

Good evening, Loiederman Families!

This is Megan McLaughlin, proud principal of LMS, calling with some important information. Tomorrow, Monday, April 17th is an EVEN day.

- **Spring Dance Concert:** The Spring Dance Concert is this week on April 18, 19, and 20! Dance students should enter through the cafeteria doors at 6:30pm on the night of their performance in all black clothing with any hair and make-up ready to go. Tickets can be purchased online or by bringing cash or a check with an order form to your student's teacher. Doors will open for audience members at 6:30pm. [Tuesday, April 18th tickets](#), [Wednesday, April 19th tickets](#), [Thursday, April 20th tickets](#). If you have any questions please contact your student's dance teacher.
- **Maryland School Survey:** State law requires that all public schools in Maryland survey students about the school climate. The purpose of the survey is to gain valuable information about the quality and character of each school's learning environment so that schools can promote a climate that supports student learning. Students will take the Maryland School Survey during regular school hours, April 17th. The survey will ask students about topics such as student engagement, interactions with adults and with other students in the school, the school environment, bullying, and safety. The survey will not ask about a student's personal experiences, and students will not be asked to provide any information that might violate their privacy. The survey is confidential and school personnel will not have access to the responses of specific students. The responses your child provides will be combined with the responses from other students in the school, and results will be reported for each school and district. If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Ms. Pontious at [Ashton L Pontious@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Ashton.L.Pontious@mcpsmd.org)
- **7th Grade Families:** To celebrate the end of the year, 7th graders are invited to attend the end of year field trip to the Smithsonian National Zoo in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, June 14th for \$6 per student. Scholarships are available. Payments and permission forms are due no later than May 17th. Payments can be made on SchoolCash, by cash, or by check made payable to A. Mario Loiederman Middle School. Students will receive their permission slips in their homeroom this week. Please be sure to have your student return their permission slip to their homeroom teachers. If you have any questions or would like to attend as a chaperone, please contact Ms. Ostrega at [Veronica M Ostrega@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Veronica.M.Ostrega@mcpsmd.org).
- **8th Grade Families:** The 8th grade has a few wonderful opportunities to celebrate their promotion from middle school. Please see the [Information Slides](#) for details. The slides can be found under the news section of the 8th grade page on the website as well as on Canvas. Permission Slips, Order forms, and directions on how to sign up for SchoolCash Online will come out next week.
- **Converting From Heat to AC:** In preparation for warmer weather, MCPS will be converting school mechanical equipment from heating to air conditioning in the next few weeks. Beginning April 17, 2023, schools will be converted to air conditioning in the following order of priority: Secondary schools; Elementary schools; and Schools with special needs students.

- **Black Family and Student Alliance:** This month's BFSA meeting will be held virtually and will take place on Thursday, April 27th from 6 to 7:30 PM. This month we will discuss best practices for supporting and guiding your student to academic success in middle school and beyond. All are welcome to attend. Here is the meeting zoom link - <https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/5598392292?pwd=OG9kNEJQbTNoNUVDtMhBenNQL09Ydz09>

Calendar of Upcoming Dates/Events:

- April 18 - 20: Dance Concerts
- April 21: Professional Day (no school for students)

Please be sure to check out the [LMS PTSA Page on Facebook](#). Stay well, stay safe, and thank you for staying connected to Loiederman. Have a good evening!