Dear Garrett Park Families,

Please find our school updates contained in the message below. If there is information you would like us to share in upcoming editions, please let us know. You can either call the school at 240-740-0700 or email Dan at Daniel\_K\_Tucci@mcpsmd.org or Melanie at Melanie\_S\_Bachrach@mcpsmd.org

**Updates from GPES Administration:**

Garrett Park Elementary School’s International Night is a great opportunity to showcase your family’s background and to teach others in our community about the many cultures represented in our school. It’s also a great chance to learn about others’ culture, history and heritage through food and displays. Families display crafts, flags, currency, stamps, foods, clothing, maps and photos. All families are encouraged to attend and tour our International Night displays. We will also have an amazing parade of cultures during the night. We hope to see you there tomorrow night, March 10 at 6pm for our annual International Night celebration!! (Holy Cross parking will be available).

**Teaching and Learning:**

The Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA) is administered to all students in fifth grade, eighth grade, and high school every spring.  This year, we will give the MISA at Garrett Park on Wednesday, 3/14 and Thursday, 3/15.  There are four one-hour sessions.  We will do one in the morning and one in the afternoon each day.  Please try to arrange any doctor’s appointments for other days.  All testing will be done on the Chromebooks, and students will need headphones/earbuds.  The test is made up of four “units.” In each of the first three units, students will read information about three separate phenomena and answer questions about each. One of those questions will be a constructed response question (short answer essay), and the other questions will be a combination of multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, matching, and other technology-enabled item types.  Families will receive a report in the mail with the results.  MISA test results are not used for placement in middle school courses.  If you have questions, please contact your child’s homeroom teacher or Mrs. Bachrach at Melanie\_S\_Bachrach@mcpsmd.org .

**Important Dates:**

March 10                               International Night                              Lower Level                         6:00-9:00 pm

March 20                               Musical Theatre Production              APR                                        7:00-8:30 pm

Mar. 26-Apr. 2                     Spring Break- No School for Students or Teachers

**MCPS Updates:**

**Homework Help Available to all MCPS Students (English and Spanish)**

Free homework help is available from MCPS-TV’s Homework Hotline Live (HHL).  Students may call, or submit a question online, to Homework Hotline Live at 301-279-3234 or go to AskHHL.org.  Students can watch teachers address their homework questions live on MCPS-TV from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, or get after-hours online help from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.  New this year, students and parents can download the free Homework Hotline Live app, where you can send questions, watch live, and find more homework help resources, all from your phone (now available in App Stores for your Apple or Android device).

Ways to contact Homework Hotline Live for free homework help:

* Phone: 301-279-3234 (during TV broadcasts)
* Web: AskHHL.org
* Text: 724-427-5445 (7244-ASK-HHL)
* Email: question@AskHHL.org
* Snapchat (username: AskHHL)
* The new Homework Hotline Live phone app! (download for [Apple](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__montgomeryschoolsmd.us5.list-2Dmanage.com_track_click-3Fu-3D5be87920c022650a24ef4fe64-26id-3Dd53cbef051-26e-3Dd797355efb&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=CT2c_7A-JBbmF0Lvja3kdN3ZJiXQhYi_oNeBb4iJ_tA&m=mwHnDdB_PDWbXKzLu5RNew0rTzEWpyOuHU1-zuPpoRk&s=HalgWW0LH4dO4AR6N-gbINM03bcE7fsjr3sOFvPxWJs&e=) or [Android](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__montgomeryschoolsmd.us5.list-2Dmanage.com_track_click-3Fu-3D5be87920c022650a24ef4fe64-26id-3D9568d812d6-26e-3Dd797355efb&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=CT2c_7A-JBbmF0Lvja3kdN3ZJiXQhYi_oNeBb4iJ_tA&m=mwHnDdB_PDWbXKzLu5RNew0rTzEWpyOuHU1-zuPpoRk&s=obaXvBfwaDvpNwAZjZLyoSPFoWNiV272cxWR8TtW4zQ&e=))

Ways to watch Homework Hotline Live, from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday:

* Comcast 34 & 998(HD)
* Verizon 36
* RCN 89 & 1058(HD)
* AskHHL.org
* YouTube (search: AskHHL)
* Homework Hotline Live phone app

Go to AskHHL.org to learn more.

**Hay Ayuda para Hacer las Tareas para Todos los Estudiantes**

En Homework Hotline Live (HHL) (Línea en Vivo de Ayuda con las Tareas), por MCPS-TV, se ofrece ayuda gratuita para hacer las tareas. Los estudiantes pueden llamar a Homework Hotline Live, teléfono 301-279-3234, o pueden enviar una pregunta en línea ingresando a AskHHL.org. Los estudiantes pueden ver a los maestros responder a sus preguntas sobre las tareas en vivo por MCPS-TV, de 4:30 a 6:00 p.m., los martes, miércoles y jueves, o pueden obtener ayuda después del programa en línea de 6:00 a 9:00 p.m., de lunes a jueves. Algo nuevo este año, los estudiantes y sus padres pueden descargar la aplicación gratuita de Homework Hotline Live, donde se pueden enviar preguntas, ver el programa en vivo y conseguir más recursos para ayuda con las tareas, todo eso desde su teléfono (disponible en las tiendas de aplicaciones (App Stores) para su dispositivo Apple o Android).

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* ¡La nueva aplicación móvil de Homework Hotline Live! (descargar para [Apple](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__montgomeryschoolsmd.us5.list-2Dmanage.com_track_click-3Fu-3D5be87920c022650a24ef4fe64-26id-3Dd53cbef051-26e-3Dd797355efb&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=CT2c_7A-JBbmF0Lvja3kdN3ZJiXQhYi_oNeBb4iJ_tA&m=mwHnDdB_PDWbXKzLu5RNew0rTzEWpyOuHU1-zuPpoRk&s=HalgWW0LH4dO4AR6N-gbINM03bcE7fsjr3sOFvPxWJs&e=) o
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Have a great weekend!
Dan