In my December 2016 Principal's Message, I discussed an increase in student behaviors that can create dangerous situations for other students and staff. Many of these behaviors can and do have serious consequences. With growing concerns in our region regarding student safety, I want to take this opportunity to continue this discussion and to reassure our school community that we will make every effort to keep our students and staff safe.

As part of a Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) initiative, we will be reexamining our school security procedures. This will include the following:

- Use of technology (cameras)
- Responsibilities of school security personnel and other staff
- Security for student extracurricular activities
- Supervision of student activities throughout the school day

We will be actively working with MCPS staff to evaluate our security efforts and will identify any areas of concern. The support and involvement of our school community and other stakeholders are very important contributions to the security of our school. A key component of this partnership is communication. Our greatest achievements are a result of the work we do as partners. Underage drinking, illegal drug use, bullying, and acts of violence can be reduced or eliminated as a result of a strong school and community partnership. Please join us in our efforts to maintain a safe school environment for everyone. Together we can make a difference.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

-Margaret Mead

-Lee Evans, Principal

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Dee's Dash

Denise Schaefer was my daughter's counselor in 2014. We all miss her. Dee's Dash is a 5K (3.1 miles) and Family Fun Run (1 mile) being held in memory of Denise Schaefer - a loving role model who dedicated her time to the students every day. We encourage you to participate in this event to honor her legacy and raise awareness for mental health issues.

-PTSA President's Note
April 20th 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. 
$8.00 a person

Senior Capstone Projects
The senior students will be presenting their PLTW Capstone projects on April 27th 12:15 to 2:30. If you are interested in being on the Engineering Panel please contact Michael Smith.

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Music Teacher Retires
Mr. Mark Eisenhower has been inspiring Magruder's musical students for 35 years. Unfortunately for music families, Mr. Eisenhower is retiring at the end of this school year. The Instrumental Music Department (IMD) is hosting a retirement celebration at the Outta The Way Café in Derwood on Sunday May 21st in the evening. We expect to have an "open mike" for students and alumni to share their stories about Mark. We will have a buffet of awesome OTWC hors d'oeuvres. We also hope you will bring photos and other memories to share. We expect the buffet to cost around $13-$15 per person. We also will accept donations to the IMD to pay for a gift.

If you have been to the Outta The Way Café, then you know what a supportive organization they have been to Magruder Music. You also probably know they have an amazing menu and the best fish tacos in the area. We want to have the have the greatest participation possible, and we hope you will attend. We will provide more details to you as they become available. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, May 21st for this event.

April & May PTSA Meetings
The Health Fair that we had planned for the April PTSA meeting (Parent-Teacher-Student Association) has been moved to May in order to facilitate schedules of our health professionals and keynote speaker. We will provide more information as it becomes available. We are working on topics for the Tuesday April 18th PTSA meeting. If you would like to share your thoughts, please contact me directly. My contact information is below.

Safety Message from MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith: click here to read the letter.

Thanks!
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Brave & Bold Coalition
Did you know MCPS opened America's first recovery school in 1979? Sadly, The Phoenix School closed in 2012, as our county and nation reached the point where nearly everyone knows someone -- directly or indirectly -- who has been affected by the disease of addiction.
Recovery high schools provide a sober learning environment with peer and professional support so students striving to live drug-free can earn their diploma with minimal risk of relapse. (See Washington Post article on Recovery Schools [here](#).)

Please come to our free showing of "Generation Found" at 6:30 PM on Thursday, April 20, at Oakdale Emory Church, 3425 Emory Church Rd. (at Georgia Ave.) in Olney. This film shows how vital recovery education is for students who need it and their families. The principal of the recovery school in Philadelphia will be there to answer questions.

And consider joining our recovery school team, Phoenix Rising, a great bunch of folks committed to our kids who want to stay above the influence!

Wishing you all a safe and fun Spring!

**Patty Winters**  
Coordinator, Brave and Bold Coalition