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Dear Waters Landing Families:

The staff and I would like to wish you and your families a happy new year. We thank you for all of your good wishes and for all you do for our students at Waters Landing Elementary School. As we approach the end the second marking period on January 16<sup>th</sup> and get ready to begin the third marking period on January 21<sup>st</sup>, the start of a new quarter is always a good time to review with your child how things are going in school. Please know that at anytime you can make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher to discuss progress.

We are well on our way to meeting our Two Million Minute Reading Challenge before the end of this school year. Help your child keep the reading log up to date by helping to record the number of minutes he or she is reading at home and at school. We are all looking forward to the hearing the new total at our January Town Hall meeting on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

If anything should change with your personal information (phone number, email address, or emergency contacts), please make certain to provide the main office with updated information. We want to be able to get in contact with you in case of an emergency. Every Sunday evening at 6:30 PM, I send out a Connect Ed message. This contains information for the upcoming weeks. The voice message goes to your main phone number on file. The email message goes to the email address you have on file. The email sometimes will have attachments or more information regarding a particular subject. If you haven't been receiving this weekly source of information, please send in your updated information to the main office.

Thank you for your ongoing support of your child's education.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tina W. Shrewsbury, Principal  
Mr. Troy Clarke, Assistant Principal

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Waters Landing (WLES) PTA

## From the PTA President ...

Dear Waters Landing Elementary School Families,

Welcome to 2015! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season with your families! We have several exciting PTA events going on this month. We will be holding a Science and Environment Night at 7 p.m. on Tuesday night. We would love to see you and your family join us for a night of fun and education!

At the end of the month we will be having our Winter Book Fair. These events are always popular with kids and staff, and a great way for you to stock up on books for your children while supporting the school. Please stop by and find a book to buy!

To make both of these events happen, however, we need a lot of help. Please consider volunteering for these events – if you can stop by for an hour after the Science and Environment Night to help clean up, or come out to the book fair one afternoon to help children select books, it would be a tremendous help!

And please remember to join the PTA if you haven't already! Every parent and every membership helps!

Have a wonderful January!  
Danielle Deaver

**!SAVE THE DATE!** - Baby its cold outside! Come and warm up at our annual Winter Dance on Friday, Feb. 6th, from 7:00-8:30 PM. The dance is open to K-5th graders and free for everyone (*parents must accompany children no drop-offs*).



## WLES First Spirit Night Spirit Night is January 28 at Chick-fil-a Germantown

Let Chick-fil-a do the cooking and a percentage of your order will go to WLES PTA. You must place your order inside (no drive-thru). **Stop in any time between 5-8PM** that day and mention Waters Landing **before** you place your order and our school will get a portion of the night's sales. Be sure to write you teacher's name and grade on a piece of paper and place it in the box on the condiment stand as the class with the most participation will receive coupons for free Chick-fil-a. See you there!

**After-school Spanish Class;** PTA is offering a Foreign Language in the Elementary School after school class for students in 2nd thru 5th grades beginning February 2nd. The children will learn Spanish using songs, games and a variety of activities. There are still openings in this after school class. Classes meet once a week for 12 weeks. The tuition is \$140.00 per child. This special price is made possible by our generous PTA. The program will take place on Mondays after-school at 3:40-4:40 pm beginning in February. You may register and pay online at [www.biglearning.org/fles](http://www.biglearning.org/fles) For more information about these classes, contact our WLES coordinator, Allyson Parr at [allyson.parr.dean@gmail.com](mailto:allyson.parr.dean@gmail.com) You may also contact the Big Learning FLEX office at 301-592-0861. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students.

### **COUNSELOR'S CORNER – Ms. Laureno**

Montgomery College is offering KID'S COLLEGE – REGISTER NOW! The Registration forms and schedule are available at this website: [www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth) or call Youth Programs at 240-567-7264 Asistencia en Espanol Disponible

Enrichment courses for Grades K-12, offered after school and on Saturdays at all Montgomery College Campuses. Sample offerings: Geometric Animals, Keyboarding for Computers, Introduction to Sewing, Line Drawing, My Money Matters, Cartooning, Algebra I for fifth graders. These are wonderful opportunities for your youngsters to learn new skills during a 6-8 week session course.

During the month of January, our character education theme is **GOAL-SETTING**. You can reinforce at home what we are discussing here at school with all the students. Here are some of the messages we are communicating.

Decide to improve on one thing today. Make it specific. Make a plan. Set a timeline in which to accomplish this. Evaluate your success.

If the goal is not reached, make an alternative plan. You must keep on trying! Think positive! Persevere! Set daily goals. Set monthly goals.

Set yearly goals. Post these goals where you can see them and reflect upon them. If you are finding reaching your goal is difficult, ask for help.

Talk with someone you trust who will help you. Practice, practice, practice! Never give up! Mistakes are learning opportunities. And support your friends and family members in reaching their goals. We all need help at different times.

Our PBIS/ Dolphin Pride Program is geared towards rewarding our students for their good behavior. Here are 10 tips for Positive Discipline at home:

- \* Show respect, and focus on the behavior, not the child.
- \* Be firm, fair, and consistent. Discipline with love.
- \* Never use physical punishment. It teaches children that violence is okay.
- \* Fit the consequences to the behavior. For example, if your child paints on the wall, the punishment should be to clean it off.
- \* Act as soon as possible so your child associates misbehaviors with their consequences.
- \* If you are very upset, cool down before you use discipline.
- \* Try time-outs. This allows younger children to think about their actions. The best place for a time out is an area that isn't pleasurable for the child.
- \* Keep in mind that no one is perfect. We all make mistakes.
- \* Decide what behaviors you must take a stand on and which you can be more flexible about.
- \* Give praise often for your child's positive actions and qualities. This will encourage your child to continue the behavior you want.

# *You are invited to the WLES Science and Environment Night!*



**Tuesday, January 13, 2015 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm  
in the WLES Gymnasium.**

## **Bring the whole family...**

You are not going to want to miss this event! All students must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older.

## **What is Science and Environment Night?**

This event provides WLES students and families with a stimulating and entertaining evening of science experiments and environmental education activities that enhance MCPS curriculum and promote that learning is fun. Experiments and activities are conducted by scientists, natural resource professionals, environmental educators, WLES teachers and PTA volunteers.

**Please Note:** This is not to be confused with the Science Fair! Science Fair sign-up will begin at Science and Environment Night.

*This event is sponsored by Waters Landing Elementary School and Waters Landing PTA.*

*Esta usted invitado a la  
Noche de Ciencias y Recursos  
Ambientales de WLES!*



**Martes, Enero 13, 2015 de 7:00 – 8:30 pm  
en el WLES Gimnasio.**

**Traiga a toda la familia...**

**No se lo puede perder! Todos los estudiantes deben de ser  
acompanados por un adulto mayor de 18 anos .**

**De que se trata esta noche?**

**Este evento da a los estudiantes y familias de WLES una noche de  
entretenimiento y estimulación con experimentos de ciencias y  
recursos ambientales para promover y enriquecer el aprendizaje de una  
manera amena del curriculum estudiantil de MCPS. Experimentos y  
actividades son conducidos por científicos, profesionales en recursos  
naturales, educadores ambientales, maestros de WLES y voluntarios  
del PTA.**

**Porfavor tenga en cuenta: Esta noche no debe ser confundida con la  
feria de la ciencia! El inicio de las inscripciones para la Feria de la  
Ciencia iniciara en la noche de Ciencias u Recursos Ambientales.**

***Este evento es patrocinado por Waters Landing Elementary  
School y Waters Landing PTA.***

## Physical Education (P.E.) News - Jump Rope For Heart

This year's Jump Rope for Heart will be held on Thursday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. This year's jump will be held during the school day. All the money raised will be donated to the American Heart Association. Two years ago we raised \$9,600! All that is needed for your child to participate is a signed permission form that will be handed out in P.E. class. Students will be given a donation envelope when their permission form is turned in. We ask for flat donations and instruct the children not to go door to door soliciting. These collection envelopes should be turned in on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, however they will be accepted until March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Students will be arranged in teams of six. One team member jumps at a time. Also, we will be playing a variety of games with jump ropes and bolas. Here is the jump schedule for February 12<sup>th</sup>:

1<sup>st</sup> Grade= 9:25-10:10

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade= 10:15-11:00

5<sup>th</sup> Grade= 11:40-12:25

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade= 1:00-1:45

4<sup>th</sup> Grade= 1:50-2:30

The American Heart Association also offers thank you gifts for students who contribute money. Prizes will be delivered once they are received from the A.H.A. This year's prizes are as follows:

Level 1 (\$5-\$14.99): Splatter Quacky & Lanyard

Level 2 (\$15-\$49.99): Jump Rope & Above,

(\$35):Spy Duck & Above]

Level 3 (\$50-\$74.99): Jump Rope T-Shirt & Above

Level 4 (\$75 -\$149.99): Playground Ball & Above

(\$100): Sock Duck & Above

Level 5 (\$150-\$249.99): Mini Beamo & Above

\*\*\*Scribbles Ninja Duck= Online Donation \*\*Ms. Cool Duck=\$75

**PERMISSION FORMS NEED TO BE turned in by Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. NO exceptions!!!!!!**

## Happy 2015!

Our character education theme this month is Goal-Setting, aligned with our calendar. In January all of us are thinking about making resolutions for a better quality of life in the new year. In our classroom guidance lessons, we are learning about how to set goals and achieve them. Here are some pointers to discuss with your children.

- ◆ Decide to improve on one thing today. Decide to be more willing to help others. Decide to study harder and listen better in school
- ◆ To reach your goal, you must persevere. You must keep on trying! You must think positive! You must remember the goal you are working to accomplish
- ◆ The word QUIT must NEVER be in your vocabulary. Courage is needed to try again and again.
- ◆ Set daily goals each day. Remind yourself of that goal during the day. Reflect on your success at night.
- ◆ Set monthly goals. Have a monthly calendar posted. Write the monthly goal in large letters!
- ◆ Set yearly goals. Begin doing the small things needed to reach this bigger, long term goal.
- ◆ Little goals accomplished = bigger goals mastered. Baby steps led you to begin walking. It takes climbing one step at a time to reach the top of the stairs.
- ◆ If you fall back one step, decide to climb forward two steps. Pick yourself up if you fall down and try again. Keep persevering!
- ◆ Talk with someone you trust about your goals. Confide in your parents, other caring family members, teachers and staff at school.
- ◆ We are sometimes like little puppies. We must run after the ball many times before we become good at bringing it back. We must learn many things before a new goal is reached. We must be willing to chase our dreams.
- ◆ Practice, practice, practice helps us be successful. This is one reason for homework. Practice helps you become better at everything. Mistakes are going to be made. They are the way we learn. Keep trying and put out your most effective effort!

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU, MR. CLARKE (Assistant Principal) – Interviewed by Latory Boulware and Daija Jackson (fifth grade)**

How long and what grades have you been teaching? I have taught third and fifth grades. I have also been an assistant principal at Woodlin Elementary School (MCPS) I have been an educator for 18 years.

Do you have a family? My fiancée and I are expecting a baby boy in April.

What is your background? My parents were from New Orleans. I was born in Washington D.C. and I am African-American.

Where did you go to college? I attended Bowie State College, where I received my bachelor's and master's degrees.

What are your hobbies? I liked to watch sports and go to the movies.

What are your favorites: Food: Lasagna; Book: The Autobiography of Dr. Martin Luther King; Actor: Johnny Depp; Movie: The Godfather

Where in the world would you most like to visit? Tokyo, Japan

What were your favorite subjects when you were in elementary school? Science and Social Studies.

What is the one thing you would most like to improve upon? To make sure I reconnect with family I am not as close to.

If you could pass a new law in Congress, what would it be? I would like to see technology taught to more older adults. I would also like to get feedback from students about how they feel technology is working, so that technology could be improved upon from the kids points of view.

What is the one thing in your life you are most proud of? When others acknowledge my respectful attitude.

What is your favorite season? I like Spring because you get to wear shorts and tee-shirts.

What holiday is your favorite? Christmas.

What do you like best about your position at WLES? I like seeing the light-bulb go off with the kids when things click. I enjoy seeing kids experience growth and success..

What would be your one wish for a Fairy Godmother to grant? I would wish that no one ever goes hungry.

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU, MRS. BREWSTER (Kindergarten Teacher): Interviewed by Cheyanne Conway and Charlotte Jordan**

How long and what grades have you taught? I have taught for 17 years. I have taught third, fourth, first, second and kindergarten grades. I have also been a reading specialist at WLES previously.

Do you have a family? Yes, my husband and I have 3 kids, two boys and a girl. Jack is 15, Gabe is 13 & Grace is 10.

What is your background? I was born in Washington D.C. and grew up in Rockville.

What college did you attend? I went to The College of Wooster and majored in sociology and education.

What do you most like to do when you are not working? I like to spend time with my family and work in my garden.

What are your favorites? Food: Chipotle Movie: The Hunger Games Book: The Other Side of Midnight; Actor: Jennifer Lawrence Vacation: Beach Holiday: Christmas.

What do you like most about teaching at WLES? I like the kids and my teammates.

If a fairy godmother could grant you one wish, what would it be? To pay for my kids to go to college.

Where in the world would you most like to visit? Italy

What is your favorite season and why? I like the Fall because I like the temperatures and all the colors.

What were your favorite subjects when you were in elementary school? I liked art and science.

What is one thing in your life that you are most proud of? I am proud of my children and my students.

What is one thing you would like to improve upon? Teaching math.

If you could pass a new law in Congress, what would it be? All children get to go to Pre-School.

If you had one message, what would you like most to teach your children/students? To have confidence that their brain can grow.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! We are proud to announce Waters Landing Elementary School's exemplary students: PEACEMAKERS AND BYSTANDERS-TO-THE-RESCUE – ELECTED BY THEIR PEERS IN DECEMBER 2014- DECEMBER THEME: CARING AND SHARING!

**Kindergarten:** Kymani Mwaura, Winn Zan, Dallas Thomas, Aidan Lisboa, Alexander Mitchell, Stefani Garcia-Vasquez, Isabelle Hersh, Nicholas Calvo, Nathaniel Williams, Arianna Macauley, Christian Galva Rios, Arianna Arthur, Taylor Tucker, Tyler Rampermyer, Ava Harris, Jason Walton, Victor "Hugo" Molina, Nicole Hernandez, Sophia Sandino, Cameron Jones, Aquinnah Moore, Brielle Taylor

**First Grade:** Dashawn James, Madeleine Schully, SaNaa Huggins, Fabiano Juarez, Gabby Lindeire, Zen Bambalan, Phoenix Hybl, Jayden Cortes, Kaily Carranza, Tracy Espinoza, Jay Garcia, Jeremiah Jones, Mathias Lemos-Madronero, Kelly Estrada, Kira Pourreza, Myles Edwards, Breoni Hilliard, Brendon Moore, Noah Merriweather, Lucy Garcia, Rachel Gordon, Vinson Muana

**Second Grade:** Samuel Corbin, McKinzie Gray, Anthony Barahona, Esther Odu, Christien Ferrel-Ward Veronica Jandres, Steven Zavala, Ariana Johnsonk Ashley Neupanek Jayson Ocon, Kate Del Mar, Miguel Rodriguez, Dave Gatcham, Angie Hernandez, Jacob Garcia, Mia Ortega, Isabella Aguilar, Arnold Alvarez, Amara Bailey, Jeremiah Seaton, Brittany Smith, Eli Lemus, Claire Higgins, Kaleb Hucker, William Odu, Isabella Kiger, Daiyan Lewis, Emily Ramirez-Avalos

**Third Grade:** Kyle Poudyal, Allison Browning, Preston Porter, Neha Sharma, Zachary Webster, Jude Hassan, Julian Haddaway, Flor Bonilla, Daniel Rainaivoarisan, Leia Graves, Nariah Goldman, Romeo Riveria, Maikeiya Smith, Stephanie DeLeon, Sam Humpert, Charity Velasquez, Adelai Burgess, Cristian Escobar

**LFI:** (third and fourth grades) Genaro Guzman, Priscilla Cole

**Fourth Grade:** Malachi Fields, Stacy Owusu, Erin McCeney Zain Syed, Caleb Umphrey, Zoe Higgins, Reilly Menjivar, Rachel Lunny, Carina Madero, James Martinez-Solis, Leiani Butler, Natalia Caceres, Mythili Menon, James Martinez-Solis, Paris Murphy, Jaylin Stephens, Katie Beltran, Spencer Gordon

**Fifth Grade:** Elia Lopez, Hamza Al Najjar, Mariam Cherif, Fredy Cantillano- Lara, Tre Phillips, Latory Boulware Jeffry Garcia, Michelle Miranda, Emme Grace McCeney, Ben Davis, Kiyah Thompson Tyler Bright, Johnny Pham, Sofia Moreira, Kadin Higgins, Ashley Davis

**Coming Soon: 18th Annual Distinguished Service to Public Education Awards** - Do you know any individuals (including students), groups, and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to public education in Montgomery County? If so, consider nominating them for a Distinguished Service to Public Education Award! The Montgomery County Board of Education established the awards, now in its 18<sup>th</sup> year, to recognize and show appreciation for exemplary contributions to public education and to MCPS. Nomination forms will be available online at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/community/awards/>. Completed nomination forms will be due in February.

**Próximamente: Decimotavos Premios Anuales Por Servicio Ilustre a la Enseñanza Pública**

¿Conoce a alguna persona (incluyendo a estudiantes), grupos, y organizaciones que hayan hecho contribuciones ejemplares a la enseñanza pública en el Condado de Montgomery? Si la respuesta es sí, ¡considere nominarlos para un Premio Por Servicio Ilustre a la Enseñanza Pública (Award for Distinguished Service to Public Education)! Ahora en su decimoséptimo año, Montgomery County Board of Education (Consejo de Educación) estableció los premios con el fin de reconocer y demostrar agradecimiento por contribuciones ejemplares en favor de la enseñanza pública y de MCPS. Los formularios de nominación estarán disponibles en línea más adelante este mes <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/community/awards/>

El plazo de entrega para los formularios de nominación será en febrero.

**Plan Ahead for the 2015–2016 School Year** - The Board of Education has set the calendar for the 2015-2016 school year. Classes will begin on Monday, August 31, 2015, and are scheduled to end on Friday, June 17, 2016. Spring Break will run from March 25 to April 1. The calendar is available in seven languages—Amharic, Chinese, English, French, Korean, Spanish and Vietnamese and can be printed or downloaded to a computer or mobile device. To see the calendar, visit <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/calendars/future/>

**Planeo Por Anticipado Para el Ciclo Escolar 2015-2016-** El Consejo de Educación ha establecido el calendario para el ciclo escolar 2015-2016. Las clases comenzarán el lunes, 31 de agosto, 2015, y están programadas para terminar el viernes, 17 de junio, 2016. Las vacaciones de primavera tendrán lugar del 25 marzo al 1ro de abril. El calendario se encuentra disponible en siete idiomas—amárigo, chino, coreano, español, francés, inglés, y vietnamita y puede imprimirse o descargarse a una computadora o dispositivo móvil. Visite <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/calendars/future/> para ver el calendario.

**Winter Weather: Stay in Touch with MCPS** - Winter weather is here. MCPS offers numerous ways for parents to learn about school closures, delayed openings, and early dismissals due to inclement weather. **AlertMCPS:** Receive text messages or emails from MCPS during weather-related emergencies and other major events that impact school system operations. Parents can also sign up to receive alerts specific to their child's school. Subscribe to **AlertMCPS** at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/alertmcps.aspx>  
**MCPS homepage**—[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org)

**QuickNotes email news service** Subscribe at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/quicknotes/subscribe/>  
**MCPS cable channel** - Comcast 34, Verizon 36 or RCN 89

**Recorded information (English and Spanish)** - 301-279-3673, or to **Ask MCPS** - 301-309-6277. Staff take calls from 7:30 AM. - 5:30 PM, Mondays to Fridays, in English and Spanish.

**Twitter**—<http://twitter.com/mcps> or **Local radio and TV stations** - Visit <http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/> for more information.

**Clima Invernal: Manténgase en Contacto con MCPS** - El clima invernal ya está aquí. MCPS ofrece muchas formas en que los padres pueden informarse sobre los cierres de escuelas, demoras en el comienzo de la jornada escolar, o cuando los estudiantes se deben retirar antes del horario habitual por causa de tiempo inclemente.

**AlertMCPS** - Reciba mensajes de texto o por correo electrónico de MCPS durante emergencias relacionadas con tiempo inclemente y otros sucesos importantes que afectan las operaciones del sistema escolar. Los padres pueden anotarse también para recibir alertas que tienen que ver específicamente con la escuela de sus hijos.  
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/alertmcps.aspx>

**Portal de MCPS**—[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org)

**Servicio electrónico de noticias QuickNotes** - Suscríbese en <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/quicknotes/subscribe/>

**Canales de MCPS por cable** -Comcast 34, Verizon 36, o RCN 89

**Información grabada** - 301-279-3673 o **Pregunte a MCPS (Ask MCPS)** 301-309-6277. El personal atiende llamadas en inglés y en español, de lunes a viernes, de 7:30 a.m. a 5:30 p.m.

**Twitter-** <http://twitter.com/mcps> o **Emisoras locales de radio y television** - Visite [montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/](http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/).

**MCPS Launches Teacher Workforce Diversity Initiative** - MCPS has launched a new initiative to increase the diversity of its teacher workforce. The Teacher Workforce Diversity Initiative includes strategies in four key areas: recruitment, selection, retention, and internal talent development. Through this initiative, MCPS hopes to recruit and retain high-quality teachers that reflect the diversity of its student enrollment, including teachers of color and others with backgrounds, skills and experiences that are underrepresented in the current workforce, such as those who are multilingual. To learn more, visit the new TeachMCPS website: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/careers/inspire/> and read the news release: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/press/index.aspx?page=showrelease&id=3667>.

**MCPS Lanza Iniciativa Audaz Sobre la Diversidad de su Fuerza Laboral de Maestros.-** MCPS ha lanzado una nueva iniciativa para aumentar la diversidad de su fuerza laboral de maestros. La Iniciativa Sobre Diversidad de la Fuerza Laboral de Maestros incluye estrategias en 4 áreas claves: reclutamiento, selección, retención, y desarrollo del talento interno. El sistema escolar está buscando reclutar y mantener maestros de alta calidad que reflejen la diversidad de su matrícula estudiantil, incluyendo maestros de color y otros con procedencias, destrezas, y experiencias que están subrepresentadas en la fuerza laboral actual, tales como aquellos que hablan más de un idioma. Para aprender más, visite la nueva página de internet TeachMCPS <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/careers/inspire/> y lea las noticias publicadas <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/press/index.aspx?page=showrelease&id=3667>

**Public Hearings on Proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Budget** - Superintendent Joshua Starr submitted a \$2.4 billion Recommended Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2016. Dr. Starr's recommendation, released on Dec 9, will allow the district to continue to manage its enrollment growth, while making strategic investments to narrow achievement gaps and prepare staff for the future. Visit the MCPS Operating Budget website to learn more about Dr. Starr's budget proposal. And don't miss the chance to share your feedback and views on the proposed budget at two upcoming public hearings on January 8 and January 15. Both hearings will be held at 7 PM. in the auditorium of the Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive in Rockville. Sign up in advance to speak at one of the hearings. <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/community/participation.aspx>

**Audiencias Públicas Sobre la Propuesta de Presupuesto Para el Año Fiscal 2016** - El Superintendente Joshua Starr presentó una Recomendación de Presupuesto Operativo de \$2.4 mil millones para el Año Fiscal 2016. La recomendación del Dr. Starr, publicada el 9 de diciembre, permitirá al distrito escolar continuar manejando su continuo crecimiento de la matrícula, y al mismo tiempo hacer inversiones estratégicas con el fin de reducir la brecha de rendimiento académico y preparar al personal para el futuro. Visite la página virtual de MCPS Operating Budget para conocer más acerca de la propuesta de presupuesto del Dr. Starr. Y no se pierda la oportunidad de compartir sus ideas y puntos de vista sobre la propuesta de presupuesto durante dos audiencias públicas que tendrán lugar el 8 y el 15 de enero próximos. Ambas audiencias se realizarán a las 7: PM., en el auditorio de Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive, en Rockville. Inscríbese con anticipación para hablar durante una de las audiencias. <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/community/participation.aspx>

**MCPS Will Follow Contingency Calendar for 2014-2015** - If MCPS has to make up instructional days in the 2014–2015 school year due to emergency closings, MCPS will follow the already approved contingency calendar for the 2014–2015 school year. MCPS will add days onto the end of the school year, unless a waiver is granted by the Maryland State Department of Education. MCPS will not open on holidays, reduce spring break or cancel negotiated professional days. The contingency plan, indicating when days will be made up if the number of emergency closings exceeds four days, is as follows. If the school year is disrupted by emergencies and schools are closed—

- 5 days—the school year will be extended by one day to Monday, June 15, 2015;
- 6 days—the school year will be extended by two days to June 15 and June 16, 2015;
- 7 days—the school year will be extended by three days to June 15, 16 and 17, 2015;
- 8 days—the school year will be extended by four days to June 15, 16, 17 and 18, 2015; and
- 9 days—the school year will be extended by five days to June 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, 2015.

You can find the school contingency calendar online at <http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/calendars/>.

**MCPS Seguirá el Calendario de Contingencias Para 2014–2015** - Si MCPS tiene que recuperar días de instrucción en el ciclo escolar 2014–2015, debido a cierres de emergencia, MCPS seguirá el calendario de contingencias ya aprobado para el ciclo escolar 2014–2015. MCPS añadirá días al final del ciclo escolar, a menos que el Departamento de Educación del Estado de Maryland (Maryland State Department of Education) otorgue una dispensa. MCPS no abrirá en días feriados, y no reducirá las vacaciones de primavera o cancelará jornadas profesionales negociadas. El plan de contingencias, que indica cuándo se recuperarán los días si el número de cierres de emergencia excede de cuatro días, es el siguiente. Si el ciclo escolar se ve interrumpido por emergencias y las escuelas están cerradas—

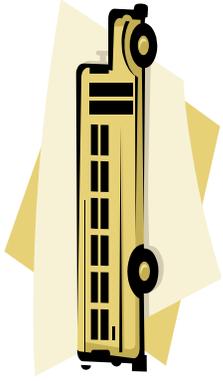
- 5 días—el ciclo escolar se extenderá por un día—hasta el lunes, 15 de junio, 2015;
- 6 días—el ciclo escolar se extenderá por dos días—los días 15 de junio y el 16 de junio, 2015;
- 7 días—el ciclo escolar se extenderá por tres días—los días 15, 16, y 17 de junio, 2015;
- 8 días—el ciclo escolar se extenderá por cuatro días—los días 15, 16, 17, y 18 de junio 2015;
- 9 días—el ciclo escolar se extenderá por cinco días—los días 15, 16, 17, 18, y 19 de junio, 2015.

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**\*\*\*Congratulations to the December Box Top winners\*\*\***

*Amara Bailey and Olivia Hamilton*

Please continue to collect Box Tops for the monthly drawing, winners will be announced every month.



# January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year Holiday	2 Winter Break No School	3
4	5	6 PTA Mtg 7:00PM Media Center	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Science and Environment Night 7-8:30PM	14	15	16	17
18	19 Holiday No School	20 No School Professional Day	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 WLES Spirit Night Chick Fil A Germantown 5-8PM	29	30	31