

## **New on the MCPS Web**

### **2019 Graduation Schedule**

The 2019 high school commencement season begins on Friday, May 24. Graduations taking place at DAR Constitution Hall will be streamed live on DAR's website. Staff, parents/guardians, and students are invited to submit their favorite graduation snapshots. Photos can be sent to [pio@mcpsmd.org](mailto:pio@mcpsmd.org) or posted on social media using the hashtag #mcpsgrad. To view the graduation schedule, visit [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/graduation/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/graduation/). A blurb is provided below.

## **Other News**

### **ESOL Awards**

Nominations are open for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Outstanding Student, Outstanding Teacher, and Principal of the Year Awards. The ESOL/Bilingual Advisory Committee (EBAC) will be presenting several awards. Staff is asked to use Google Chrome as an Internet browser for the best results to submit online nominations. Additional supporting documents, such as letters or statements, may be attached to the respective Google form as PDF files. All nominations are due online by Friday, May 10. For questions, contact [Tamisha L. Sampson](#), supervisor of the Elementary Integrated Curriculum Team. A blurb is provided below.

### **Voting for SERT Poster Contest Open to Staff and Students**

More than 150 creative, interesting, and informative entries have been submitted for the 2019 *Watts Up?* poster contest, sponsored by the School Energy and Recycling Team (SERT) program. SERT staff members have completed the initial round of judging. All MCPS staff and students are invited to help pick the winning entries and can judge via the online form at [bit.ly/2Ztxc6Y](http://bit.ly/2Ztxc6Y). Voting is open to MCPS students and staff. You must use your @MCPS.net (Google) login in order to participate. The *Watts Up?* poll is open until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15. To see the entries in full-screen format, check out the Google Slides document at [bit.ly/2Un3hK6](http://bit.ly/2Un3hK6).

Winning posters will be on display at the [Rockville Public Library](#) during the month of June. Visit the SERT website, at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/greenschoolsfocus/index.aspx](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/greenschoolsfocus/index.aspx) for more details about the annual *Watts Up?* poster contest.

### **2019 Gaithersburg Book Festival**

The 2019 Gaithersburg Book Festival will take place Saturday, May 18, on the grounds of Gaithersburg City Hall, 31 South Summit Avenue in Gaithersburg. The festival features a great lineup of authors and activities for children of all ages. Several members of the MCPS community will be conducting readings at the festival and there will be programs, workshops, and activities in the Children's Village that are designed to promote interest in reading and writing. For more information, visit [www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org](http://www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org). A blurb is provided below.

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MCPS is offering summer readiness camps for students to explore skilled and professional careers and match their career goals and interest with career academies and high school programs. The camps will take place from 8:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Thomas Edison High School of Technology from Monday, July 15, 2019, to Friday, August 2, 2019. Students currently in Grade 8 are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Leslie A. Cardenas, transition specialist, Transition Services Unit, at 301-649-8008. Please share this information with your community. A blurb is provided below.

### **Restorative Justice Screening**

The Division of Restorative Justice invites MCPS staff, students, and families to a private screening of the film, *Circles*. During the event, guests will have an exclusive chance to hear from the star of the film, Mr. Eric Butler, about his implementation of restorative circles both professionally and personally. The screening will take place on Tuesday, May 28 at 6:00 p.m. at AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center in Silver Spring. Admission is free, but tickets must be reserved online at [docs.google.com/forms/d/1ky1JSd2C\\_zPSISRbSYP3nSVAU-zl11AfBc9x0P-sCcQ/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ky1JSd2C_zPSISRbSYP3nSVAU-zl11AfBc9x0P-sCcQ/edit). 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](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC2A7ADDEDF1F2A2E)

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

### **Graduations Begin May 24 (English and Spanish)**

The 2019 high school commencement season is set to begin on Friday, May 24, and will end on Thursday, June 13. Graduations taking place at DAR Constitution Hall will be streamed live, courtesy of DAR, on DAR's website at [www.dar.org/constitution-hall/watch-graduation-live-stream](http://www.dar.org/constitution-hall/watch-graduation-live-stream). The graduation schedule can be found [here](#).

MCPS is inviting parents/guardians to submit their favorite graduation snapshots. Parents and guardians should select the best graduation photo of their child(ren) and e-mail it to [pio@mcpsmd.org](mailto:pio@mcpsmd.org). Many of the pictures will be posted on the MCPS website. Parents, guardians, and students also can submit photos via Twitter (using the hashtag #mcpsgrad). Pictures will be reposted on social media.

To contribute a photo via e-mail, follow these simple steps:

- Choose your best, horizontal snapshot.
- Send the photo as a jpeg file (no larger than 4 MB) and e-mail it to [pio@mcpsmd.org](mailto:pio@mcpsmd.org).
- Include your child's first name and school name. (We will not publish last names.)

By submitting a photo, parents/guardians are agreeing to its use for publication on the MCPS website. If you have questions, contact the Department of Public Information and Web Services at 240-740-2837 or via e-mail, at [pio@mcpsmd.org](mailto:pio@mcpsmd.org).

### **Las Ceremonias de Graduación Comienzan el 24 de Mayo**

La temporada de ceremonias de graduación 2019 de las escuelas secundarias está programada para comenzar el viernes, 24 de mayo, y terminará el jueves, 13 de junio. Las ceremonias de graduación que se realizan en DAR Constitution Hall se transmitirán en vivo, por cortesía de DAR, en el sitio web de DAR en [www.dar.org/constitution-hall/watch-graduation-live-stream](http://www.dar.org/constitution-hall/watch-graduation-live-stream). El calendario de ceremonias de graduación se puede ver [aquí](#).

MCPS invita a los padres/guardianes a que envíen sus fotos de graduación favoritas. Los padres y guardianes deberán seleccionar la mejor foto de graduación de su hijo/a o hijos/as y enviarla por correo electrónico a [pio@mcpsmd.org](mailto:pio@mcpsmd.org). Muchas de las fotos se publicarán en el sitio web de MCPS. Los padres, guardianes y estudiantes pueden también enviar fotos a través de Twitter, usando la etiqueta ("hashtag") #mcpsgrad. Las fotos serán reenviadas en los medios sociales.

Para contribuir una foto por correo electrónico, siga estos simples pasos:

- Escoja su mejor foto, en formato horizontal.
- Envíe la foto en formato jpeg (no más grande de 4 MB) y envíela por correo electrónico a [pio@mcpsmd.org](mailto:pio@mcpsmd.org).

- Incluya el nombre de su hijo/a y el nombre de la escuela. (Nosotros no publicaremos apellidos.)

Al contribuir una foto, los padres dan su consentimiento para que sea publicada en el sitio web de MCPS. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, por favor contacte al Departamento de Información Pública y Servicios Web (Department of Public Information and Web Services), teléfono 240-740-2837, o envíe un correo electrónico a [pio@mcpsmd.org](mailto:pio@mcpsmd.org).

### **Nominations Open for Staff & Student ESOL Awards (English and Spanish)**

Nominations are open for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Outstanding Student, Outstanding Teacher, and Principal of the Year Awards. The ESOL/Bilingual Advisory Committee (EBAC) will be presenting several awards:

- Outstanding Teacher Awards will be given to three ESOL teachers (one each in elementary, middle, and high school) who are excellent teachers and leaders and who have guided ESOL students in learning English and adjusting to life in the U.S.

Teacher nomination form:

[docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJ4uEsfYFq0gLUFdLG-erkU8pHtEFL67L8vn-89PI2FTV6Xw/viewform?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJ4uEsfYFq0gLUFdLG-erkU8pHtEFL67L8vn-89PI2FTV6Xw/viewform?pli=1)

- Principal of the Year will be awarded to one principal who has provided exceptional support to the ESOL/Bilingual program in their school.

Principal nomination form:

[docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc3QNUGEBbPPvsPexfZqQfIKnx6o9cp1TU8Y5KbbYuchdD3HA/viewform?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc3QNUGEBbPPvsPexfZqQfIKnx6o9cp1TU8Y5KbbYuchdD3HA/viewform?pli=1)

- Each school may nominate one ESOL student for every 20 ESOL students. These students will have shown growth in English language development and content during the 2018–2019 school year.

Student nomination form:

[docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScotB4ggd-c1Jk8Eu7AVMxdX6wKd-2cYzHzwQlKXjGHjAUaLg/viewform?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScotB4ggd-c1Jk8Eu7AVMxdX6wKd-2cYzHzwQlKXjGHjAUaLg/viewform?pli=1)

Additional supporting documents, such as letters or statements, may be attached to the respective Google form as PDF files. **All nominations are due online by Friday, May 10.** For questions, contact [Tamisha L. Sampson](#), supervisor of the Elementary Integrated Curriculum Team.

### **Nominaciones Abiertas para los Premios ESOL para el Personal y los Estudiantes**

Las nominaciones están abiertas para los Premios de Inglés para Personas Que Hablan Otros Idiomas (English for Speakers of Other Languages–ESOL) al/a la Estudiante Destacado/a, Maestro/a Destacado y Director/a de Escuela del Año. El Comité de ESOL/Asesoramiento Bilingüe (ESOL/Bilingual Advisory Committee—EBAC) presentará varios premios:

- El Premio al Maestro/a Destacado/a será adjudicado a tres maestros/as de ESOL (uno/a de las escuelas elementales, uno/a de las escuelas de enseñanza media y uno/a de las escuelas secundarias), por ser excelentes maestros/as y líderes y por guiar a los estudiantes de ESOL en el aprendizaje del idioma inglés y en su adaptación a la vida en los Estados Unidos.  
Formulario de Nominación de Un Maestro/a:  
[docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJ4uEsfYFq0gLUFdLG-erkU8pHtEFL67L8vn-89PI2FTV6Xw/viewform?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJ4uEsfYFq0gLUFdLG-erkU8pHtEFL67L8vn-89PI2FTV6Xw/viewform?pli=1)
- El Premio al Director/a de Escuela del Año será adjudicado a un director/a de escuela que haya proporcionado apoyo excepcional a ESOL/Programa Bilingüe de su escuela.  
Formulario de Nominación de Un Director/a de Escuela:  
[docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc3QNUGEBbPPvsPexfZqQfIKnx6o9cp1TU8Y5KbbYuchdD3HA/viewform?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc3QNUGEBbPPvsPexfZqQfIKnx6o9cp1TU8Y5KbbYuchdD3HA/viewform?pli=1)
- Cada escuela puede nominar a un/a estudiante de ESOL por cada 20 estudiantes de ESOL. Estos/as estudiantes habrán mostrado crecimiento en la adquisición de lenguaje en inglés y contenido académico durante el ciclo escolar 2018–2019.  
Formulario de Nominación de Un/a Estudiante:  
[docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScotB4ggd-c1Jk8Eu7AVMxdX6wKd-2cYzHzwQIKXjGHjAUaLg/viewform?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScotB4ggd-c1Jk8Eu7AVMxdX6wKd-2cYzHzwQIKXjGHjAUaLg/viewform?pli=1)

Se puede adjuntar al respectivo formulario de Google documentación adicional de apoyo, como por ejemplo cartas o declaraciones, en formato PDF. **Todas las nominaciones deben ser presentadas en línea a más tardar el viernes, 10 de mayo.** Para preguntas, por favor contacte a [Tamisha L. Sampson](#), supervisora del Equipo de Currículum Elemental Integrado (Elementary Integrated Curriculum Team).

### **Don't Miss the 2019 Gaithersburg Book Festival (English and Spanish)**

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More than 100 authors are scheduled to appear. Among the children's and young adults authors attending are: Zeno Alexander; Fred Bowen; Amy Ewing; Jessica Day George; and Monica Hesse. Some of the writing workshops will cover how to build suspense, creative writing in Spanish, and journal writing.

For more information about the festival, visit [www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org](http://www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org).

### **No se Pierda el Festival del Libro de Gaithersburg 2019**

El Festival del Libro de Gaithersburg 2019 tendrá lugar el sábado, 18 de mayo, en los terrenos de Gaithersburg City Hall, 31 South Summit Avenue, en Gaithersburg. El festival ofrece un programa estupendo con autores y actividades para niños de todas las edades. Varios miembros de la comunidad de MCPS ofrecerán lecturas durante el festival, y habrá programas, talleres y actividades en la Villa de los Niños (Children's Village) diseñados para promover el interés en la lectura y la escritura.

Más de 100 autores están programados para presentarse. Entre los autores de libros infantiles y libros para jóvenes adultos que asistirán se encuentran: Zeno Alexander, Fred Bowen, Amy Ewing, Jessica Day George y Monica Hesse. Algunos de los talleres de escritura cubrirán cómo crear suspenso, escritura creativa en español y escritura en diario personal.

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Parents/guardians should contact the summer school coordinator at their child's school for information on the middle school program. More information is available at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/extendedhours/summerschool/high.aspx#sites](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/extendedhours/summerschool/high.aspx#sites).

### **Ya Están en Marcha las Inscripciones para la Escuela de Verano**

Ya están abiertas las inscripciones para el programa de escuela de verano regional para las escuelas secundarias. El programa de escuela secundaria está abierto a todos los estudiantes que residen en el Condado de Montgomery, estén o no matriculados en Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). El programa de escuela secundaria se ofrecerá en cuatro lugares: las escuelas secundarias James Hubert Blake, Winston Churchill, Gaithersburg y Northwood. La primera sesión es desde el lunes, 24 de junio, hasta el viernes, 12 de julio; la segunda sesión es desde el martes, 16 de julio, hasta el jueves, 1ro. de agosto.

Los padres/guardianes deberán comunicarse con el coordinador/a de la escuela de verano en la escuela de su hijo/a para obtener información sobre el programa para las escuelas de enseñanza media. Hay más información disponible en

[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/extendedhours/summerschool/high.aspx#sites](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/extendedhours/summerschool/high.aspx#sites).

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### **Campamentos de Preparación Profesional para las Escuelas Secundarias**

MCPS está ofreciendo campamentos de preparación durante el verano para que los estudiantes exploren carreras profesionales y especializadas con academias profesionales y programas de escuela secundaria que coincidan con sus metas e intereses profesionales. Los campamentos tendrán lugar de 8:15 a.m. a 1:00 p.m., en Thomas Edison High School of Technology, desde el lunes, 15 de julio, hasta el viernes, 2 de agosto, 2019. Los estudiantes que actualmente cursan el Grado 8 están invitados a asistir. Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor contacte a la Srta. Leslie A. Cárdenas, especialista en servicios de transición, Unidad de Servicios de Transición, teléfono 301-649-8008. Para inscribirse, visite [tinyurl.com/y5sdm535](http://tinyurl.com/y5sdm535).

### **MCPS to Host Private Screening of the Film, *Circles***

MCPS staff, students, and families are invited to a free, private screening of the film, *Circles*. During the event, guests will have an exclusive chance to hear from the star of the film, Mr. Eric Butler, about his implementation of restorative circles both professionally and personally. *Circles* focuses on the life of Eric Butler, a Hurricane Katrina survivor and pioneer of the Restorative Justice movement. Shot over two years, the film follows Butler's impassioned efforts to nurture troubled youth and keep them in school, fighting racial discrimination by replacing snap suspensions and expulsions with gritty, intimate, and honest mentoring.

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