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October 27, 2024

Good evening, Burtonsville Families!

### **Mark your calendars...**

10/28 - Red-Ribbon Week	11/5 - Election Day - School is CLOSED
10/30 - Safety Wednesday-Bus Evacuation Drill	11/9 - Beautification Day
11/1 - End of First Marking Period	11/11 - Open House (details coming soon)
11/4 - Grading/Planning - no school for students	

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### **School and Community News...**

🏠 October 28th - November 1st is **Red Ribbon Week** at Burtonsville ES ([spirit week flier](#)) - The mission of the Red Ribbon Campaign® is to "...present a unified and visible commitment toward the creation of a drug-free America." In addition to [spirit week](#), students will engage in classroom activities that promote a drug-free and healthy lifestyle throughout the week.

🏠 **Safety First!** All MCPS students and staff are required to practice a combination of three types of emergency drills throughout the year (for a total of eleven): *Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter*. Read the **Emergency Preparedness Brochure** [English](#) | [中文](#) [Français](#) | [한국어](#) | [Español](#) | [Việt Nam](#), to learn more about each drill.

Starting October 30th, we will begin **Safety Wednesdays** at Burtonsville. This week's **Safety Wednesday** topic is **Transportation Safety** - [Rules & Safety](#). Students will practice evacuating the school bus in the event of an emergency.

🏠 **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](#)

 **Reminder: Union Church** (located at Paint Branch High School on Sundays) wants to be a blessing to you and your family by kicking off the holiday season with everything you need to prepare a Thanksgiving dinner for the family. Complete this [form](#) to receive a Thanksgiving Meal Kit. The Thanksgiving Meal Kit would include mac & cheese, boxed mashed potatoes, canned yams/sweet potatoes, canned cranberry sauce, canned corn, canned green beans, corn muffins/cornbread, stuffing, gravy, and a \$25 Grocery Gift Card. **Deadline: October 29th**

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### ***A Message from our PTA...***

★ A huge thank you to all the families for participating in our annual Trunk or Treat event! We had an amazing time and hope your kids did too. If you have any photos you'd like to share for the 2024-2025 yearbook, please upload them at <https://plicbooks.com/go/348EF8>.

★ BrainPOP Fundraiser is Underway! Please submit your BrainPOP donations by November 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for the top prize. Donations of any amount are appreciated and can be submitted in the provided envelope or online at [www.burtonsvillepta.org/brain-pop](http://www.burtonsvillepta.org/brain-pop). Exciting rewards:

- The top fundraiser will win a PlayStation 5!
- Find details about additional prizes and check if you are among the top 5 fundraisers at [www.burtonsvillepta.org/brain-pop](http://www.burtonsvillepta.org/brain-pop).

★ The BES PTA will host its annual family [Fall 2024 Beautification Day](#) at Burtonsville Elementary School on Saturday, November 9, 2024, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM! Join the BES Green Team of staff, students, and their families, and help clean up the courtyards and grounds around our school for the fall season. If you can, bring gardening gloves for weeding and any gardening tools! Free donuts and coffee will be provided. This is a family event and a great way to give back to your school community and have fun doing it. If you are not able to volunteer your time, please consider donating topsoil or mulch. RSVP [here](#).

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### ***MCPS News...***

**Things to know this week in MCPS...** Goog, Discover Free Family STEM Day, Winter Coat Drive, Marking Remembrance and Reconciliation Month, and more! Read here: [Things to Know](#).

**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.

**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.

**Saturday School Scholarships are available** - If you are a parent or guardian of a student enrolled at Burtonsville Elementary with a disability (SWD), who receives free and reduced meals (FARMS), and/or is an emergent multilingual learner (EML) you could qualify to receive one of the three allotted scholarships provided by the Learning Academy. Contact the school at 240-740-5700 or send a message of interest to your child’s teacher to be considered.

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 - [October](#)

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***Yours In Service,***

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