

Maryvale Cougar



Maryvale Elementary School



February 2024

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Upcoming Events

- 1/29 Professional Day—No School for Students
- 1/30—2/2 No School for Head Start Students
- 2/2 Cougar Story Time “Animals & Habitats”
Virtual
- 2/6 Grade 2 In-House Field Trip “Reptile Wonders”
Family Game Night 6:00—8:00 pm
- 2/7 No School for Head Start and PreK Students
- 2/12 Family Life Parent Committee Meeting
Virtual 6:00—7:00 pm
- 2/13 PTA Board Meeting 6:00—7:00 pm
General PTA Meeting 7:00—8:00 pm
- 2/14 Valentines Day Celebrations
Times TBD
- 2/19 Holiday—No School
- 2/20 PreK (Williams) In-House Field Trip
“Echoes of Nature” (AM & PM)
- 2/21 French Immersion Open House #2 Virtual
6:30—7:30 pm
- 2/22 No School for CAPP Students
- 2/28 Grade 3 In-House Field Trip “Mad Science”
- 3/1 Early Release 1:20 pm



SchoolCash Online

Beginning last school year, parents/guardians of Maryvale students began paying for school field trips via SchoolCash Online.

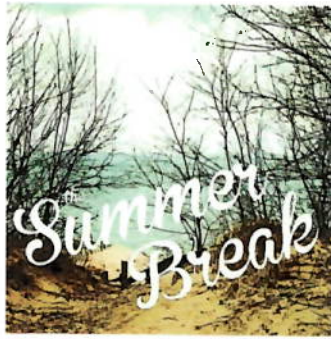
Families new to MCPS should have received information from MCPS regarding this program.

Please refer to the attached flyers (English and Spanish) for information about registering your children for this convenient way to pay for field trips.



Change of PM Transportation

Parents, we would like to remind you of Maryvale’s transportation change policy. While we are aware that there are unavoidable transportation changes during the school year, we are asking parents to change PM transportation **only in an emergency**. If you need to change your child’s transportation for the afternoon, and you know this in the morning, please go over this with your child/ren before they go to school. Frequent afternoon changes in transportation interrupt instruction as the front office must call into the class to let the child know. We appreciate your cooperation. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the front office. Thank you.



Summer Enrichment Programs at Johns Hopkins University

Maryvale is thrilled to share with you and your families that [CTY On-Campus Programs](#) for academically advanced learners in grades 2-12 are now enrolling for summer 2024. Specifically, we want to highlight two important factors:

1. This summer, Johns Hopkins is launching Discovery Sampler Courses which are multidisciplinary courses where students explore three different topics in one three-week summer session. They are open to all students, and test scores are not required.
2. Financial Aid is available for income eligible families that reside in the state of Maryland.

Finding a fun, exciting and challenging program for the summer can make a lifetime of difference for curious young students. At the [Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth](#), students can enroll in 70+ rigorous, fresh, and fun in-person courses offered at 11 locations throughout the U.S. Day programs are offered for students in grades 2-6, and residential programs are available for students in grades 5-12. CTY's three-week courses give advanced learners the opportunity to delve into a topic they love. .

Space is limited and programs fill quickly. Families can register now and if plans change, may cancel before March 1, 2024, and receive a full tuition refund, minus the application fee according to CTY's no-risk refund policy.

Please contact Mme. Riley @ MicheleAnne_A_Ebe-Riley@mcpsmd.org for registration information.

Register for SchoolCash Online today

It's fast, easy & free

Activate an account today so you will be notified via email and pay for your child(ren)'s school activity fees online.

Why register?

24/7 shopping convenience

Secure, contactless & easy-to-use

Receive email notifications as new items are available for purchase

Manage all of your child(ren)'s school activity fees from a single account

Check your account history at any time

View & print receipts as needed

Eliminates the need for your child(ren) to carry cash

How to register

Go to <https://mcpsmd.schoolcashionline.com/> and click **Register**.

Enter your first name, last name, email address, and create a password

Select a security question

Select **Yes** to receive email notifications (note that you will not receive any promotional emails)

You will receive a confirmation via email. Check your Spam folder if you don't receive it.

Use your email address and password to log in to your account.

How to add children to your account

Sign in to **SchoolCash Online**: <https://mcpsmd.schoolcashionline.com/>.

At the top of the page, navigate to **My Account**.

From the dropdown menu, select **My Students**.

Click to add a child:

Type your school board name.

Choose your school from the list.

Enter your child's details.

Click **Confirm**.

How to make a payment

Select the item which you would like to purchase & click **Add to Cart**.

Once you have finished adding items to your cart, always review the cart.

Click **Continue** to make a payment.

Regístrese hoy en SchoolCash Online

Es rápido, fácil y gratuito

Cree una cuenta hoy mismo para que se le notifique por correo electrónico y pueda pagar en línea las cuotas de las actividades escolares de su(s) hijo(s).

¿Por qué registrarse?

Facilidad de compra 24 horas al día, 7 días a la semana

Seguro, sin contacto y fácil de usar

Reciba notificaciones por correo electrónico cuando haya nuevos artículos disponibles para su compra

Gestione todas las cuotas de las actividades escolares de sus hijos desde una sola cuenta

Vea e imprima los recibos que necesite

Elimina la necesidad de que su(s) hijo(s) lleve(n) dinero en efectivo

Cómo inscribirse

Vaya a <https://mcpsmd.schoolcashonline.com/> y haga clic en **Register**.

Introduzca su nombre, apellido, dirección de correo electrónico y cree una contraseña

Seleccione una pregunta de seguridad

Seleccione **Yes** para recibir notificaciones por correo electrónico (tenga en cuenta que no recibirá ningún correo electrónico promocional)

Recibirás una confirmación por correo electrónico. Comprueba tu carpeta de Spam si no lo recibes.

Utilice su dirección de correo electrónico y su contraseña para acceder a su cuenta.

Cómo añadir niños a su cuenta

Acceda a **SchoolCash Online**: <https://mcpsmd.schoolcashonline.com/>

En la parte superior de la página, navegue hasta **My Account**

En el menú desplegable, seleccione **My Students**.

Haga clic para añadir un niño:

Escriba el nombre de su consejo escolar.

Elija su escuela de la lista.

Introduzca los datos de su hijo.

Haga clic en **Confirm**.

Cómo hacer un pago

Seleccione el artículo que desea comprar y haga clic en **Add to Cart**.

Una vez que haya terminado de añadir artículos a su cesta, haga clic en **Continue** para realizar el pago.

School Meals

Meal Prices: There are no changes in meal prices this school year. • Breakfast: regular price: \$1.30 (all levels); reduced price (all levels): no cost; Lunch: regular price: \$2.55 (elementary), \$2.80 (middle and high); reduced price (all levels): no cost Applications:

Free and Reduced-price Meals Sytem (FARMS) applications have been updated for the new school year, and are now available online at www.MySchoolApps.com; this is the preferred application method.

All interested families must reapply each school year.

Please refer to attachment A for additional application process details. • Please share application information in your school's Connect Ed, newsletters and website; a sample is provided in Attachment B.



Winter is Here!

Brrrr—it's cold outside! Students go outside for recess everyday unless the temperature is below 32 degrees.

Please make sure to send your child to school ready for the cold weather: Winter coat, a hat, gloves, scarf and boots.



Online Student Resource

At the December 12th PTA meeting, Ms. Stevenson, our staff development teacher, shared how to access resources at home to support learning. Use the following link to review how to login to students.net account, the Clever Portal, and additional learning platforms from home Here is the link to view the slides from her presentation: <http://bit.ly/41ggjx3>

PTA Wants You!

How do you want to help the PTA?

Many hands make light work, and the PTA is looking for many hands to help this year. Beyond the 4 elected positions, the PTA has many other Board and volunteer positions that do everything from organize events (e.g. Science Fair), to fundraising, to advocacy, to staff appreciation. Please consider helping the PTA by browsing the positions and descriptions in the sign-up genius and volunteering for a slot.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4daaad23aaf85-maryvale5/33917312#/>



Jump Rope 4 Heart

Save the Date!

During the week of February 19th, the Jump Rope 4 Heart fundraiser will take place. Mr. Hendershot, our full-time PE teacher, will be collecting funds for the American Heart Association. The jump rope event will take place during PE classes. Packets with all the information will come home with students shortly. Please donate if you can—cash, checks made payable to the American Heart Association or donate online.



Parent Volunteers

Calling all parents!

Maryvale loves parent volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering in your child's classroom, you will need to take the MCPS Volunteer Training. To complete this training, please go to the MCPS website and search for Volunteer Training. This should take you directly to the webpage with the training link. Once you have completed the training, your name will show on Maryvale's Volunteer Report (this usually takes a few days). You can also email Mrs. Nolte your training completion confirmation email. Once one of the two tasks have been completed, you may schedule a volunteer date with your child's teacher.

Additionally, you may also access the training link through Maryvale's webpage (under Back-to-School).

Please join us! We are looking forward to a great year.