Dear Garrett Park Families,

Please find our school updates contained in the message below. If there is information you would like us to share in upcoming editions, please let us know. You can either call the school at 240-740-0700 or email Dan at Daniel\_K\_Tucci@mcpsmd.org or Melanie at Melanie\_S\_Bachrach@mcpsmd.org

**Updates from GPES Administration:**

**We hope everyone has had a nice beginning to the new year! This week was atypical for us due to the delayed openings, water main break, and HVAC motor burnout. Kudos to all students and staff for their resolve and commitment to safety and instruction this week.**

**Please keep the following information in mind when there is anticipated weather; Regular school hours are 9:25 am – 3:50 pm. Students may not enter the building until 9:05 am. When there is a 2-hour delay, students may enter the building at 11:05 am and school hours are 11:25 am – 3:50 pm.  In case of an early dismissal due to weather, please pay close attention to the MCPS announcements.  The dismissal time will be adjusted according to the announced closure (two hours early = 1:50 pm; two and a half hours early = 1:20 pm).**

**Buses run according to the adjusted hours.  Please see the links below for information on weather-related school closings:**

[http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/weather.aspx](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org_emergency_weather.aspx&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=-H88A-nqVig4iJU0dnj9DZdbRw670-V-qbBcDiUgz1s&m=5AHeNiqxk3s_0B6gUa8VzzC8qa2cBEsqDdAUvXLB0BM&s=0UQa14EshmNhMWcm9bdoRJEZmaaejVjYXdQWfBr_o18&e=)

[http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/sources.aspx](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org_emergency_sources.aspx&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=-H88A-nqVig4iJU0dnj9DZdbRw670-V-qbBcDiUgz1s&m=5AHeNiqxk3s_0B6gUa8VzzC8qa2cBEsqDdAUvXLB0BM&s=Ywteq4tcvDKJFZFTn90GJrNQ5vcs6zQNCswxTbtXRRw&e=)

\*\*Hearing and Vision screenings will take place next week for all kindergarten students.  Any student who is new to MCPS or referred by a teacher will also be screened.

Join Montgomery County residents in honoring the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by participating in the **Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service** on Jan. 15. A variety of service projects will take place across the county. Share photos of your service project with the district using the hashtag #MCPSServes. <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter/volunteers/MLK.html>​​

**Teaching and Learning:**

**Thank you for your participation at the Principal’s Coffee this past week. We had a great discussion and presentation on “Enrichment Opportunities.” Ms. Bachrach, Assistant Principal, and Debbie Korth, Reading Specialist, discussed opportunities for enrichment in the curriculum as well as the special programs offered by MCPS. If you would like more information, please visit the link to the slide show by clicking the link below or visit our school webpage.**

[http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/garrettparkes/news/index.aspx?id=571537](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org_schools_garrettparkes_news_index.aspx-3Fid-3D571537&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=-H88A-nqVig4iJU0dnj9DZdbRw670-V-qbBcDiUgz1s&m=5AHeNiqxk3s_0B6gUa8VzzC8qa2cBEsqDdAUvXLB0BM&s=i_uK7yOyWq2IXSs6gZw3fvf4UryYJpWs5G5b2EnFLDM&e=)

**Safety and Security:**

**It is cold and flu season.  When your child is sick and needs to stay home, please call and leave a message on the attendance line 240-740-0701.**

**Please use the attached guide as a resource to understanding when your child should stay home due to illness.**

[https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/Resources/Files/School%20Health/FS-25%20When%20To%20Keep%20Your%20Child%20Home%20From%20School%20ES.pdf](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.montgomerycountymd.gov_HHS-2DProgram_Resources_Files_School-2520Health_FS-2D25-2520When-2520To-2520Keep-2520Your-2520Child-2520Home-2520From-2520School-2520ES.pdf&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=-H88A-nqVig4iJU0dnj9DZdbRw670-V-qbBcDiUgz1s&m=5AHeNiqxk3s_0B6gUa8VzzC8qa2cBEsqDdAUvXLB0BM&s=lxRNvDGbXvQJFrOhN_-t9wXVn5DbEokiWYuf0lFG-0w&e=)

**Important Dates:**

January 15:                  Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday; Schools and Offices Closed

January 17:                  Hearing and Vision screenings              9:30 am–3:30 pm

January 18:                  Hearing and Vision screenings              9:30 am–3:30 pm

January 19:                  Hearing and Vision screenings              9:30 am–12:30 pm

                                    PTA Movie Night (APR)                       7:00pm

January 23:                  5th Grade Wax Museum (APR)              2:45 pm–3:30 pm

January 26:                  Professional Day; No School for Students

**MCPS Updates:**

**Student Member of the Board Candidate Filing Period (English and Spanish)**

**SMOB Candidate Filing Period Opens**

The 2018–2019 MCPS Student Member of the Board candidate filing period runs through
5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2018. Any MCPS student enrolled in middle school through Grade 12 may nominate a candidate; the student being nominated must be a current sophomore or junior.  Learn more and obtain a nomination form [here](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org_departments_student-2Dleadership_&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=-H88A-nqVig4iJU0dnj9DZdbRw670-V-qbBcDiUgz1s&m=5AHeNiqxk3s_0B6gUa8VzzC8qa2cBEsqDdAUvXLB0BM&s=477vmlWBB0tbKjXL70R4hkVbkgKaGDvT__niOkYdFTE&e=).

**Abre el Per&iacute;odo para Postularse a Candidato/a a Miembro Estudiantil del Consejo de Educaci&oacute;n (Student Member of the Board&ndash; SMOB)**

El per&iacute;odo para postularse como candidato/a 2018–2019 a Miembro Estudiantil del Consejo de Educaci&oacute;n en MCPS vence a las 5:00 p.m., del jueves, 25 de enero, 2018. Cualquier estudiante de MCPS matriculado/a en una escuela de ense&ntilde;anza media y hasta el Grado 12 puede nominar un candidato/a; el/la estudiante nominado/a debe estar actualmente cursando el Grado 10 o el Grado 11.  Conozca m&aacute;s y obtenga un formulario de nominaci&oacute;n [aqu&iacute;](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org_departments_student-2Dleadership_&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=-H88A-nqVig4iJU0dnj9DZdbRw670-V-qbBcDiUgz1s&m=5AHeNiqxk3s_0B6gUa8VzzC8qa2cBEsqDdAUvXLB0BM&s=477vmlWBB0tbKjXL70R4hkVbkgKaGDvT__niOkYdFTE&e=).

**NEW DATE: College and Career Readiness Night (English and Spanish)**

**College and Career Readiness Night to Be Held January 17**

Students in Grades 6-12 and their parents are invited to attend College and Career Readiness Night&mdash;Starting Early to Plan for Success. The event, held by MCPS in collaboration with the Montgomery County Council of Parent Teacher Associations, Inc. (MCCPTA), is an opportunity for parents/guardians and students to learn how to best prepare for college and career. Explore the opportunities and resources MCPS offers, learn about timelines, hear perspectives from MCPS graduates, and more.

The event will be held from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at Gaithersburg High School, 101 Education Boulevard in Gaithersburg. [RSVP here](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__docs.google.com_forms_d_e_1FAIpQLSfdYRClW2VV1fAp6-2DtmcZLMU1vR4MceFWsHm-5FJWAxMLlG0J-2DA_viewform&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=-H88A-nqVig4iJU0dnj9DZdbRw670-V-qbBcDiUgz1s&m=5AHeNiqxk3s_0B6gUa8VzzC8qa2cBEsqDdAUvXLB0BM&s=P1euqlRWgc1RI_v2VXLmanu9REr5p8rg71fC2AFK23w&e=).

**La Noche de Preparaci&oacute;n Universitaria y Profesional a Llevarse a Cabo el 17 de Enero**

Los estudiantes de los Grados 6‒12 y sus padres est&aacute;n invitados a asistir a la Noche de Preparaci&oacute;n Universitaria y Profesional&mdash;Comenzando Temprano a Planificar para el &Eacute;xito. El evento, presentado por MCPS en colaboraci&oacute;n con el Concejo de Asociaciones de Padres y Maestros del Condado de Montgomery, Inc. (Montgomery County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations, Inc.&ndash;MCCPTA), es una oportunidad para que los padres/guardianes y los estudiantes aprendan a prepararse de la mejor manera para la universidad y para carreras profesionales. Descubra las oportunidades y recursos que ofrece MCPS, conozca acerca de los plazos, escuche las perspectivas de graduados de MCPS y m&aacute;s.

El evento tendr&aacute; lugar de 6:30–8:45 p.m., el mi&eacute;rcoles, 17 de enero, 2018, en Gaithersburg High School, 101 Education Boulevard, en Gaithersburg. [Confirme su asistencia aqu&iacute;](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__docs.google.com_forms_d_e_1FAIpQLSfdYRClW2VV1fAp6-2DtmcZLMU1vR4MceFWsHm-5FJWAxMLlG0J-2DA_viewform&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=-H88A-nqVig4iJU0dnj9DZdbRw670-V-qbBcDiUgz1s&m=5AHeNiqxk3s_0B6gUa8VzzC8qa2cBEsqDdAUvXLB0BM&s=P1euqlRWgc1RI_v2VXLmanu9REr5p8rg71fC2AFK23w&e=).

Have a wonderful extended weekend!
Dan

**File attachments:**
[FS-25 When To Keep Your Child Home From School ES.pdf](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__connectdocs.blackboard.com_xythoswfs_webui_-5Fxy-2D911765-5F1-2Dt-5Fu6URrhYU&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=-H88A-nqVig4iJU0dnj9DZdbRw670-V-qbBcDiUgz1s&m=5AHeNiqxk3s_0B6gUa8VzzC8qa2cBEsqDdAUvXLB0BM&s=PzqEMXGda5wPHr-Y5K5Qq-ryiZbBQ2QDJTI4wuYLaSQ&e=)