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February 9, 2025

Good evening, Burtonsville Families!

Mark your calendars...

2/12 - Yearbook Group Pictures (rescheduled)

2/14 - Valentine's Day - Class Celebrations

2/17 - No School

2/20 - Grade 3 to Toby's Dinner Theater

2/24-28 - Career Week


2/28 - Career Day

2/28 - Early Release Day

School and Community News...


 Please read the county-provided **Immigration Resources for Families** highlighted below:

- [Know your rights](#)
- [Student and Family Immigration Supports - Flyer](#)
- [MCPS Website - Immigration Supports for Students and Families](#)

 **Personal Mobile Devices (PMD) at School** - *A personal mobile device (PMD) refers to any non-MCPS-issued device used to send or receive data via voice, video, or text. Mobile phones, e-readers, tablets, personal computers, smart watches, or other devices equipped with microphones, headphones, speakers, and/or cameras are all considered PMDs.*


Elementary school students **are not permitted** to have cell phones or other portable mobile devices at school during the school day **unless a written request from a parent is approved by the principal**. If approved, students are allowed to turn on/use PMDs only before and after the student day. Student Day starts at the time that students arrive and ends at the time of dismissal. Elementary school students are not permitted to use PMDs during instructional periods, lunch periods, recess, or between classes/during transitional time.

Students who do not adhere to these guidelines are subject to consequences per the [student code of conduct](#).

 The **Office of Accelerated and Enriched Instruction** recently sent information in ParentVue and US Mail to parents of students in grade 2 and to parents of students in grades 3 and 5 who are new to MCPS or have not previously met the criteria for gifted and talented designation. The messages contain information about the **GT process** and directions to access and complete a parent input form.

To learn more about this process please visit <https://bit.ly/MCPS-GT-24-25>. Your input is an essential data source for the GT identification process. Forms **must** be completed and submitted on or before February 28, 2025.

If your child has been identified as “gifted and talented” by another school system, MCPS will honor that designation. To do so, the parent/guardian **must** complete the [2024-2025 Prior Gifted and Talented Designation Form](#) and submit the identification/eligibility letter and official testing report to their school’s elementary Gifted and Talented (GT) Liaisons, Mrs. Gobourne and Mrs. Siegel for the Office of Accelerated and Enriched Instruction (AEI) to review.

 **Career Day at BES** - Our school counselors are looking for parents and family members willing to talk to and answer questions about their careers or read career-focused books and stories to students. The event will be held on Friday, February 28th (an early release day.)

If you are interested in participating, please sign up [here](#). If you have any additional questions, please contact one of our school counselors, Trisha Samuels or Bryan Goodman by phone at 240-740-5700 or by email at trisha_l_samuels@mcpsmd.org or bryan_s_goodman@mcpsmd.org.

A Message from our PTA...

★ A **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser! We would like to **congratulate** the top three students with the highest amounts earned, who have won gift card prizes.

1st Place – Ein Morse (2nd Grade)

2nd Place – Kason Hutchins (4th Grade)

3rd Place – Derrick Belle (3rd Grade)

★ **Burtonsville Yearbook 2024-2025 Now Available!** Don’t miss the chance to preserve this year’s memories! Purchase your **Burtonsville Yearbook** online today at burtonsvillepta.org/store. **Exclusive Pre-Sale Price: \$22 (valid until February 28, 2025)**
Price After March 1: \$25 Secure your copy now and take advantage of this special offer. Act fast and ensure you’re part of this year’s unforgettable moments!

★ Please check out the [Newsletter](#) from the PTA Staff/Student Appreciation Committee to see what’s been going on.

MCPS News...

Montgomery County Schools - Read information on the 2026 Operating Budget and more at [Things to Know](#) | **MCPS Operating Status Color Codes** - Read [here](#).

Change of School Assignment (COSA) - Montgomery County parents/guardians who wish to request a Change of School Assignment (COSA) for their children from their home school may begin the process during the upcoming transfer season; from February 3 through April 1, 2025. Read the full media announcement, [here](#).

Are you looking for Tutoring? [Saturday School](#) provides K–12 academic support programs in math and English/Language Arts. Regular registration for Saturday School, Grades 1–12, is [here](#) (English) and [here](#) (en Español). Kindergarten registration is [here](#) (English) and [here](#) (en Español). Call 301-287-8980 for general information.

Transportation: [MCPS Department of Transportation](#)

- West Farm Upper Bus Depot: 240-740-7361 | Transportation Updates: [Route Status](#)
- BES Bus Routes: [Arrival](#) | [Departure](#)

Food & Nutrition: - School menus are available on **MealViewer** - [here](#).

Yours In Service,

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