias, a llevarse a cabo el miércoles, 8 de mayo, de 6:30 a 8:30 p.m., en Thomas S. Wootton High School. Este evento es copatrocinado por MCPS y MCCPTA; habrá servicio de cuidado infantil e interpretación de idiomas.

Confirme su asistencia en: mcpsweb.wufoo.com/forms/high-school-science-curriculum-night-may-8/.

REMINDER: Learn About the Equity Accountability Model at an Upcoming Community Meeting (English and Spanish)

Members of the community are invited to join staff from the MCPS Office of School Support and Improvement at the final community meeting to learn about the MCPS Equity Accountability Model and other strategies the district is using to monitor and report student achievement. The meeting will take place on:

- Monday, May 13, 2019
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Rockville High School
Quince Orchard High School
Springbrook High School

For more information and to RSVP, visit mcpsweb.wufoo.com/forms/equity-accountability-modelcommunity-meetings/.

RECORDATORIO: Conozca el Modelo de Responsabilidad para la Equidad durante una Próxima Reunión con la Comunidad

Los miembros de la comunidad están invitados a acompañar al personal de la Oficina de Apoyo y Mejoramiento Escolar (Office of School Support and Improvement) de MCPS durante la última reunión con la comunidad para conocer el Modelo de Responsabilidad para la Equidad y otras estrategias que el distrito escolar está utilizando para monitorizar y reportar el rendimiento estudiantil. La reunión tendrá lugar el:

- Lunes, 13 de mayo, 2019
7:00 a 8:30 p.m.
Rockville High School
Quince Orchard High School
Springbrook High School

Para más información y para confirmar su asistencia a este evento, visite mcpsweb.wufoo.com/forms/equity-accountability-modelcommunity-meetings/.

LGBTQIA Forum Set for May 18

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MCPS to Host Parent Information Nights About Elementary School Math and English Language Arts Curriculum (English and Spanish)

MCPS is beginning the implementation of a three-year roll-out of curricular and instructional materials and supports for elementary and middle English Language Arts (ELA) and Math to support high levels of teaching and learning for all students. Parent and community members are encouraged to come learn more from MCPS staff and the new curriculum vendors about what will be implemented in our schools. There will be a presentation of both the ELA and Math curricular and instructional materials and supports and an opportunity for attendees to ask questions.

The Information Nights will take place on the following dates:

- Tuesday, May 21, 2019
Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Location: Paint Branch High School
- Wednesday, May 22, 2019
Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Location: Gaithersburg High School
- Thursday, May 23, 2019
Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Location: Rock Terrace School

*All three dates (May 21, 22, and 23) will offer the same elementary school presentation.

For more information and to RSVP, visit

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/publicinfo/community/school-year-2018-2019/parent-info-nights/elementary-english-math.html.

MCPS Presentará Noches de Información para los Padres sobre el Currículum de Matemáticas y Artes del Lenguaje Inglés para las Escuelas Elementales

MCPS está iniciando tres años de implementación para introducir materiales curriculares y materiales y apoyos instructivos para Artes del Lenguaje Inglés (English Language Arts–ELA) y Matemáticas en las escuelas elementales y las escuelas de enseñanza media, a fin de apoyar altos niveles de enseñanza y aprendizaje para todos los estudiantes. Se alienta a los padres y a los miembros de la comunidad a que nos acompañen para que el personal de MCPS y los vendedores del nuevo currículum les informen más acerca de lo que se implementará en nuestras escuelas. Habrá una presentación sobre ambos los materiales curriculares y los materiales instructivos y apoyos para ELA y Matemáticas y una oportunidad para que los participantes hagan preguntas.

Las Noches de Información tendrán lugar en las siguientes fechas:

- Martes, 21 de mayo de 2019
Hora: 7:00 a 9:00 p.m.
Lugar: Paint Branch High School

- Miércoles, 22 de mayo, 2019
Hora: 7:00 a 9:00 p.m.
Lugar: Gaithersburg High School
- Jueves, 23 de mayo, 2019
Hora: 7:00 a 9:00 p.m.
Lugar: Rock Terrace School

*Las tres fechas (21, 22 y 23 de mayo) ofrecerán la misma presentación sobre las escuelas elementales.

Para más información y para confirmar su asistencia, visite a este evento, visite www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/publicinfo/community/school-year-2018-2019/parent-info-nights/elementary-english-math.html.