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February 16, 2025

Good evening, Burtonsville Families!

School and Community News...

2/17 - No School


2/19 - Yearbook Group Pictures (rescheduled)


2/20 - Grade 3 Trip to Toby's Dinner Theater

2/24-28 - Career Week

2/27 - Grade 2 Trip to Robinson Nature Center

2/28 - Career Day 2/28 - Early Release Day

 **Attention parents of 5th-grade students** - The Elementary and Secondary Literacy teams are hosting three **Curriculum Nights** to introduce families to the new elementary literacy curriculum, Amplify Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA), and **to discuss how to support your child in reading as they transition from elementary school (Grade 5) to middle school (Grade 6)**. See below at **MCPS News - "Things to Know"** for more information.

 The **Office of Accelerated and Enriched Instruction** sent information in ParentVue and US Mail to **parents of students in grade 2 and to parents of students in grades 3 and 5 who are new to MCPS** or have not previously met the criteria for gifted and talented designation. The messages contain information about the **GT process** and directions to access and complete a parent input form. To learn more about this process please visit <https://bit.ly/MCPS-GT-24-25>. Your input is an essential data source for the GT identification process. Forms **must** be completed and submitted on or before **February 28, 2025**.

If your child has been identified as "gifted and talented" by another school system, MCPS will honor that designation. To do so, the parent/guardian **must** complete the [2024-2025 Prior Gifted and Talented Designation Form](#) and submit the identification/eligibility letter and official testing report to their school's elementary Gifted and Talented (GT) Liaisons, Mrs. Gobourne and Mrs. Siegel for the Office of Accelerated and Enriched Instruction (AEI) to review.

A Message from our PTA...

★ **Burtonsville Yearbook 2024-2025 Now Available!** Don't miss the chance to preserve this year's memories! Purchase your **Burtonsville Yearbook** online today at burtonsvillepta.org/store. **Exclusive Pre-Sale Price: \$22 (valid until February 28, 2025)**
Price After March 1: \$25 Secure your copy now and take advantage of this special offer. Act fast and ensure you're part of this year's unforgettable moments!

★ Need Labels for your students' items? Please consider ordering from **Mabel's Labels**, where their fundraising program will give 20% of your purchase back to BES PTA! Visit <https://mabelslabels.com/en-US/fundraising/support> and search for Burtonsville Elementary PTA, for more information.

For information about the PTA and what we do, please visit www.burtonsvillepta.org

MCPS News...

Montgomery County Schools - Read information on the 2026 Operating Budget and more at [Things to Know | MCPS Operating Status Color Codes](#) - Read [here](#).

Change of School Assignment (COSA) - Montgomery County parents/guardians who wish to request a Change of School Assignment (COSA) for their children from their home school may begin the process during the upcoming transfer season now through April 1, 2025. Read the full media announcement, [here](#).

Are you looking for Tutoring? [Saturday School](#) provides K-12 academic support

programs in math and English/Language Arts. Regular registration for Saturday School, Grades 1-12, is [here](#) (English) and [here](#) (en Español). Kindergarten registration is [here](#) (English) and [here](#) (en Español). Call 301-287-8980 for general information.

Transportation: [MCPS Department of Transportation](#)

- West Farm Upper Bus Depot: 240-740-7361 | Transportation Updates: [Route Status](#)
- BES Bus Routes: [Arrival](#) | [Departure](#)

Food & Nutrition: - School menus are available on **MealViewer** - [here](#).

Yours In Service,

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