

Good evening, Loiederman Families!

This is Megan McLaughlin, proud principal of LMS, calling with some important information. Monday, January 16 is a holiday, schools and offices will be closed for MLK Day. January 17 is an ODD Day.

- **Testing Update:** All 6th graders will take MAP-R on January 19-20. The MAP assessments will be completed in students' ELA classes. WIDA assessments for our EML students start on January 23rd and will run into late February.
- **The Loiederman Drama Club: Wizard of Oz Meeting:** The Loiederman Drama Club is excited to announce their interest meeting for our spring musical, The Wizard of Oz which will take place over Zoom on Tuesday, January 17th at 6 pm. This meeting is for students and their caregivers who are interested in information about Cast and Crew. More information, including the Zoom link, can be found [here](#). Please email Mrs. Paley or Mrs. Ostrega with any questions.
- **6th Grade Outdoor Education:** There is a parent meeting for 6th grade Outdoor Education on Wednesday, January 18th, via Zoom. The first meeting is from 6pm-6:45, in Spanish, and the second meeting is from 6:45-7:30, in English. The Zoom links for the meetings will be posted on our website and be sent out in a later communication. In this meeting, we will cover the dates, logistics, and provide an overview of the activities and experiences that are a part of Outdoor E. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Cecilia Rosario at cecilia_g_rosario@mcpsmd.org.
- **African American Parent Association Meeting:** We are excited to announce that we will be hosting our first **African American Parent Association Meeting on January 31st from 6:00 - 8:00 PM** at Loiederman Middle School. Parents and students, we would love for you to meet other African American families in our community. We will be serving dinner and will have some fun community building activities. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by completing the form linked [here](#). Please reach out to Mr. Chet Hardy at 240-740-5840 with any questions. We can't wait to see you there!
- **MONTGOMERY CAN CODE CLUB: FREE AFTER SCHOOL CODING CLUB FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS!** In partnership with Montgomery College and the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation, MCPS is offering a FREE "all-virtual" six (6) week after-school coding club that will meet twice a week. All clubs will meet, beginning the week of March 6, 2023 and will run through April 21, 2023. Students in the camps will receive a loaner MCPS iPad and learn to code using Swift, Apple's easy-to-learn programming language and engage in a fun competition. For more information and registration, please visit: <https://www.montgomerycancode.com/middle-school-clubs> **Montgomery Can Code Clubs 2023 Registration Link - [Click Here](#)**

- **Calendar of Upcoming Dates/Events:**

- Jan 16: MLK Day- Offices and Schools closed
- Jan 18: Zoom Outdoor Education Meeting for 6th Grade Families
- January 31: African American Parent Association Meeting

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!