

October News 2026

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Events

October 7: PTA Meeting 6:30-7:30 (Virtual)

October 9: PTA Sponsored Cultural Heritage Night 6:00-7:30

October 14: NO SCHOOL for Ms.Harrigan's Class

October 16: Professional Learning Day No school for students

October 23: Fall Festival

October 30: Ms. Harrigan's & Ms. Kelly's Class to Sharp's Farm

Reminders

Please remember to send your child with appropriate outdoor clothing as the weather gets cooler.

Stay tuned for more information from your child's teacher about their classroom Fall Festival!

A Peek into Math Class:

During this unit your child will:

- Sort shapes into groups based on how they are the same or different.
- Notice and name attributes (parts) that make a shape unique, and discover that changing the color, size, or direction a shape is pointing does not change the type of shape it is.
- Rotate, flip, or slide shapes to solve shape puzzles, create pictures and build larger shapes.
- Learn the "Flat Shapes Song"

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CKLA Reading

Domain 2 focuses on families and communities. We will learn how families are alike and different, how families and friends go places and do things together, and how friends use kind words to care for each other.

Fine Motor Skills

Give your child a small piece of paper and ask your child to rip the paper into many small pieces. Encourage your child to rip the paper using their pointer finger and thumb on each hand. Using this pincer grasp supports correct pencil grip.

Volunteer Information

No Required Compliance Measures	Child Abuse & Neglect Training	Child Abuse & Neglect Training PLUS Fingerprinting
Volunteers who support large and one-time events, and are accompanied by MCPS staff Examples: • College fairs • Concessions and ticket booth sales at large events • Guest readers • Class celebrations	Volunteers who support students on an ongoing basis, and are accompanied by MCPS staff Examples: • Student teachers • Student interns • Recess, lunch, dismissal • Supervised field trip chaperones • Room parents	Volunteers who will have unsupervised access to students Examples: • Virtual volunteering • Volunteer coach • Outdoor Education • Unsupervised field trip chaperones • Special field trip chaperones (late night, overnight, out of area)