



December 2008 • Instructional Television Monday



Science and Health

Schools, Parents, and Community

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8	:00	Science is Fun (W)	MCPS News Update
	:15		Our Schools Today: HSA: An Update (CC)
	:30		Child Find
	:45		Take Ten (W)
9	:00	Weather Smart (W)	Education News Parents Can Use (CC)
	:15	Science of the Sea (W)	
	:30	Kid Fitness (W)	
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10	:00	NASA Sci Files: The Radical Ride (TG, CC)	Cover to Cover with Jerry Weast
	:15		Helping Young Teens Succeed in Middle School (CC)
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11	:00	Brainfood	The Whole Child (W, CC)
	:15	Real Science (W)	Raising Healthy Teens: Communication Skills (CC)
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12	:00	CNN Student News (CC)	MCPS News Update
	:15	The Complete Cosmos (W)	Our Schools Today: HSA: An Update (CC)
	:30	NASA Connect: Hidden Treasures (TG, CC)	Child Find
	:45		Take Ten (W)
1	:00	Body Systems & Health (W)	Education News Parents Can Use (CC)
	:15	Eyes of Nye (W)	
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2	:00	The Habitable Planet (W, CC)	Cover to Cover with Jerry Weast
	:15	Chemistry in Action Episodes 1-4 (B, TG, CC)	Helping Young Teens Succeed in Middle School (CC)
	:30		The Whole Child (W, CC)
	:45		Raising Healthy Teens: Communication Skills (CC)
3	:00	Teen Mental Health (W, CC)	MCPS News Update
	:15		Our Schools Today: HSA: An Update (CC)
	:30		Child Find
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4	:00	Earth Revealed (W, CC)	Education News Parents Can Use (CC)
	:15	The World of Chemistry (W, CC)	
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5	:00	Learning Science Through Inquiry (W, CC)	Cover to Cover with Jerry Weast
	:15		Helping Young Teens Succeed in Middle School (CC)
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6	:00	Rediscovering Biology (W, CC)	The Whole Child (W, CC)
	:15		Raising Healthy Teens: Communication Skills (CC)
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7	:00	Essential Science: Earth & Space (W, CC)	MCPS News Update
	:15		Our Schools Today: HSA: An Update (CC)
	:30		Child Find
	:45		Take Ten (W)
8	:00	Science in Focus: Energy (W, CC)	Education News Parents Can Use (CC)
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9	:00	Essential Science: Physical Science (W, CC)	Cover to Cover with Jerry Weast
	:15		Helping Young Teens Succeed in Middle School (CC)
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10	:00	Reactions in Chemistry (W, CC)	The Whole Child (W, CC)
	:15		Raising Healthy Teens: Communication Skills (CC)
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11	:00	Classic Arts Showcase	MCPS Bulletin Board
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CURRENT EVENTS

CNN Student News (CC)

Gr. 4–12. Mon.–Fri., 12–12:15 p.m. This daily news show includes national and international news. **Teacher resources available at** www.cnn.com/studentnews.

SCIENCE

Brainfood

Gr. 5–8. Mon., 11–11:30 a.m. Uses cooking and food to explore the show's theme 'Density.' Pickles, bread, soup and ice cream are all used to explain density; how heavy something is compared to how big it is. Learn math and science the fun way—with BrainFood! (6/2009)

Chemistry in Action (B, CC)

Gr. 8–11. Mon., 2:30–4 p.m. Covers major concepts taught in chemistry classes. Episodes include The Periodic Table, Bonding, Reactions, and Compounds in Chemistry. **Teacher guides and Maryland State Standards correlations available at** www.mcpsitv.org. (7/2011)

Complete Cosmos (W)

Gr. 5–12. Mon., 12:15–12:30 p.m. A perfect introduction to space and astronomy. (6/2009)

Dragonfly TV (W)

Gr. K–5. Mon., 8:30–9 a.m. Real kids pursue their own scientific investigations and share the excitement that comes with making their own discoveries. They are joined by adult scientists, who share not only their scientific discoveries but also home movies and snapshots of themselves as kids. (6/2009)

Earth Revealed (W, CC)

Gr. 9–12. Mon., 5–5:30 p.m. Students see geologists at work and learn about the great diversity of landforms—from ancient mountains to shifting river courses to new sea-floor crust. (Annenberg/CPB–5/2010)

Eyes of Nye (W)

Gr. 9–12. Mon., 1:30–2 p.m. Bill Nye tackles big questions and goes beyond the scientific basics. He provides teen viewers with relevant information and then challenges them to use it by understanding critical issues in order to make informed choices. (6/2009)

The Habitable Planet: A Systems Approach to Environmental Science (W, CC)

Gr. 11–12/College. Mon., 2–2:30 p.m. An overview of Earth's systems: geophysical, atmospheric, oceanic, and ecological. (Annenberg/CPB–perpetuity)

NASA Connect: Hidden Treasures: Landscape Archaeology (TG, CC)

Gr. 6–8. Mon., 12:30–1 p.m. Using remote sensing and problem solving, NASA archeologists establish how ancient civilizations lived and what factors may have led to their disappearance. **Teacher guides available at** <http://connect.larc.nasa.gov>. (perpetuity)

The NASA “Sci” Files: The Case of the Radical Ride (TG, CC)

Gr. 3–5. Mon., 10–11 a.m. The tree house detectives get stuck in traffic. In their quest for hassle-free traveling they learn about energy, composite materials, and technology. **Teacher guides available at** <http://scifiles.larc.nasa.gov>. (perpetuity)

Real Science (W)

Gr. 6–12. Mon., 11:30 a.m.–noon. Designed to inspire students to pursue careers in science. (6/2009)

Science is Fun (W)

Gr. K–5. Mon., 8–8:30 a.m. The master of chemical demonstrations, Professor Bassam Z. Shakhashiri, shares the fun of science through home science activities and demonstrations. (6/2009)

Science of the Sea (W)

Gr. K–4. Mon., 9:15–9:30 a.m. Demonstrates the fun, intrigue, and interdependence of marine animals. (*perpetuity*)

Weather Smart (W)

Gr. 8. Mon., 9–9:15 a.m. Teaches various weather facets of meteorology that are supported by quizzes, exercises, hands-on experiments, and Internet references. (6/2009)

The World of Chemistry (W, CC)

Gr. 9–12. Mon., 5:30–6 p.m. The foundations of chemical structures and their behavior are explored in theory and practice, and illustrated with computer animation and demonstrations in industrial and research labs. (*perpetuity*)

HEALTH

Body Systems & Health (W)

Gr. 6–8. Mon., 1–1:30 p.m. Explores the role of the body's circulatory and respiratory systems, emphasizing things we can do to maintain these important systems. In Healthy Skeletal and Muscular Systems action-oriented footage highlights the nature and care of the skeletal and muscular systems. Healthy Digestive and Excretory Systems reviews what our body does with the food we consume, and covers the major digestive organs and processes. The Healthy Nervous and Endocrine Systems program explores the essential components and functions of the nervous system while also investigating the endocrine system. (6/2009)

Discovering Psychology (W, CC)

Gr. 11–12. Mon., 4:30–5 p.m. Stanford University professor and author Philip Zimbardo narrates this introductory course in psychology as leading researchers, practitioners, and theorists probe the mysteries of the mind and body. (*Annenberg/CPB–12/2010*)

Kid Fitness (W)

Gr. K–2. Mon., 9:30–10 a.m. Designed to get kids thinking about exercise and health at an early age. Perfect for early grade school children, Kid Fitness is a visually bright and colorful series, which will entertain, educate, and motivate young viewers. (6/2009)

Teen Mental Health (W, CC)

Gr. 6–12. Mon., 4–4:30 p.m. Positive and encouraging views on sensitive subjects from an adolescent viewpoint. (6/2009)

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Essential Science: Earth and Space (W, CC)

Teachers, K–6. Mon., 8–9 p.m. Teachers explore some of the bedrock science concepts needed to teach today's standards-based curricula. Each program highlights an elementary school teacher as he or she works with students to explore the world of science. *(Annenberg/CPB–6/2014)*

Essential Science for Teachers: Physical Science (W, CC)

Teachers, Gr. K–6. Mon., 10–11 p.m. Teachers increase their understanding of some of the fundamental science concepts needed to teach today's standards-based curricula. Each program in this series highlights a teacher as he or she works with students to explore the world of science. *(Annenberg/CPB–6/2014)*

Learning Science Through Inquiry (W, CC)

Teachers, Gr. K–8. Mon., 6–8 p.m. Demonstrates different approaches to inquiry based teaching in classrooms. See how teachers have improved their teaching methods and how students can benefit by learning through inquiry. *(Annenberg/CPB–12/2010)*

Reactions in Chemistry (W, CC)

Teachers, Gr. 9–12. Mon., 11 p.m.–midnight. Presenters combine chemistry content, history, and technological applications with classroom lessons to provide teachers with updated knowledge and new approaches to pedagogy. *(Annenberg/CPB–12/2013)*

Rediscovering Biology: Molecular to Global Perspectives (W, CC)

Teachers, Gr. 9–12. Mon., 7–8 p.m. Advances in the field of biology are explained to help teachers update their content knowledge and understanding. *(Annenberg/CPB–12/2014)*

Science in Focus: Energy (W, CC)

Teachers, Gr. K–8. Mon., 9–10 p.m. Teachers examine energy's role in motion, machines, food, the human body, and the universe. *(Annenberg/CPB–12/2010)*

Child Find

Mon., 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m.; Spanish: Tues., 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. Learn about the Child Find program and screening for preschool children. Find out how to get help if you suspect your preschool child is not developing appropriately. *(MCPS–unlimited)*

Cover to Cover with Jerry Weast

Mon./Fri., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m., 10 p.m. Go behind the scenes of the MCPS budget process in this edition of Cover to Cover. See how MCPS works with the community, the PTA's, and staff unions to develop the school system budget. We will take a look at the experiential learning opportunities available to students through the Division of Career and Technology Education. We will profile the Center for Skillful Teaching and Leading, where MCPS staff hone their observing, listening, and teaching skills. Finally, we check in with Brookhaven Elementary School to see what's new this year. *(MCPS–unlimited)*

Education News Parents Can Use (CC)

Mon., 9 a.m., 1 p.m., 5 p.m., 9 p.m. The U.S. Department of Education looks at schools, learning, and the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*, and offers parents vital information about getting involved in their children's learning. (8/2009)

Helping Young Teens Succeed in Middle School (CC)

Mon./Fri., 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Participants discuss ways how parents can support their children during the difficult years of middle school. Parents learn how to successfully negotiate issues of concern, avoid unnecessary conflicts, promote independence and self-management skills, and provide a nurturing environment for growth and development. (4/2013)

MCPS News Update

Mon.–Fri., 8 a.m., 12 p.m., 4 p.m., 8 p.m. Kate Harrison, from the Office of Communications and Family Outreach, presents a weekly news update of important events and information within Montgomery County Public Schools. (MCPS–unlimited)

Our Schools Today: High School Assessments: An Update (CC)

Mon., 8:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 8:15 p.m. Starting this year, all students must pass the High School Assessments (HSA) to graduate from school and receive a Maryland Diploma. *Our Schools Today* updates parents with important information they need to know, so their children can graduate on-schedule with classmates. (MCPS–unlimited)

Take Ten (W)

Mon., 8:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 8:45 p.m.; Thu., 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. Watch lively discussions about our students, our schools, our people. It's 10 minutes you won't want to miss! (MCPS–unlimited)



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Math and Foreign Language

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	:30		Charlie Needs a Cloak (French) (TG)
	:45		Scholastic Math & Counting (W, TG, CC)
9	:00	Econ & Me (W)	MCPScourses.org (Spanish)
	:15	Math Monsters (W, CC)	Technology Today, Success Tomorrow (Spanish)
	:30	Extra French (W)	El Niño Completo (W, CC)
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10	:00	French in Action (W, CC)	Education News Parents Can Use (Spanish)
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	:30	Extra Spanish (W)	
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11	:00	Destinos (W, CC)	The Whole Child: The First Five Years (W, CC)
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	:30	Fokus Deutsch (W, CC)	New American Schools (W, CC)
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12	:00	CNN Student News (CC)	MCPS News Update
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	:30	KuBus (English)	Child Find (Spanish)
	:45		Diez Minutos (W)
1	:00	KuBus (German)	MCPScourses.org (Spanish)
	:15		Technology Today, Success Tomorrow (Spanish)
	:30	Guten Tag (W)	El Niño Completo (W, CC)
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2	:00	Algebra in Simplest Terms (W, CC)	Education News Parents Can Use (Spanish)
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	:30	Mathematics Illuminated (W, CC)	
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3	:00	Connect with English (W, CC)	The Whole Child: The First Five Years (W, CC)
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	:30		New American Schools (W, CC)
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4	:00	Financial Fitness (W)	MCPS News Update
	:15		Our Schools Today: HSA: An Update (Spanish)
	:30	Kids, Cash, and Common Sense	Child Find (Spanish)
	:45		Diez Minutos (W)
5	:00	Homework Hotline Live! (CC)	MCPScourses.org (Spanish)
	:15		Technology Today, Success Tomorrow (Spanish)
	:30		El Niño Completo (W, CC)
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6	:00	The Math Dude (W)	Education News Parents Can Use (Spanish)
	:15	Math Can Take You Places (W, TG, CC)	
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	:45	Homework Hotline Replay (CC)	
7	:00		The Whole Child: The First Five Years (W, CC)
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MATH

Algebra in Simplest Terms (W, CC)

Gr. 9–12. Tue., 2–2:30 p.m. Clarifies the elusive problem-solving concepts of algebra by highlighting common trouble spots. Illustrates why problem-solving concepts are important by using simple explanations and illustrative computer graphics. (*Annenberg/CPB–12/2009*)

Econ & Me (W)

Gr. 2–5. Tue., 9–9:15 a.m. Students learn that spending money often requires careful decisions, and that obtaining money is more complicated than sticking a card in a bank machine. (*6/2009*)

Math Can Take You Places (W, TG, CC)

Gr. 3–6. Tue., 6:15–6:30 p.m. Emphasizes algebra-readiness skills at the upper-elementary level and combines real world applications through the eyes of five professionals. **Teacher guides available at** www.mcpsitv.org. (*8/2011*)

The Math Dude (W)

Gr. 6–12. Tue., Wed., Thu., 6–6:15 p.m. A video series that helps middle and high school students improve their algebra skills. The program follows the MCPS curriculum so students can review key concepts from Algebra 1, one of the High School Assessments that students must pass to graduate. **Watch online at** www.MCPSMathDude.org. (*MCPS–unlimited*)

Math Monsters (W, CC)

Gr. K–2. Tue., 9:15–9:30 a.m. This entertaining math series was developed in cooperation with the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) and is designed to meet and support NCTM standards for K–2 mathematics process and content instruction. (*6/2009*)

Mathematics Illuminated (W, CC)

Gr. 9–12. Tue., 2:30–3 p.m. Major mathematical themes are explored—from the earliest study of prime numbers to the cutting-edge mathematics used to reveal the shape of the universe. (*Annenberg Media–perpetuity*)

Scholastic Math & Counting Series (W, CC)

Gr. PreK–4. Tue., 8:45–9 a.m. Young students learn fundamental math concepts through stories from popular children’s books. **Teacher guides available at** www.scholastic.com/westonwoods. (*7/2011*)

X Power (W)

Gr. 6–12. Tue., 12:15–12:30 p.m. A team of students each with his/her own strength representing problems—visual, numerical, graphical, and reflecting the different styles with which students address problems they encounter. (*6/2009*)

MONEY MATTERS

Financial Fitness (W)

Gr. 11–12. Tue., 4–4:30 p.m. Presents the pleasures and pitfalls of financial responsibility and shares successful money strategies for young adults. (6/2009)

Kids, Cash, and Common Sense

Gr. K–5. Tue., 4:30–5 p.m. Designed to equip parents and young children with the common sense to deal with money. Includes lessons on where coins originate, teaching a young child about the value of money, the difference between “needs” and “wants,” when an allowance is appropriate and how to deal with children suffering from a chronic case of the “gimme’s.” The program also weaves together fantasy with vignettes of real-life young entrepreneurs and smart shoppers and visits to the Denver Mint and a unique bank just for kids. (6/2009)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Charlie Needs a Cloak (Spanish) (TG)

PreK–3. Tue., 8:30–8:45 a.m. When Charlie's old cloak becomes torn and tattered, he spins a new one showing how cloth is made from wool. **Teacher guide available at** www.scholastic.com/westonwoods. (7/2011)

Destinos (W, CC)

Gr. 9–12. Tue., 11–11:30 a.m. Students learn to understand, speak, read, and write Spanish while following a mystery that takes place in Spain, Argentina, Mexico, and Puerto Rico. Each episode introduces basic language structure, patterns, and vocabulary terms that are easy for students to understand as they build their Spanish-speaking skills. (Annenberg/CPB–12/2010)

Extra: French and Spanish (W)

Gr. 9–12. French: Tue., 9:30–10 a.m.; Spanish: Tue., 10:30–11 a.m. Four young adults living in the same apartment building play out their romances, life crises, and interests. One of the four has a limited understanding of the French/Spanish language and struggles to be understood, which provides the language-learning content. Wit and physical humor are combined to appeal to high school students. (7/2010)

Fokus Deutsch (W, CC)

Gr. 9–12. Tue., 11:30 a.m.–noon. Minidramas set in Germany, interviews with native speakers, and documentary footage on history and culture help increase students’ fluency and comprehension of the German language. (Annenberg/CPB–2/2009)

French in Action (W, CC)

Gr. 9–12. Tue., 10–10:30 a.m. Students increase their understanding of the French culture and language. (Annenberg/CPB–6/2013)

Guten Tag (W)

Gr. 9–12. Tue., 1:30–2 p.m. A German language and cultural appreciation series. (*perpetuity*)

KuBus (W)

Gr. 9–12. Tue., English: 12:30–1 p.m.; German: 1–1:30 p.m. A cultural video magazine on topics related to societal, economic, technological, and political realities in Germany. (*perpetuity*)

The Snowman (Spanish) (TG)

Gr. PreK–4. Tue., 8–8:30 a.m. A young boy dreams that his snowman comes to life. Together they share the perils and joys of winter. Muted pastels coupled with an exquisite orchestral score make this non-verbal Christmas tale an experience for all seasons. Children learn about friendships and investigate the feelings of winter. **Teacher guide available at** www.scholastic.com/westonwoods. (7/2011)

ESOL

Connect with English (W, CC)

Gr. 9–12. Tue., 3–4 p.m. Provides ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages) students with an entertaining way to learn the English language by following the story of an aspiring singer on a journey across America. (Annenberg/CPB–4/2011)

HOMEWORK

Homework Hotline Live! (CC)

Tue., Wed., Thu., 5–6 p.m. This ITV flagship program provides K–12 students with homework help in many subject areas. The show also features fun trivia and prizes for answering challenging brainteaser questions. Join the fun and get homework done! (MCPS–unlimited)

SPORTS

VOLi Sports Game of the Week

Tue./Thu., 7:30 p.m.; Sat., 7:30 p.m. Watch games from various MCPS high school sports teams. Fall coverage includes boys' football and girls' soccer, volleyball, and field hockey; winter season includes boys' and girls' basketball; spring season includes boys' and girls' lacrosse. **For more information about the schedule go to** www.volisports.com. (unlimited)

Child Find (Spanish)

Tue., 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m.; English: Mon., 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. Learn about the Child Find program and screening for preschool children. Find out how to get help if you suspect your preschool child is not developing appropriately. (MCPS–unlimited)

Diez Minutos (W)

Tue./Thu., 8:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 8:45 p.m. This Spanish-language series provides news and information from the MCPS Latino community. (MCPS–unlimited)

Education News Parents Can Use (Spanish)

Tue., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m., 10 p.m.; Thu., 9 a.m., 1 p.m., 5 p.m., 9 p.m. This U.S. Department of Education program looks at schools, learning, and the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*, and offers parents vital information about getting involved in their children's learning. (8/2009)

El Niño Completo (W)

Tue., 9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.; Thu., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m., 10 p.m. Take a look at working child-care centers and learn how practical developmental activities and techniques are used in difficult situations. (*Annenberg/CPB-5/2016*)

MCPScourses.org (Spanish)

Tue., 9 a.m., 1 p.m., 5 p.m., 9 p.m.; Thu., 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Explains the High School Online Course Selection to students and parents through a humorous parody based on the movie *Napoleon Dynamite*. The Online Course Selection allows students to make appropriate academic decisions that relate to higher education goals and future career choices. **For more information visit** www.mcpscourses.org. (*MCPS-unlimited*)

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New American Schools: Getting Better by Design (W, CC)

Tue./Thu., 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 11:30 p.m. Design teams in nearly 2,000 schools nationwide work with practitioners to address comprehensive school reform to help schools raise the achievement of all students. (*Annenberg/CPB-12/2008*)

Our Schools Today: High School Assessments: An Update (Spanish)

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Technology Today, Success Tomorrow: Technology Literacy by Eighth Grade (Spanish)

Tue., 9:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 9:15 p.m.; Thu., 10:45 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 10:45 p.m. The Maryland Student Technology Literacy Consortium presents this program in support of technology literacy to improve student academic achievement through the use of technology in elementary and secondary schools in Maryland. The program reveals the challenges of implementing technology literacy and features technology tools currently being used to support learning in Maryland schools. (*MCPS-unlimited*)

The Whole Child: A Caregiver's Guide to the First Five Years (W, CC)

Tue./Thu., 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m., 11 p.m. Takes a look at working child-care centers and learn how practical developmental activities and techniques are used in difficult situations. (*Annenberg/CPB-5/2016*)



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	:15	Children's Authors Documentaries (W)		
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10	:00	Signing Time! (W)	Education News Parents Can Use (CC)	
	:15	Hands-on Crafts for Kids (W)		
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11	:00	Baseball's Greatest Hits: 100 Years of Musical History	Protecting Your Child, Safeguarding Our Future (CC)	
	:15		Technology Today, Success Tomorrow	
	:30		Children and Autism	
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12	:00	CNN Student News (CC)	MCPS News Update	
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	:30	My Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet with Baz Luhrmann	MCPScourses.org	
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READING/LANGUAGE ARTS

Children’s Authors Documentaries (W)

Gr. 6–8. Wed., 9:30–10 a.m. Meet the authors of classic children’s books and see what influences have inspired their writing and ideas. (6/2009)

Club Write (W, TG, CC)

Gr. 4–7. Wed., 4:45–5 p.m. Provides strategies to help middle school students develop their writing skills. **Teacher guides available at** www.mcpsitv.org. (8/2011)

Club Write Kids (W, TG, CC)

Gr. 3–4. Wed., 4:30–4:45 a.m.

Follow the adventures of Cassie, a young writer, and her friends as they explore the basics of written communication. They examine parts of speech, capitalization, appropriate use of modifiers, punctuation, and sentence and paragraph construction. **Teacher guides available at** www.mcpsitv.org. (*perpetuity*)

Folktales & Stories (W)

Gr. K–2. Wed., 9–9:30 a.m. Popular stories enjoyed by children and adults alike. Episodes include The Little Match Girl, The Red Shoes, The Story of the Dancing Frog, and Jazztime Tales. (*perpetuity*)

My Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet with Baz Luhrmann

Gr. 9–12. Wed., 12:30–2 p.m. Baz Luhrmann, Oscar and Golden Globe-nominated Australian film director, screenwriter, and producer, and British actor Paterson Joseph go on a quest to find out what Romeo and Juliet means to the people of a raw, urban, and disadvantaged London community. (6/2009)

Scholastic Caldecott & Newberry Award–Winning Books (B, TG)

Gr. K–2. Wed., 8–9 a.m. Revisit classic stories by watching animated adaptations of time-honored books. **Teacher guides available at** www.scholastic.com/westonwoods. (7/2010)

Signing Time! (W)

Gr. K–5. Wed., 10–10:30 a.m. This multi-sensory series introduces children and their parents to American Sign Language (ASL), a hands on second language used by millions. Host Rachel Coleman, children Leah and Alex, and an animated frog named Hopkins teach ASL signs for family members, animals, the alphabet, feelings, manners, foods, everyday objects, and activities. (6/2009)

ENGLISH

News Writing (W, CC)

Gr. 9–12. Wed., 2–2:30 p.m. Journalism and communications students learn techniques in writing, reporting, editing, and effectively communicating information to the public. (*Annenberg/CPB–12/2013*)

Signature: Contemporary Southern Writers (W, CC)

Gr. 9–12. Wed., 8:30–9:30 p.m. Follow the experiences of southern writers as they talk about their lives and things that have influenced their writing. Viewers interested in writing gain creative strategies for turning their own experiences into compelling writing. (*Annenberg/CPB–12/2014*)

Voices and Visions: Marianne Moore (CC)

Gr. 9–12. Wed., 3:30–4:30 p.m. The life and works of Marianne Moore are presented through readings and interviews. (*Annenberg/CPB–1/2013*)

MATH

The Math Dude (W)

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ARTS/MUSIC

African American Artists (W)

Gr. 6–12. Wed., 12:15–12:30 p.m. Students are introduced to various multicultural artists. These artists' explain and demonstrate what influences have inspired them to create their own unique works of art. (*6/2009*)

American Cinema (CC)

Gr. 9–12. Wed., 2:30–3:30 p.m. Help students develop visual and media literacy skills for creative-writing and media production endeavors. (*Annenberg/CPB-1/2013*)

Baseball's Greatest Hit: 100 Years of Musical History (Electronic Field Trip)

Gr. 3–8. Wed., 11 a.m.–12 noon. Looks at the timeless song, "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," written by Jack Norworth and Albert Von Tilzer a century ago. Today, "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" is synonymous with a baseball game's seventh-inning stretch, but the song was actually written to be performed on home pianos and the vaudeville stage. (*9/2009*)

Hands-on Crafts for Kids (W)

Gr. 5–8. Wed., 10:30–11 a.m. Create fun crafts by using inexpensive items found at home and school. **Resources available at** www.craftsforkids.com. (*7/2009*)

Student Showcase (W)

Wed., 6:30–7:30 p.m. Individual schools in MCPS feature their television productions. (*MCPS–unlimited*)

HOMEWORK

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STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The Art of Teaching the Arts: Workshops (W, CC)

Teachers, Gr. 9–12. Wed., 10:30–11:30 p.m. Seven principles of effective teaching are introduced and explored in depth by dance, music, theatre, and visual arts teachers from across the country. (*Annenberg/CPB–12/2015*)

Conversations in Literature (W, CC)

Teachers, Gr. 6–12. Wed., 9:30–10:30 p.m. A small group of educators and authors discuss classic and contemporary literary works using the envisionment- building approach. (*Annenberg/CPB–5/2011*)

Teaching Reading, 3-5: Workshops (W, CC)

Teachers, Gr. 3–5. Wed., 11:30 p.m.–midnight. Leading experts discuss current research on learning to read and how to teach a diverse range of students. Video clips show how intermediate elementary teachers help students transition from “learning to read” to “reading to learn.” (*Annenberg/CPB–12/2015*)

Children & Autism: Time is Brain

Wed., 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 11:30 p.m. Features two families faced with the daunting challenge of raising a child with autism, their therapists, and a board certified behavior analyst with more than 25 years of experience designing learning environments for people with autism and developmental disabilities. (*6/2009*)

Education Matters

Wed./Fri., 9 a.m., 1 p.m., 5 p.m. 9 p.m. Hosted by Nancy Navarro, this special 1-hour edition features a diverse group of students from elementary, middle and high schools discussing issues such as college, diversity, the internet, technology, testing and student achievement. (*MCPS–unlimited*)(*Closed Captioned in Spanish*)

Education News Parents Can Use (CC)

Mon., 9 a.m., 1 p.m., 5 p.m., 9 p.m.; Wed., 10 a.m. 2 p.m. 6 p.m., 10 p.m. The U.S. Department of Education looks at schools, learning, and the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*, and offers parents vital information about getting involved in their children’s learning. (*8/2009*)

MCPScourses.org

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Our Schools Today: High School Assessments: An Update

Chinese: Wed., 8:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 8:15 p.m.; French: Wed., 8:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 8:45 p.m. Starting this year, all students must pass the High School Assessments (HSA) to graduate from school and receive a Maryland Diploma. Our Schools Today updates parents with important information they need to know, so their children can graduate on-schedule with classmates. *(MCPS–unlimited)*

Protecting Your Child, Safeguarding Our Future (CC)

Wed., 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m., 11 p.m. MCPS Department of School Safety and Security introduces parents to the procedures that MCPS schools employ to ensure the safety of our children. This program covers the Code Red and Code Blue procedures that every MCPS school follows as part of its comprehensive emergency/crisis plan. *(MCPS–unlimited)*

Technology Today, Success Tomorrow: Technology Literacy by Eighth Grade

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Social Studies and Guidance

Schools, Parents, and Community

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	:30 Passport to Japan (W)	Technology Today, Success Tomorrow (Spanish)
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	:30 Great Civilizations of the Ancient World (W, TG)	
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MATH

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SOCIAL STUDIES

Amelia Earhart

Gr. 4–5. Thu., 11 –11:30 a.m. Known as one of the most famous aviators of our time, Amelia Earhart’s adventurous spirit led her to become the first woman to fly alone over the Atlantic Ocean. On her fateful flight around the world in 1937, Amelia and her navigator disappeared over the Pacific Ocean, never to be heard from again. **Teacher guide available at** www.mcpsitv.org. (*perpetuity*)

America in the 20th Century (W, TG, CC)

Gr. 7–12. Thu., 2:30–3 p.m. Highlights individuals, groups, and events that have impacted our country during the 20th century. **Teacher guides available at** www.mcpsitv.org. (*8/2011*)

America’s Quest for Freedom (W, TG)

Gr. 5–12. Thu., 2–3:30 p.m. Learn how increased freedom for some groups may suppress liberty for others. **Teacher guides available at** www.mcpsitv.org. (*10/2011*)

And Then What Happened, Paul Revere? (TG)

Gr. 4–5. Thu., 8:30–9 a.m. The life of Paul Revere is told in this animated story, which looks at his life before, during, and after his patriotic adventures. **Teacher guide available at** www.scholastic.com/westonwoods. (*7/2011*)

Artifacts Past (W, TG, CC)

Gr. 3–5. Thu., 9:30–10 a.m. Each program takes place at a living historical museum. Students see objects from the museum’s collection and attempt to guess the purpose and use of the objects. Students also learn how past lifestyles differ from contemporary life. **Teacher guides available at** www.mcpsitv.org. (*perpetuity*)

A Day in the Life (W, TG, CC)

Gr. 5. Thu., 10–10:30 a.m. Students see what it was like living in Williamsburg, Virginia, during the 18th century. **Teacher resources available at** www.history.org. (*8/2010*)

Democracy It Is! (W)

Gr. K–5. Thu., 1–1:15 p.m. Meet Haley, Trent, and Lily, who discover the importance of rules, rights, responsibilities, and choices of citizens in our society. Program themes include the rules, rights, and responsibilities of both youth and adult citizens. Through real-life examples of student activism and participation in communities across the nation, students learn that democracy is many things to many people. (6/2009)

Democracy It Is! (Tier II) (W)

Gr. 6–10. Thu., 1:15–1:30 p.m. Explores the real-life application of core concepts of a democratic society. In each episode, the concepts are represented by stories of teens actively engaged in the democratic process. These contemporary real-life stories support a service-learning approach to teaching high school civics and show how citizen action in a democracy can improve communities and the nation. (6/2009)

Great Civilizations of the Ancient World (W, TG)

Gr. 6–8. Thu., 1:30–2 p.m. Students learn about the historical influences and geography of ancient civilizations through computer animations, on-location cinematography, and reconstructions. **Teacher guides and Maryland State Standards correlations available at www.mcpsitv.org.** (8/2011)

Lollipop Dragon Explores Communities (W)

Gr. 2. Thu., 8:15–8:30 a.m. Lollipop Dragon introduces young students to the idea of community and in the process explores various kinds of communities like rural, suburban, and urban. (11/2009)

My Animal and Me (W)

Gr. K–3. Thu., 12:15–12:30 p.m. See how children all over the world spend time with a favorite animal and how bonding with animals can create special relationships. (6/2009)

Passport to Japan (W, CC)

Gr. 3. Thu., 10:30–11 a.m. Students gain insight into the Japanese lifestyle by following a young Japanese boy through his day at school and his home life. By the end of the series, students are able to compare and contrast Japanese traditions, history, communities, and government with their own communities here in the United States. Episodes include School, Family, Community, and Traditions. (6/2009)

Primary Citizenship (W, TG, CC)

Gr. 1–3. Thu., 8–8:15 a.m. Gives children the major ideas and experiences needed to be effective American citizens. (7/2011)

The Voyageur Experience in Global Geography (W, TG, CC)

Gr. 7–12. Thu., 4–4:30 p.m. Students explore complex economic, social, and cultural issues of different countries around the world. **Teacher guides available at www.mcpsitv.org.** (8/2011)

GUIDANCE

Amazing Kids of Character (W, CC)

Gr. 4–8. Thu., 11:30 a.m.–noon.

Teaches kids about the essential qualities like empathy, courage, and perseverance. These programs are designed to give students the chance to understand and develop these positive traits through discussion, learning about role models, and personal reflection. (7/2011)

Becoming Successful in Middle School (W, CC)

Gr. 6–8. Thu., 3–3:30 p.m. Addresses a host of issues and concerns important to young teens such as handling difficult emotions, dealing with crises and coping with peer pressure. The programs also model important skills such as assertiveness, decision making, study skills, and rules of common courtesy. (6/2009)

The Bully Smart Series (W, CC)

Gr. 3–6. Thu., 6:15–6:30 p.m. Focuses on bullying behavior and offers strategies to help prevent and stop bullying. (7/2011)

Character Building/Bullying: Upper Elementary (W)

Gr. 4–5. Thu., 12:30–1 p.m. Designed to develop good character in the youngest students. Teaches such critical life skills as respect, responsibility, integrity and empathy. Promotes self-respect by showing youngsters how to speak up for themselves when others try to boss them around or pick on them. (6/2009)

Danger Ranger (W)

Gr. K–2. Thu., 9–9:30 a.m. This animated series was developed to reduce the epidemic of preventable injuries to children. It is designed to empower children to think safe, play safe and be safe through educational action-adventure entertainment. Topics include: bike safety, fire safety, poison prevention safety, and more. (6/2009)

Surviving Peer Pressure: You Can Do It! (CC)

Gr. 5–8. Thu., 3:30–4 p.m. Created to help students understand that the desire to fit in with a group can sometimes lead to inappropriate behavior. Viewers are encouraged to take a good look at their interactions with their peers, to remove themselves from any situations that may result in damage to their own self-esteem, and to have a plan for avoiding harmful situations. (7/2011)

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SPORTS

VOLi Sports Game of the Week

Tue./Thu., 7:30 p.m.; Sat., 7:30 p.m. Watch games from various MCPS high school sports teams. Fall coverage includes boys' football and girls' soccer, volleyball and field hockey; winter season includes boys' and girls' basketball; spring season includes boys' and girls' lacrosse. **For more information about the schedule go to www.volisports.com.** (unlimited)

Diez Minutos (W)

Tue./Thu., 8:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 8:45 p.m. This Spanish-language series provides news and information from the MCPS Latino community. (MCPS–unlimited)

El Niño Completo (W)

Tue., 9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.; Thu., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m., 10 p.m. Take a look at working child-care centers and learn how practical developmental activities and techniques are used in difficult situations. (*Annenberg/CPB-5/2016*)

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New American Schools: Getting Better by Design (W, CC)

Tue./Thu., 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 11:30 p.m. Design teams in nearly 2,000 schools nationwide work with practitioners to address comprehensive school reform to help schools raise the achievement of all students. (*Annenberg/CPB-12/2008*)

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Take Ten (W)

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STAFF DEVELOPMENT

America's History in the Making (W, CC)

Teachers, Gr. 6–12. Fri., 9:30–10 a.m. Explore American history from the Columbian Exchange through Reconstruction in this course for middle and high school teachers. Each program is divided into three segments: Historical Perspectives, an overview of the historical era; Faces of America, in which biographies of individuals illustrate larger events; and Hands-on History, a behind-the-scenes look at how history is studied, documented, and presented. (Annenberg/CPB–6/2017)

Artifacts & Fiction: Workshops in American Literature (W, CC)

Teachers, Gr. 9–12. Fri., 10–11 a.m. Introduces techniques for reading cultural, political, and religious artifacts and connecting teachers to the literature they teach. Teachers learn and practice a six-step process for choosing and using artifacts with their students. (Annenberg/CPB–6/2014)

Developing Writers (W, CC)

Teachers, Gr. 9–12. Fri., 11 a.m.–noon. Provides practical and philosophical advice for teaching writing; examines students who learn at different levels. (Annenberg/CPB–12/2014)

The Economics Classroom (W, CC)

Teachers, Gr. 9–12. Fri., 9–11 p.m. Provides teachers with a strong foundation for teaching economic concepts covered in high school and offers effective lesson plans and classroom strategies based on the national standards for economics. (Annenberg/CPB–12/2012)

Engaging with Literature: Library (W, CC)

Teachers, Gr. 3–5. Fri., 12:15–1 p.m. Observe language arts teachers use new pedagogical techniques modeled to successfully guide students toward becoming more active and involved readers of literature. (Annenberg/CPB–6/2014)

In Search of the Novel (W, CC)

Teachers, Gr. 6–12. Fri., 1–3 p.m. Middle and high school teachers receive creative, practical, and student-centered strategies for teaching novels effectively in their classrooms. (Annenberg/CPB–9/2009)

The Learning Classroom: Theory into Practice (W, CC)

Teachers, Gr. K–12. Fri., 8:30–9 a.m. An exploration of learning theory appropriate for Grades K–12 teachers in all subject areas. Each program is dedicated to a specific learning theory and applications of that theory to classroom practice. (*Annenberg/CPB–12/2013*)

Making Civics Real: Workshops (CC)

Teachers, Gr. 9–12. Fri., 3–5 p.m. Illustrates a constructivist approach to the teaching of civics. Each workshop is dedicated to one teacher’s multipart lesson. (*Annenberg/CPB–12/2013*)

Primary Sources: Workshops in American History (W, CC)

Teachers, Gr. 9–12. Fri., 5–7 p.m. Features informal lectures by historians on momentous events from history such as the Jamestown Settlement, the Korean conflict, and the Cold War. (*Annenberg/CPB–12/2011*)

Teachers and Their Coaches (W)

Teachers, Gr. K–12. Fri., 9–9:30 a.m. Provides practical information that is more than a survival kit for new teachers; it actually inspires greatness. The content is rooted in solid university research and demonstrated by real-life educators who often acquire this wisdom from experience. (*6/2009*)

Teaching Geography (W, CC)

Teachers, 7–12. Fri., 7–9 p.m. Teachers receive a firm foundation in geography content and inquiry teaching skills that correlate with the National Geography Standards. (*Annenberg/CPB–12/2012*)

Write in the Middle: Workshops (W, CC)

Teachers, 6–8. Fri., 11 p.m.–midnight. Designed to help middle school teachers learn effective practices and strategies in writing instruction to use with their students. (*Annenberg/CPB–12/2014*)

Cover to Cover with Jerry Weast

Mon./Fri., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m., 10 p.m. Go behind the scenes of the MCPS budget process in this edition of Cover to Cover. See how MCPS works with the community, the PTA's, and staff unions to develop the school system budget. We will take a look at the experiential learning opportunities available to students through the Division of Career and Technology Education. We will profile the Center for Skillful Teaching and Leading, where MCPS staff hone their observing, listening, and teaching skills. Finally, we check in with Brookhaven Elementary School to see what's new this year. (*MCPS–unlimited*)

Education Matters

Wed./Fri., 9 a.m., 1 p.m., 5 p.m. 9 p.m. Hosted by Nancy Navarro, this special 1-hour edition features a diverse group of students from elementary, middle and high schools discussing issues such as college, diversity, the internet, technology, testing and student achievement. (*MCPS–unlimited*)(*Closed Captioned in Spanish*)

Great Staff (W)

Fri., 8:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 8:45 p.m. Highlights our most valuable resource for student success—the MCPS staff. Each episode documents the work of a teacher, administrator, or supporting service employee and demonstrates how the work of these dedicated individuals ensures our students reach their greatest potential. This is MCPS at work! (*MCPS–unlimited*)

Helping Young Teens Succeed in Middle School (CC)

Mon./Fri., 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Participants discuss ways how parents can support their children during the difficult years of middle school. Parents learn how to successfully negotiate issues of concern, avoid unnecessary conflicts, promote independence and self-management skills, and provide a nurturing environment for growth and development. (*4/2013*)

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Wed./Fri., 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. Explains the High School Online Course Selection to students and parents through a humorous parody based on the movie Napoleon Dynamite. The Online Course Selection allows students to make appropriate academic decisions that relate to higher education goals and future career choices. **For more information visit** www.mcpscourses.org. (*MCPS–unlimited*)

MCPS News Update

Mon.–Fri., 8 a.m., 12 p.m., 4 p.m., 8 p.m. Kate Harrison, from the Office of Communications and Family Outreach, presents a weekly news update of important events and information within Montgomery County Public Schools. (*MCPS–unlimited*)

Our Schools Today: High School Assessments: An Update (Korean)

Tue., 8:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 8:15 p.m. Starting this year, all students must pass the High School Assessments (HSA) to graduate from school and receive a Maryland Diploma. Our Schools Today updates parents with important information they need to know, so their children can graduate on-schedule with classmates. (*MCPS–unlimited*)

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

All BOE meetings will be rebroadcast on Channel 34 (Comcast), Ch. 36 (Verizon FiOS), and Ch. 89 (RCN) at 1 p.m. on the Saturday and Sunday following the original broadcast for each meeting. (CC)

All-day Business Meeting: Tue., Dec. 9, 10 a.m.

Rebroadcast: Wed., Dec. 10, 10 a.m. and 9 p.m.