

DIAMOND MINE

Diamond Elementary School
MAY 2023



Dear Diamond Families,

We are in the home stretch to the 2022-2023 school year. The last marking period has been moving along quickly and extremely busy! The month of May is busy with field trips, end of the year assessments for grades K-5, state testing assessments for grades 3-5, and PTA events including our annual International Night, which will be held on Friday, May 5th from 6:30-8:30 pm.

During the month of May we have many exciting events planned including PTA sponsored cultural arts assemblies and workshops.

Our building recently changed over the air units from heating to air-conditioning. Students should dress in layers and are encouraged to bring a sweatshirt or sweater to leave in class, especially since we have experienced several cold temperatures in the past few days or due to the building cooling system.

We wish all Diamond ES families a wonderful, relaxing and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend with family and friends! If you have any questions, please contact the main office at 240-740-2120.

Sincerely,

Daniel Walder
Principal

MAY 2023 CALENDAR

May 1-5

Staff Appreciation Week

Tuesday, May 2

PTA Meeting at 7:00 pm in Media Center

Thursday, May 4

5th Grade Field Trip to Ridgeview MS to see Frozen Jr. musical.

Friday, May 5

PTA sponsored International Night from 6:30-8:30 pm

Tuesday, May 9

5th Grade Panoramic Picture @ 9:45 AM (entire 5th grade w/ students and staff)

Friday, May 12

Hearing and Vision Re-screening

Wednesday, May 17

Patrol Picnic- 9:30 am-1:30 pm

Friday, May 19

PTA Movie Night from 7:00-9:00 PM (outside)

Wednesday, May 24

Field Day- Grades K-2- 9:30am-3:00 pm

Friday, May 26

4th Grade Field Trip to St Mary's City
Buses leave at 7:30 am and return at 5:30 pm

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day Holiday—Schools Closed.
No School for Students or Staff.

Wednesday, May 31

Field Day- Grades 3-5- 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.



Diamond Elementary Arts Program

May Newsletter

What is going on in **Art** class during May?

K and 1 – Students will be creating circle and line art.

2 and 3 – Students will create Little readers

4 and 5 Students will be creating Silly Sundae art

What is going on in **Music** class during May?

Kindergarten students will sing within a limited vocal range and sing songs that use the voice in a variety of ways. Students will improvise using movement, unpitched percussion, and barred instruments to represent long/short and high/low to accompany a story, song or poem.

1st grade students will be working on reading simple rhythm patterns. Students will notate simple rhythm patterns. Students will improvise using unpitched percussion, and barred instruments to create rhythmic ostinato patterns that enhance a given melody, story or poem.

2nd grade students will be working on composing a simple rhythm pattern and notating it using iconic or standard notation. Students will improvise using unpitched percussion and barred instruments to create rhythms, melodies and/or ostinato patterns that enhance a given melody, story, or poem.

3rd grade students will notate simple rhythm patterns and read notation for pitch patterns. Students will use the voice, recorder, or body percussion to improvise phrases that answer given melodic phrases in the same style. Students will read melodic notation on the treble staff and play on the recorder or barred instrument.

4th grade students will read rhythm and melodic patterns using quarter notes/rest, eighth notes and sixteenth notes. Students will create movements to enhance a song, story, or poem. Students will create or improvise melodies to enhance a song, story, or poem.

5th grade students will read and perform songs with a descant or partner songs to create harmony. Students will create movements to enhance a song, story, or poem. Students will create or improvise melodies to enhance a song, story, or poem.

What is going on in **Physical Education** class during May?

For grades K-2: By the end of May kindergarten through 2nd grade students will be able to identify how body systems and physical activity effect the body.

For grades 3-5: By the end of May 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will be able to explain the relationship between effort and improvement as well as design a realistic, achievable, and challenging short term physical activity goal.

Kindergarten Registration/Enrollment Process for 2023-2024

The Kindergarten Registration System is LIVE! If you are registering your child for kindergarten for the upcoming 2023-2024 School year, please follow the **4-Step Registration Process** below.

4-Step Registration Process

Kindergarten Registration Webpage: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/enroll/kindergarten.aspx>

STEP 1: Determine Eligibility

Children age 5 by September 1 on the first day of school are eligible for enrollment.

[Age and Attendance Requirements](#)

Contact International Admissions and Enrollment at 240-740-4500 to begin the enrollment process when:

- The student is age 7 or older by September 1 and has not attended school within the U.S. or a U.S. accredited school (i.e., Department of Defense school or an accredited American International school in a foreign country) within the past two years, or
- The student does not live with a parent or legal guardian.

STEP 2: How would you Like to Register?

- **Online**

You will need to create a ParentVue account [here](#).

If you have questions about online registration, here are helpful tips on how to [Get Started with Kindergarten Online Registration](#)

Kindergarten Registration Flyer: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/info/enroll/kindergarten/Kindergarten-registration-2023.pdf>

- **Paper Forms**

Please contact the Diamond ES main office directly. Mrs. Christine Chimera is the school secretary and Kindergarten registrar. You can determine which school is assigned to your address by using the [School Assignment Locator](#).

STEP 3: Important Documents

- Proof of Residency
- Identification
- Birth documents
- Health Forms

Parents registering their children for the first time in a Montgomery County public school must provide proof of county residency, identity, age and immunizations, unless homeless. Required immunizations must be completed within 20 days of registration.

Students who have previously attended school should bring their latest report card, if available. Students receiving special education services should bring a copy of the current Individualized Education Program (IEP).

[Examples of acceptable verification documentation](#)

What other forms do I need to complete for kindergarten registration for my child?

1. **Complete the Kindergarten Student Profile Form:** <https://forms.gle/TF21Z1a6vtYgnssGA>. This form provides parents with the opportunity to share information about their child that will be used as we make decisions on class placement for next year. Please complete by June 1, 2023.

2. **Kindergarten Readiness Checklist for 2023-2024:** Have your child's pre-school teacher or child care provider complete the following form to provide information on **Kindergarten Readiness Checklist for 2023-2024:** <https://forms.gle/Z2vqWcSydK97X79M7>. This form should be completed by your child's current child care provider or pre-school/nursery school teacher. If your child does not attend a pre-school or child care, the parent can complete the checklist to the best of their knowledge. Please complete this form by June 1, 2023. The checklist will help us get to know your child's learning experiences, strengths and areas of need. For the child care provider or pre-school teacher, please read each statement and indicate your child's abilities by checking the appropriate column.

Other Resources for Kindergarten:

- **Day Care Centers servicing the Diamond ES community:** The following is a list of some of the Children's Day Care (Before/After School) Centers that are used by Diamond families. Bar-T is on location at Diamond ES, and the others have buses that transport students to and from their location. For more information, please contact the centers directly. Visit the link for information on Day Care Centers: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Vxvu5rTPincnxjlgGuTo4NjjNKaZmyjDo4Yaudk2MMM/edit?usp=sharing>
- **Kindergarten Handbook:** https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/info/enroll/kindergarten/0706.23_KindergartenHandbook_ENGLISH_PRINT.pdf. This resource includes basic information about your child's Kindergarten year and all of the forms needed to enroll your child in MCPS.
- **Early Entrance to Kindergarten Information:** <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/dtecps/earlychildhood/early-entrance.aspx> Per Maryland State Department of Education regulations, to be eligible to enter kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year, children must be five years of age by September 1, 2023. Children who will turn five years old between September 2 and October 15, 2023 are eligible for consideration for the early entrance to kindergarten process.
- Parents/guardians of children who wish to apply for early entrance to kindergarten must complete the Application for Early Entrance to Kindergarten form
- **Application for Early Entrance to Kindergarten:** <https://ww2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/detail.aspx?formID=81&formNumber=271-6&catID=2&subCatID=0>

Please complete this application if you feel that your child demonstrates academic achievement, social, emotional, and physical maturity appropriate for kindergarten placement, has a birth date that where he/she turns five between September 2 and October 15, and should be considered for early placement in kindergarten. Return the completed form to your school before June 30th. Applications for early entrance to kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year will be accepted from February 1 through June 30, 2023.

The testing for Early Entrance to Kindergarten will occur in April-May 2022. More information will be shared soon. We are planning to have an Incoming Kindergarten Parent Meeting towards the end of May. Stay tuned for more information on this meeting.

You can refer to this link for the information in this email regarding the Kindergarten Registration Process for 2022-2023: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1awjuOm795FVireWtu0cLeFRjGJXEnKLzZZY7gE59T4I/edit?usp=sharing>

Order Your Diamond ES Yearbook Now-

Order Your Diamond ES Yearbook Now: In conjunction with Classic Photography, Diamond Elementary School is offering yearbooks for the 2022-2023 school year. Pre-orders started in January. Yearbooks cost \$28.00. Yearbooks will be distributed to students in June 2023. To order a School Yearbook, follow these 2 easy steps:

Step 1: Please complete this DES Yearbook Order Form. DES Yearbook Order Form: <https://forms.gle/6RkyU5Q3Jr2ZBrK26> This indicates your interest in purchasing a school yearbook.

Step 2: Submit your payment for the DES Yearbook. (There are 3 options for payment)

Payment Option 1: Purchase yearbook online through Online School Payment:

<https://mcpsmd.schoolcashonline.com/>

Payment Option 2: Purchase yearbook with check payable to “Diamond Elementary School” and submit to school’s main office.

Payment Option 3: Purchase yearbook with cash payment (exact payment only: \$28.00) and submit in an envelope addressed to Diamond ES Yearbook to the school’s main office.

We prefer online payments: <https://mcpsmd.schoolcashonline.com/>. As mentioned before, we also accept checks made payable to “Diamond E.S.” or cash payment (exact change only). Any questions regarding the yearbook, please contact Mr. Desai @ Rahul_G_Desai@mcpsmd.org.

Diamond Elementary Yearbook 2023 order

Only return this tear-off form if you are submitting cash or check payment.

Student’s Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Quantity: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____