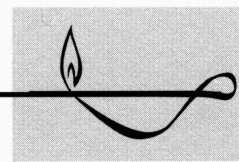


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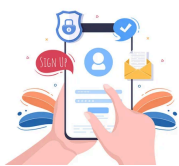
August 8, 2024

Greetings Cresthaven Families!

The end of the summer vacation is fastly approaching, and we are preparing to welcome you back for a year of growth, learning and success. We hope that you have taken time to enjoy time with family and friends and are ready to continue the community building journey with us this year.

Our school's mission continues to focus on maintaining a nurturing and challenging educational environment to empower all students to strive for and achieve their full potential. We know that developing strong partnerships with all members of the school community will contribute to the academic achievement and social emotional growth of all students. We encourage you to be a contributor to building our school community where everyone feels welcomed and valued. Together we are stronger and together we can accomplish much!

Welcome Back! - Things you need to know:



New this Year! – REMIND Communication App

Remind is a messaging platform that will be used to communicate among MCPS schools, teachers, students, and parents. School staff, central office staff, and parents will all use the Remind APP to send and/or receive messages using a preferred mode of communication, such as text message, email, or phone call and in their preferred language. The Remind App will replace Class Dojo as the home school communication tool at Cresthaven. Please use the

links below to access the Parent Quick Guide to access the Remind App.

[English](#) [Spanish](#) [French](#) [Vietnamese](#) [Amharic](#)

Stay Connected with ParentVue

Synergy ParentVUE is the Parent Portal that serves as the primary source for home-to-school communication to share information regarding your child's grades, attendance, and scheduling. The ParentVue portal is also our school's primary source for parent and emergency contact information. Parents are encouraged to activate their account to ensure that you receive timely information, such as quarterly report cards and academic program status about accelerated programs and Magnet program application status and the like. We are here to assist you if needed to get you connected. Just let us know.



2024-2025 Bus Information

[Depot Letter](#)

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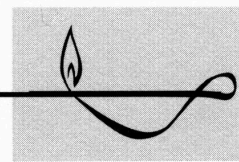
Free Breakfast and Lunch for the 2024-25 school year: Cresthaven will continue to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision program. Students will continue to receive free break and lunch each day. Households do **NOT** need to complete Free and Reduced-price Meal (FARMS) applications in order to receive free meal benefits at our

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school. We encourage students to enjoy breakfast and lunch at school. The list of CEP schools are provided [here](#) for your information.

Daily Schedule: Students will begin classes on Monday, August 26th. The instructional day begins at 9:25am and ends at 3:50pm. Students may begin entering the building at 9:00am. Student meals (Breakfast and Lunch) are provided free of charge to all students. For the 2024-2025 school year, families are not required to complete the Free and Reduced Meals (FARMS) form.

[2024-2025 School Supply List](#)

Daily Arrival and Dismissal: Student drop and pick up – First parking lot on the right. Please do not block driveways or crosswalks.

Late Arrival – After 9:25, parents must sign students in.

Early Dismissal – Parents must present identification when picking students up early from school. Students will only be released to those persons authorized based on the current ParentVue information. Parents must notify the office of any changes to who is authorized to pick up a student for early dismissal, no exceptions.

Community School Initiatives:

- Cresthaven Monthly Food Market
- After school program opportunities for students
- Adult Language classes
- Community partnerships with Montgomery County organizations to provide family health services and assistance.

Volunteers: Parents are encouraged to visit and to support school programs such as class or school events and field trips. If you wish to volunteer you are required to complete the MCPS online training *Preventing, Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect* before you may participate on school field trips or volunteer in the school.

Visit <https://www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/childabuseandneglect/#Volunteer> .

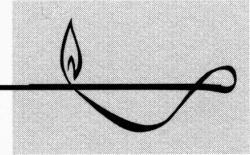
Excel Beyond the Bell (EBB): The EBB program will begin in October 2024. Registration information will be shared in September 2024.

Communication between home and school is essential for the success of our students. We will regularly share information and school events through our newsletters, emails, the Remind App, and our school website. Please remember to activate your ParentVue account so that you receive timely information from Cresthaven and MCPS. If your ParentVue account is already activated, please check that all of the contact information is accurate to avoid any delays in receiving school notices. You will receive your child's class assignment and welcome notice via email from your child's teacher the week of August 19th. You may use the link to access [ParentVue Activation Information](#) .

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To ensure a smooth start to the school year, here are some important dates to remember: Please read the information carefully and mark your calendars.

- **Friday, August 23, 2024 – Open House, 9:00-10:30am**
- **Monday, August 26, 2024 – First Day of School**
- **Monday, September 2, 2024 – Holiday – Schools & Offices Closed**
- **Wednesday, September 11, 2024 – Back to School Night, 6:00pm to 8:00pm**
- **Monday, September 16, 2024 – Student Picture Day**
- **Friday, September 27, 2024 – Early Release Day, Dismissal – 1:20pm**

We encourage you to stay involved and informed about your child's educational journey at Cresthaven. Should you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our school office or your child's teacher.

We look forward to a productive school year, and we thank you for entrusting us with the education and development of your child. Together, we will make this a memorable and successful year!

Warm regards,

Sherri Gorden
Principal

Jeffrey Mehr
Assistant Principal