

Mr. Levine's Message

Greetings Bulldog Families,
I hope this message finds you well.

This week we recognize our Baker Assistant Principals, **Ms. Humphries** and **Mr. Moyler**. Please take a moment to send them an email of appreciation for all that they do for our students, families, staff, and the Damascus community. Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of assistance in any way.

Thank you for your support and partnership.

Best,
Sam Levine

SSL Opportunities

A reminder that all MCPS students must earn 75 SSL hours to graduate from high school. Spring break is a wonderful time for students to participate in SSL opportunities!

Middle school and high school students can participate in virtual/remote and/or in-person SSL opportunities on the [Montgomery County Volunteer Center website](https://www.montgomerycountypublicschools.org/volunteer/).

From the SGA

Comfort Cases — The Baker SGA is **collecting** items (see *January 12 Paw Prints*) **until April 23** to create comfort cases for foster care students in MCPS. **Baker students can earn up to 2 SSL hours for helping to pack the comfort cases after school on April 24, 2025.**

Book Collection — please donate new and gently used books for MCPS Foster Care students. Drop off in the Media Center **now through April 24 at 3:00 p.m.**

Middle School Art Show

Talented Baker Art students and Photography students have exhibited their work for many years at the annual Art Show. This year, the Art Show will be at **Westfield Wheaton**. You can view Baker's exhibits, as well as those of student from other middle schools, from **Tuesday, April 22, to Sunday, April 27.**

Thank you to **Ms. DiMisa** and **Ms. Peters** for all of their efforts in making this an opportunity for our students.

SMOB Elections Coming Up

Students — make sure to exercise your right to vote on April 23 during English classes for your Student Member of the Board. The elected student represents you on the Board of Education in Montgomery County Public Schools.

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Looking Ahead

**April — Arab American Heritage Month,
Autism Awareness Month,
School Library Media Month**

**April 7–April 11 —
National Assistant Principals Week**

Tuesday, April 8 — Activity Buses
Report Cards Distributed
Kickball, Mr. Ruocco, Field
Volleyball, Mr. Stanford, Gym
PTA 8th Gr. Committee Mtg, 6:00–7:00 p.m.
PTA Gen Membership Mtg, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Meetings in-person and on Zoom

<https://mcpssmd.zoom.us/j/85601569113?pwd=Fd4X4T4qMIUcFN997gJFXr1QQZG4MT.1>

Meeting ID: 856 0156 9113 Passcode:
908892

Phone: +1 301 715 8592 US

One tap mobile:

+13017158592,,85601569113#,,,,*908892# US

Wednesday, April 9 — Activity Buses

Concert Chorus Adjudication
Flag Football, Mr. Cummings, Field
Kickball, Mr. Ruocco, Field
Volleyball, Mr. Stanford, Gym

Thursday, April 10 — Activity Buses

EML Guitar Club, Mr. Maddox, Room 134
Flag Football, Mr. Cummings, Field
Homework Club, Ms. Laraia, Room 227
Jazz Band, Ms. Fell, Room 107
Kickball, Mr. Ruocco, Field
Kraft Club, Ms. Ross, Room 101
NJHS, Mr. Conner, Room 209
Volleyball, Mr. Stanford, Gym

Friday, April 11 — Spirit Day – Get ready for Spring Break – dress like a real tourist!

April 14–21 — Spring Break



There will not be an April 13 issue of Paw Prints. Next issue is April 20.

Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day

Thursday, April 24, 2025

This day allows our students the opportunity to learn about the world of work at their parent's job site and to get exposure to possible careers. If you are planning to have your child participate in this event: **1) complete the form below, 2) have your child get their teachers to initial, and 3) return to Mrs. Ferrante no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2025. Permission slips will not be accepted after the fact.**

Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day Permission Slip — turn in no later than 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 23, 2025

My daughter/son _____ Grade _____ has my permission to participate in the Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day on April 24, 2025 by going to (place of business) _____ with _____ who is my daughter's/son's _____

I understand that this will be an excused absence, and my child will have to make up any work covered on that day.

Parent name (please print) _____

Parent signature _____ Date _____

Period	Teacher's Initials	Period	Teacher's Initials	Period	Teacher's Initials	Period	Teacher's Initials
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<p>PLEASE JOIN US FOR</p> <p>BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL</p> <h1>INTERNATIONAL NIGHT</h1> <p>THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025</p> <p>6:00PM-8:00PM</p> <p>COME TRAVEL TO DIFFERENT COUNTRIES</p> <p>TASTE FOOD</p> <p>HEAR DIFFERENT LANGUAGES</p> <p>FASHION SHOW</p> <p>HAVE FUN</p> <p>BAKER SCHOOL GYM</p>	<p>POR FAVOR ÚNETE A NOSOTRAS</p> <p>BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL</p> <h1>NOCHE INTERNACIONAL</h1> <p>JUEVES 1 DE MAYO DE 2025</p> <p>6:00PM-8:00PM</p> <p>VEN A VIAJAR A DIFERENTES PAÍSES.</p> <p>PROBAR COMIDA</p> <p>ESCUCCHAR DIFERENTES IDIOMAS</p> <p>DESFILE DE MODA</p> <p>DIVERTIRSE</p> <p>BAKER SCHOOL GYM</p>
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Hello from the PTA!

PTA Dates & Contacts

UPCOMING PTA MEETING DATES:

Tuesday, April 8

6 pm – 8th Grade Committee
7 pm – PTA Meeting

Tuesday, May 13

6 pm – 8th Grade Committee
7 pm – PTA Meeting

Tuesday, June 10

6 pm – 8th Grade Committee
7 pm – PTA Meeting

PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Amy Bartosch, President –
BakerPTA@yahoo.com

Shannon West, Treasurer –
BakerPTATreasurer@yahoo.com

Stacy Smith, Secretary –
BakerPTASecr@yahoo.com

Jaime Kemp, 8th Grade Committee –
Baker8thGrade@yahoo.com

Visit our webpage!



Visit our Facebook Page!



The PTA is looking for its new 2025-2026 Executive Board! If you're looking to be more involved in the decisions for fundraisers, student events, or volunteer opportunities, please consider volunteering for a position on the Board. Please reach out to BakerPTA@yahoo.com by Monday, April 7th if you may be interested in this opportunity.



Want to become a member?
Scan the QR code to link to our online membership form!

Our Next PTA Meeting is Tuesday, 4/8

- ◆ 8th Grade Committee meeting at 6 pm
- ◆ General Committee meeting at 7 pm
- ◆ **Zoom Link** <https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/85601569113?pwd=Fd4X4T4qMIUcFN997gJFXr1QQZG4MT.1>
Meeting ID: 856 0156 9113 **Passcode:** 908892
Phone: +1 301 715 8592 US
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Silent Auction is May 1st!

- ◆ Same night as International Night – attend both events!
- ◆ Willing to donate an item or a themed basket?
- ◆ Own a business that would be willing to donate a service?
- ◆ Talk to your kids & see if they'd like to donate a service – babysitting, lawnmowing, yard clean up, etc.!
- ◆ Please reach out to BakerPTA@yahoo.com!

8th Grade End of Year Activities

- ◆ Adventure Park Field trip – Tuesday, June 10th
- ◆ 8th Grade Promotion – Thursday, June 12th
- ◆ 8th Grade Dance – Friday, June 13th
- ◆ Want to volunteer? Please sign up [here](#) or print & use this [form](#)!



Want more information? Scan the QR Code!

Fechas y Contactors de la PTA:

PRÓXIMAS FECHAS DE REUNIONES DE LA PTA:

Martes 8 de abril

6 pm – comité de octavo grado

7 pm – reunión de la PTA

Martes 13 de mayo

6 pm – comité de octavo grado

7 pm – reunión de la PTA

Martes 10 de junio

6 pm – comité de octavo grado

7 pm – reunión de la PTA

JUNTA EJECUTIVA DE LA PTA:

Amy Bartosch, Presidenta –

BakerPTA@yahoo.com

Shannon West, Tesorera –

BakerPTATreasurer@yahoo.com

Stacy Smith, Secretaria –

BakerPTASecr@yahoo.com

Jaime Kemp, comité de 8 grado –

Baker8thGrade@yahoo.com

Visita nuestra página web!



Visit nuestra página de Facebook!



Hola de la PTA!

¡La PTA está buscando su nueva Junta Ejecutiva 2025-2026! Si desea participar más activamente en las decisiones sobre recaudación de fondos, eventos estudiantiles u oportunidades de voluntariado, considere ofrecerse como voluntario para un puesto en la Junta. Comuníquese con BakerPTA@yahoo.com antes del lunes 7 de abril si puede estar interesado en esta oportunidad.



¿Quieres ser miembro?

¡Escanee el código QR para vincularlo a su formulario de membresía en línea!

Nuestra próxima reunión de la PTA es el martes 4/8

- ◆ Reunión del Comité de 8vo Grado a las 6 pm
- ◆ Reunión del Comité General a las 7 pm
- ◆ [Zoom Link https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/85601569113?pwd=Fd4X4T4qMIUcFN997gJFXr1QQZG4MT.1](https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/85601569113?pwd=Fd4X4T4qMIUcFN997gJFXr1QQZG4MT.1)
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¡Subasta silenciosa el 1 de mayo!

- ◆ La misma noche que la Noche Internacional: ¡asiste a ambos eventos!
- ◆ ¿Estás dispuesto a donar un artículo o una canasta temática?
- ◆ ¿Tiene una empresa que estaría dispuesta a donar un servicio?
- ◆ Hable con sus hijos y vea si les gustaría donar un servicio: ¡cuidado de niños, cortar el césped, limpiar el jardín, etc.!
- ◆ ¡Comuníquese con BakerPTA@yahoo.com!

Actividades de fin de año de octavo grado

- ◆ Excursión al Parque de Aventuras - Martes 10 de junio
- ◆ Promoción de 8vo grado - Jueves 12 de junio
- ◆ Baile de 8vo grado - Viernes 13 de junio
- ◆ ¿Quieres ser voluntario? ¡Regístrese [AQUÍ](#) o imprima y utilice este [FORMULARIO](#)!



¿Quieres más información? ¡Escanee el código QR!



JOHN T BAKER 8TH GRADE COMMITTEE

HELP US COLLECT ITEMS FOR OUR AUCTION!

SILENT AUCTION INFORMATION

We are collecting donations for our silent auction on May 1st. We are seeking monetary donations to purchase items and/or in kind donations from businesses and families.

**MAY 1, 2025
6 - 8 PM**

Baker Middle School
during International Night

WHAT YOU CAN DONATE

AMAZON WISHLIST ITEMS

Our Amazon Wishlist has items that will be used to create our auction baskets

BASKET ITEMS

We have a Signup Genius with all baskets we are hoping to build and what is needed


GIFT CARDS

Any denomination will add to our auction offerings!



STUDENT DONATIONS

8th Graders, we need your help too! Have artwork to auction off? Are you a babysitter, mow lawns? Donate your services and highlight your business!

SIGNUP



AMAZON



**CONTACT US
TO DONATE:**

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baker8thgrade@yahoo.com
Paypal: @BakerMSPTA

Donations needed by
April 27, 2025. Got extra
baskets? Donate them for
packaging items.

CONVERTING FROM HEAT TO AC

KNOWING YOUR SCHOOL'S MECHANICAL SYSTEM

It is springtime and schools will have their heating systems converted to air conditioning **starting in mid-April**. The majority of our mechanical systems provide both heating and cooling to MCPS school buildings. Therefore, twice a year, that system must be shut down for the seasonal changeover. This flyer provides information regarding that process.

A Common Question:

At my house, we just flip a switch and we have heat one day and cooling the next. Why can't you do that at our school building?

Response:

School mechanical systems are very different from residential systems. Boilers and chillers, known as central plant equipment, heat or cool water that is then pumped to the equipment that conditions air for your room. However, only one set of pipes connects the central plant to the room equipment in most schools.

When the chiller operates, the boiler must be physically disconnected by valves from the pipe loop. Similarly, when the boiler operates, the chiller must be isolated from the pipe loop.

Prior to switching the valves, the water in the loop must first be allowed to return back to room temperature. The boiler cannot be started with chilled water in the loop. The loop temperature takes approximately 24 hours to equalize.

Altogether, the complete changeover process may take up to two days at each school, during which time the building has neither heating nor cooling available. Please be prepared and **dress appropriately for the weather** each day; sweaters or jackets work well for chilly mornings. Maintenance crews will perform the changeover with as little inconvenience as possible.

**CHECK YOUR
SCHOOL'S
CHANGEOVER
STATUS ONLINE!**

[Click here to view the status.](#)

GOT QUESTIONS?

If you have questions or concerns about the changeover process, contact your school's assigned Division of Maintenance and Operations Service Center.

[Click here to find your center.](#)

Sustainability

2025 POSTER CONTEST

All MCPS students and staff are invited to participate in the Division of Sustainability and Compliance's 2025 poster contest.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE, EXTENDED:
APRIL 14, 2025

The focus of this annual contest is to increase awareness and demonstrate your school's commitment to environmental sustainability and sustainable actions related to energy conservation, waste reduction, and responsible recycling.

Scan the QR codes to download the entry form and to get more details about the contest.

ENTRY FORM
bit.ly/entryform

GUIDELINES
bit.ly/guidelines

240-740-3210

sustainability@mcpsmd.org

Division of Sustainability and Compliance
45 West Gude Drive, Suite 4000
Rockville, Maryland 20850

BIG TRAIN YOUTH VOLUNTEER

WE WANT YOU TO BE PART OF OUR YOUTH VOLUNTEER TEAM!

Why Join Our Volunteer Program?

- Volunteering with Big Train is a great way to give back to the community while being an integral part of a winning organization!
- Additionally, these roles give volunteers a chance to learn and practice valuable workplace skills such as customer service, timeliness and leadership.

Who Can Join?

- Middle School and High School Students (ages 12-17)

Where to Find Us:

10600 Westlake Dr, Rockville MD, 20852
www.bigtrain.org/volunteer

Scan the QR code to learn more:

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