

Principal's Message on 09/17

Good Evening Stallion Families,

Thank you for another great week of learning! Students did a great job throughout the building. In addition to all the learning in the classrooms we also practiced our lockdown and shelter drill, while grades 3-5 worked on their MAP-R testing.

- **This Friday, September 22nd is an early release day with school ending at 12:45 PM.**

New: Bringing Items To School For Students

We're trying something new this week! To avoid disruption to the classroom, we will not be calling into the classroom when parents bring lunch or water bottles for students.

- Items will be on a table in the cafeteria just to the left of the entrance door labeled "Items From Home For Pickup Today"
- Please tell your student to check the table if they are missing a lunch or water bottle for the day.

We appreciate families making their best effort to send their students to school with all the supplies that they need.

New: Attendance Matters

When your student will be out for the day or leaving school early, please be sure to email in the morning to their teacher and the attendance secretary, Mrs. Cardea,

Sherrie_H_Cardea@mcpsmd.org

- This allows us to mark attendance properly or prepare for their early release.
- Please include the students FULL name and the reason for the absence or early release. All absences must be documented through the main office.

Please be aware of the new MCPS policy for *long term absences*. If a student is absent for ten days or more, they need to be withdrawn from school. Upon the families return, they will need to submit proof of residency to the main office before the student can be re-enrolled. Every effort will be made to return the student to their previously assigned classroom, but re-enrollment will

be based on class numbers and students being assigned to their previous classroom is not guaranteed. Advanced notice to teachers and Mrs. Cardea of long term absences is appreciated.

New: MAP-M testing for Grades K-5

Students in Grades 3-5 will be taking the MAP-M (Measure of Academic Progress) assessment throughout the week. The MAP-M assessment measures growth and proficiency in math and provides teachers with insights to help tailor instruction.

- Please be sure your child gets a good night of sleep the day before testing and eats a solid breakfast so they can perform at their best!

New: MCPS to Host Girls' Summit

The district is inviting all MCPS families to the Girls' Summit on Saturday, Oct. 21 at Clarksburg High School. This event will provide informative workshops geared towards middle and high school girls on a variety of current topics. Join us for a chance to network, participate in fun activities, learn valuable skills and enjoy a fashion show presented by White House Black Market celebrating diverse body types!

Sessions will be provided in English and Spanish, and will be organized by grade level. Student Service Learning (SSL) hours will be available for students. Topics and activities will include:

- Healthy relationships/dating violence
- Social media use and mental health, including cyberbullying
- Self-esteem
- Identifying symptoms of depression and anxiety
- Healthy eating and body image
- Music therapy, Zumba and Kaiser Permanente spin bikes for art therapy
- Narcan kits will be distributed and training will also be available.
- **RSVP,**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScFI01iiryPZOJSmCK-60ouWDk0h9Jc2Rjtxgzy-1RWB8C_JA/viewform

New: Share Your Feedback on the 2024–2025 School Year Calendar

MCPS is seeking the community's feedback as it works to finalize the 2024–2025 school calendar. Please complete this survey to share your input.

Your feedback represents an important component of the development process. MCPS will consider educational interests, operational needs, mandated school closures by state law, compliance with minimum instructional days and credit hour requirements, inclement weather and other emergencies, staff professional days and early release days, alignment with assessment schedules and more.

- **Survey in Other Languages:**

- Calendario escolar de MCPS 2024 - 2025 Comentarios
- MCPS 校歴 2024 - 2025 年反饋
- MCPS 학교 일정 2024 - 2025 피드백
- Calendrier scolaire de MCPS 2024-2025
- Calendário Escolar MCPS 2024 - 2025
- Phản hồi về Lịch học MCPS 2024 - 2025
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New: MSA Sports and Learn Now Music Programs

MSA is offering multiple programs for fall sports and Learn Now Music has group classes available. Please see the attached PDF for sports opportunities.

New: Updates from the PTA

Our first PTA General Membership meeting of the year will be held on September 26th at 7 pm.

- One can attend in person or online.
- Please email info@sfespta.org for video conferencing details.

Our website, which is still a work in progress, has been updated. Please check it out for pertinent information about the PTA: <https://www.sfespta.org>

The PTA is looking to fill the following position:

- MCCPTA Delegate

Upcoming Important Dates

- Tuesday, September 19th- Friday, September 22nd- MAP-M testing
- Friday, September 22nd- Early Release for students
- Monday, September 25th- No school for students and staff
- Tuesday, September 26th- PTA meeting at 7:00 PM in-person or via Zoom
- Friday, October 13th- Clarksburg Cluster Night at the football game
- Monday, October 16th at 9:15 AM- Principal Coffee focused on Enrichment

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school, 240-740-5800.

With Gratitude,
Michelle Fortune