

WELLER ROAD ES PARENT NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S POST

Hello Weller Road Parents/Guardians!

We are off to an amazing start to this school year. Your students are doing a fantastic job in all areas of school; in the classroom, lunch and recess, and in specials. The entire staff is so proud of how hard our students are working each and every day! Please continue to remind your students about our school expectations of being respectful, responsible, and ready to learn.

During the first month, our staff has been working hard to get to know your students and to build a class community of learners. Our first staff meeting focused on different ways teachers and staff are building positive relationships with students within the classroom and other areas of the building. Our goal is to build strong and positive classroom communities where our students feel safe and welcome. A big kudos to our staff for their continued commitment to meeting the social and emotional needs of our students.

I also wanted to thank our amazing PTA for a great first PTA meeting this past month and for organizing a great Movie Night. It was wonderful to see so many of our Weller Road students, staff, and families here at school! I look forward to seeing our community together for upcoming events throughout the year.

Speaking of upcoming events, the MCPS traditional Open House is next Monday, October 10, from 9:15 to 11:00. This is a time to visit your child's classroom.

Finally, thank you for following our arrival and dismissal procedures and helping to keep our students safe. We truly appreciate it.

Here's to a great October!

Mr. Mascott

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct. 5 - **No School** for Students

Oct. 10 - Open House for Parents

Oct. 11 - PreK/Head Start Parent Meeting (9:10 - 10:15 am)

Oct. 13 - Student Picture Day

Oct. 20 - Middle School Choice Form Help (see info on next page)

Oct. 24 - **No School** for Students

Oct. 25 - Middle School Choice Form Help(see info on next page)

Oct. 27 - 5th Grade Field Trip to Strathmore Hall (9:40 - 12:35)

See below for Middle School Open House dates and times!

Weller Website

There is a lot of information at <https://www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/wellerroad/es/>
Check it out!

Email for Changes in Dismissal and Absence Notes

wresoffice@mcpsmd.org

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOICE FORM HELP

Parents of 5th grade students who need help filling out the Middle School Choice form may come to the Weller Road at one of the following days and times:

Thursday, October 20 9:00-10:00 AM (Room 175)

Thursday, October 20 4:00-5:00 PM (Media Center)

Tuesday, October 25 9:00-10:00 AM (Room 175)

Tuesday, October 25 4:00-5:00 PM (Media Center)

If you come to the morning help sessions, you will need a picture ID to sign into the visitor system. Driver's Licenses are preferred but not required. Passports and other picture IDs are accepted.

HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT FORM

If you and your family are in need of food assistance for the holiday season, please complete the online referral form located on the Weller Road Website. While a referral is not a guarantee of assistance, the Project helps as many families in need as donations allow. The deadline to sign up is October 26, 2022.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOICE PROCESS

The Middle School Open Houses are in October! Come meet the principals and staff, tour the buildings, learn about the magnet programs and get excited about middle school!

Argyle Magnet School for Digital Design and Development

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Parkland Magnet School for Aerospace Technology

Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

A. Mario Loiederman Magnet School for the Creative and Performing Arts

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

ANNUAL VERIFICATION INFORMATION

This year you will update your child's emergency contact information online using ParentVUE or by updating a paper copy and returning it to school. We encourage you to use the ParentVUE as it's a good source of communication between you and the school. You have access to your child's attendance, grades, can quickly change phone numbers and emergency contacts and you can receive all of the school news and information through email. Please login to ParentVUE at md-mcps-psv.edupoint.com and complete the Annual Verification Information using the Online Registration tab in the upper right corner of ParentVUE.

This information needs to be updated as soon as possible so the school can contact you about important news and upcoming events for students and parents. If you haven't created an account in ParentVUE yet, please follow the directions in the email or letter you received from MCPS at the beginning of this school year. If you need help with ParentVUE, please contact our Parent Community Coordinator, Ms. Romero at 301-287-8601.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS

Remember that the FARMS (Free and Reduced-price Meals System) or lunch application is a household application that must be filled out every year. Parents and guardians will need to submit just one application that lists all the children in their household who attend Montgomery County Public Schools. Please fill out the FARMS lunch application online at www.MySchoolApps.com this year.

The financial information you share is completely confidential. The information goes to the Food and Nutrition office of MCPS and is used to determine our designation as a Title 1 school under federal legislation. This legislation provides federal funds to help students in schools with high economic needs achieve high standards. The specific objective of the Title I program is to enable all students to meet state and local student performance standard goals set by the Maryland State Department of Education. Being a Title 1 school allows us to host parent nights, have activities through Linkages to Learning, and to provide extra staff and resources to support your children. Please complete the online form so we can maintain our Title 1 status. Ms. Romero, our Parent Community Coordinator, will be reaching out to families who haven't yet submitted the FARMS forms, and she is your best resource if you need some assistance.



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Title I Federal Grant Information

Our school is fortunate to receive supplemental funding through Title I, a federal grant program for schools that serve communities with students who have high economic needs. The federal legislation that establishes Title I regulations is known as the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA). ESSA requires Montgomery County Public Schools to inform you that you have the right to request information about the professional certification qualifications of your child's teacher, long-term substitute teacher, or paraeducator (formerly titled instructional assistant).

If you wish to request certification information about your child's teacher, paraeducator, or long-term substitute teacher, please submit a written request to the principal at your school. Your written inquiry may include information about the following qualifications:

- Degree status and subject area of certification.
- State of Maryland certification status, including conditional certification status.
- Qualifications of paraeducators or long-term substitute teachers who may be working with your student.

Your request will be forwarded to OHRD and you will receive a written response from that office within thirty (30) business days. Please contact the principal if you have any questions.

The George B. Thomas. Sr. Learning Academy, Inc.

The doors of The George B. Thomas. Sr. Learning Academy, Inc. - Saturday School will open for its 36th year of service on Saturday, September 24th with registration and orientation. Classes begin October 1, 2022.

Classes will be offered in reading (Benchmarks) and math (Eureka) for grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade from 8:30am - 11:00am through May of 2023.

There are several locations, but the closest to us is Wheaton High School. Other locations are located on the academy's website listed at the bottom of this page. There is also a virtual option available.

Our program fees are \$40 for FARMS students and \$85 for all other students. These fees cover the ENTIRE year of tutoring. Weekly attendance is strongly encouraged as students that attend regularly outperform students that do not.

More information can be found at www.saturdayschool.org.