

September 1, 2023

Good evening Georgian Forest Families,

This is Dr. Ennis welcoming you to the new school year at *#theForest: Where Learners Grow!* This weekly message will be provided in English and Spanish. I would like to thank you, staff, and students for a very smooth first week of school! Our classes started instruction on the 1st day and our scholars are doing well learning our new routines, procedures, and expectations as well.

The 6 things I'd like to share with you are: Back to School Fair, Free School Meals, Arrival and Dismissal Procedures, PTA New Board Members, Free Kids Day Program and Important dates.

1. **Back-to-School Fair**

- Will be held Thursday, September 7th from 6:00 - 7:30 pm
- Please see attached flyer for additional information. We hope you can join us!

2. **Free Breakfast and Lunch for the 2023-24 school year!**

- Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is providing free breakfast and lunch at our school in the 2023–2024 school year.
- Households do **NOT** need to complete Free And Reduced-price Meal (FARMS) applications in order to receive free meal benefits at our school.
- We encourage students to enjoy our breakfast and lunch, please check out [menus here](#).

3. **School Hours:**

- **9:10 a.m ~ morning drop-off for car riders**
- **9:25 a.m ~ Instruction begins**
- **3:50 p.m ~ Dismissal**
- **1:20 p.m ~ Early Release day**
- **3:30 p.m ~ Early dismissal for appointments occurs before 3:30 p.m**
- If your child is a car rider, we ask that you stay in your vehicle and display your yellow paper on the dashboard and drive through the car loop.
- Please do not get out of your car as this impedes our efficient dismissal process. We will make sure to get your child to you as quickly as possible.

4. **PTA New Board Members:**

- PTA is looking for NEW Parents to join the board! See job descriptions attached.
- Email Yani Gaitan if you are interested: Yanira_I_Gaitan@mcpsmd.org
- Current board members would like to conduct an Election during our first Merienda Principal's Coffee on Friday, September 29th.

5. **Free Kids Day Out Program:**

- Registration starts on September 5th!

- This is sponsored by the Montgomery County Rec Department
- See attached flyer for more info.

6. Please add the following items to your calendar:

- September 4th: No School - Labor Day
- September 7th: Back to School Fair at 6:00 pm
- September 22nd: Early Release Day - Dismissal at 1:20 pm.
- September 25th: Non-Instructional Day - No school for students and teachers.

Have a wonderful weekend!