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November 3, 2024

Good evening, Burtonsville Families!

Mark your calendars...

11/4 - Grading/Planning - no school for students 11/9 - Beautification Day ([Event Flier](#))
11/5 - Election Day - School is CLOSED 11/11 - Instructional Look Day

School and Community News...

🏠 There is **NO school** for students on **November 4th** (grading & planning day for teachers) and **November 5th** (Election Day.)


🏠 **Safety First!** Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is taking an active role in the prevention of child abuse and neglect through early prevention and intervention education.


Beginning this week and through December 2024, our school counselors will be presenting lessons on the topic of child abuse and neglect. The lessons are known as **Personal Body Safety Lessons (PBSL)** and their purpose is to help students to:

- Develop knowledge, decision-making skills, and behaviors that promote safe living in the home, school, and community;
- Learn skills for self-protection and identifying child abuse and neglect;
- Learn skills for asking for help for self and others and practice reporting to a trusted adult; and
- Engage in positive and appropriate interactions with peers and adults.

If you have any questions or concerns about the topics covered, please contact our school counselors, Trisha Samuels at trisha_samuels@mcpsmd.org or Bryan Goodman at bryan_s_goomand@mcpsmd.org.

This week's school **Safety Wednesday** topic is **Reporting Safety** - [Safe Schools Hotlines](#). Students and staff will practice emergency procedures of what to do in case of an earthquake.

 **November 11th** is “**Instructional Look for Day**” at Burtonsville ES. This is an open invitation to all parents and guardians to come in and get an “instructional look” at math being taught in their child's classroom. A pre-registration link to schedule your time to observe is coming soon. We hope you will consider participating.

 **Reminder:** Looking ahead... **Parent-teacher conferences** will be held at the end of November. If you have not signed up for a time to meet with your child's teacher, please contact them to do so. Read, “Preparing for Parent-Teacher Conferences” to get ready. [English](#) | [Español](#) / [中文](#) / [Français](#) / [tiếng Việt](#) / [한국어](#) / [አማርኛ](#) / [Portuguese](#)

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A Message from our PTA...

★ BrainPOP winners will be announced at 9:00 am on Monday, November 4, 2024, at <https://www.burtonsvillepta.org/brain-pop>. Make sure you check out the site to see if your student has won a prize!

★ Join us for Fall Beautification Day on Saturday, November 9, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.! We're seeking donations of mulch and topsoil to help beautify our school grounds, and your support is greatly appreciated. For event details, please visit [BES PTA Beautification Day](#). We're also thrilled to announce that we'll be potting an **Artemis Moon Tree** as part of the day's activities—learn more about these special trees at <https://naturalinquirer.org/artemis-moon-trees/>. Thank you for helping us make a difference!

★ The 2024-2025 yearbook is underway, and we need your photos! Please submit photos from your child's first day of school, Back to School Bash, or Trunk or Treat. You may upload photos at <https://plicbooks.com/go/348EF8>

MCPS News...

Things to know this week in MCPS... MCPS schools being ranked as best in the state of Maryland; upcoming FY 2026 Operating Budget Forums; a second round survey for the 2025-2026 school calendar, and more. Read here: [Things to Know](#).

PIANOS for Sale! Schaeffer's Piano Company, Inc., has a public sale of instruments twice a year—the first sale is scheduled for November 16–24, 2024. During this time, the public can purchase pianos at reduced prices. Our partnership with Schaeffer's Piano Company, Inc., commits MCPS to provide the notice of this sale to each student. Read [here](#) for more details.

FALL 2024 Parent Academy TO GO! Student, Family, and School Services is very excited to provide "Parent Academy TO GO," a series of virtual presentations for families to participate and view at home. Learn more about the different workshops offered and how to register [here](#).

Social Studies Curriculum Night: The Social Studies team is hosting a series of Curriculum Night webinars for families to learn more about how social studies is taught in MCPS and how its kindergarten through 11th-grade curricula incorporate the history of various ethnic and cultural groups. The webinars will be held from 6:30–7:30 p.m. Thursday, **November 7th webinar: [Indigenous History of the United States](#)**. Read [here](#) for more details and future webinar links to join.

Last Call! MCPS is seeking input about the 2025–2026 school year calendar! Please take a moment to complete the [MCPS School Calendar Feedback Survey](#). Your input will be used to select the first and last day of school, as well as other important dates for the coming school year.

Looking for Tutoring? Registration for the George B. Thomas Sr. Learning Academy, Inc., also known as [Saturday School](#), is open for the 2024–2025 school year. 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). For an additional cost of \$150 for a five-week session, Saturday School also offers classes in [Coding and Robotics](#) (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](#)
- Burtonsville ES Bus Routes: [Arrival](#) | [Departure](#)

Food & Nutrition: - [Division of Food & Nutrition Svcs](#) (DFNS)

Lunch Menu - [November](#)

Yours In Service,

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