Dear Garrett Park families,

We hope you find this email version user-friendly and beneficial for staying informed and planning for upcoming school events. If there is information you would like us to share in upcoming editions, please let us know. You can either call the school at 240-740-0700 or email Dan at [Daniel\_K\_Tucci@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Daniel_K_Tucci@mcpsmd.org) or Melanie at [Melanie\_S\_Bachrach@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Melanie_S_Bachrach@mcpsmd.org)

**Updates from GPES Administration:**

It has been an amazing first few weeks of school! It’s been so nice to see the students coming to school each day smiling and energized about learning and everything a new school year brings. As the weather turns, please make sure your child’s coats and belongings have their names in them. Our lost and found will continue to grow and items will continue to be donated each month.

Thank you for attending Back to School Night last week. We hope you were able to learn more about your child’s school year and ask your child’s teacher questions if needed. Please email your teacher if you were not able to make it that evening so you can receive important information about the school year.

Here are some important links to consider…

Frequently used school phone numbers:

[http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/garrettparkes/news/index.aspx?id=548090](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org_schools_garrettparkes_news_index.aspx-3Fid-3D548090&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=8lPDACDOFqgm6auA2S1g5IJOuIRxZHEBn1e4aHErVEk&m=rd4W1MHwPjJFm2cz9mV8r3jn7SmUXl4MX5QETdii91Q&s=OovhE_pcwaMCY6Ezhohy0GGVfSvCVp8S39KCZpm99nM&e=)

Please visit the main school website for important information.

[http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/garrettparkes/](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org_schools_garrettparkes_&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=8lPDACDOFqgm6auA2S1g5IJOuIRxZHEBn1e4aHErVEk&m=rd4W1MHwPjJFm2cz9mV8r3jn7SmUXl4MX5QETdii91Q&s=7gky-ZUlrmCDl8SOWN8gNRzvgA_o7WAKixParUPv0Zk&e=)

Need Spirit Wear?? Visit the PTA link for some awesome gear to support our school  or join the PTA if you haven’t done so already. We appreciate your support!

[http://www.garrettparkspiritwear.com/](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.garrettparkspiritwear.com_&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=8lPDACDOFqgm6auA2S1g5IJOuIRxZHEBn1e4aHErVEk&m=rd4W1MHwPjJFm2cz9mV8r3jn7SmUXl4MX5QETdii91Q&s=RY2bCBLtlHFAt8CpXA0e1akUfTZjJSRgro6vYJ15g-k&e=)   and  [https://www.gpespta.org/](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.gpespta.org_&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=8lPDACDOFqgm6auA2S1g5IJOuIRxZHEBn1e4aHErVEk&m=rd4W1MHwPjJFm2cz9mV8r3jn7SmUXl4MX5QETdii91Q&s=pDge5WsH4IrAsEWQIq6mjcxwnxdTF3M1ky6ZEchZzeI&e=)

Interested in before and after school programs for Fall 2019? Visit the PTA links below. Hurry! Deadline to register is Friday, September 27th.

[https://kaizenkaratemd.sportssignup.com/site/](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__kaizenkaratemd.sportssignup.com_site_&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=8lPDACDOFqgm6auA2S1g5IJOuIRxZHEBn1e4aHErVEk&m=rd4W1MHwPjJFm2cz9mV8r3jn7SmUXl4MX5QETdii91Q&s=ef8z8kx1hbQSmkCPG9E1SWcJbsn_UZsN5-wNr8iGj6Y&e=)   
​[https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/4307ED704A1CBE9C06-garrett](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.signupgenius.com_tabs_4307ED704A1CBE9C06-2Dgarrett&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=8lPDACDOFqgm6auA2S1g5IJOuIRxZHEBn1e4aHErVEk&m=rd4W1MHwPjJFm2cz9mV8r3jn7SmUXl4MX5QETdii91Q&s=dyaell-826nF_K2rf_slV-GZ33wPbpg_eyPHAHOKYfE&e=) ​

**Safety and Security**

Please remember to use care and caution as you enter and exit the school. There is a specific traffic pattern to follow, stop signs, crosswalks and adult guidance to ensure we are safely getting students to school and home from school each day. Use extra patience when weather impacts traffic as there is a higher volume of cars moving through each lot. Please make sure you and your children are wearing seat belts in and out of the school parking lots. Also, keep in mind that the carloop is right side drop off only. Parents are not permitted to leave their car. If you need to exit your car for any reason, please use the parking lot to park your car and get out. Thank you for following these safety reminders.

**Teaching and Learning:**

**Our school vision and mission are copied below for your review. They were shared at September’s PTA meeting and are available on the school’s website. We always welcome and appreciate the community’s feedback. Please visit** [https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/garrettparkes/about/#vision](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org_schools_garrettparkes_about_-23vision&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=8lPDACDOFqgm6auA2S1g5IJOuIRxZHEBn1e4aHErVEk&m=rd4W1MHwPjJFm2cz9mV8r3jn7SmUXl4MX5QETdii91Q&s=m65IffMGaoref56f_AUtYhqDjwcrIFUxbLGUxaK5z78&e=)  **to see Strategic Planning goals outlining how we will meet these goals.**

Vision - The Garrett Park Elementary School community deeply values building relationships that empower students to be their best selves and positively impact their world.

Mission Statement - The Garrett Park Elementary School community will collaborate to provide a safe, positive, equitable and rigorous learning environment.  We will all work together to become 21st century lifelong learners.

**Important Dates:**

* **9/30 – No school**
* **10/4 – Early release                                                     1:20 pm**
* **10/1 – PTA meeting (room parent orientation)          6:30 – 8 pm Media Center**
* **10/9 – No school**

**MCPS Updates**

**Student Rights and Responsibilities and Code of Conduct (English and Spanish)**

In order to ensure a safe, productive, and positive learning environment, MCPS publishes two documents that help students, parents/guardians, and staff understand school rules and regulations; the expectations for student conduct; and the possible consequences for violating the rules. A Student’s Guide to Rights and Responsibilities is an overview of the rights and responsibilities students enjoy in MCPS and a summary of the laws and regulations that affect students.

The MCPS Code of Conduct provides an overview of discipline procedures and protocols and the range of consequences students could face for violating various policies, regulations, and rules. The guide also discusses the MCPS philosophy toward discipline.

All families received copies of these documents and are encouraged to review them                         with their child(ren). The documents are available online at

[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/students/rights/](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org_students_rights_&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=8lPDACDOFqgm6auA2S1g5IJOuIRxZHEBn1e4aHErVEk&m=rd4W1MHwPjJFm2cz9mV8r3jn7SmUXl4MX5QETdii91Q&s=QmBpBOMQy4COtnFk0odPkf3Q9SZOCSXaMDrzwUJ-IJo&e=).

**Derechos y Responsabilidades del Estudiante y Código de Conducta**

Con el fin de asegurar un ambiente de aprendizaje seguro, productivo y positivo, (MCPS) publica dos documentos que ayudan a estudiantes, padres/guardianes y el personal a entender las reglas y regulaciones de la escuela; las expectativas para la conducta del estudiante; y las posibles consecuencias por violar las reglas. La Guía de Derechos y Obligaciones del Estudiante es un resumen de los derechos y responsabilidades que los estudiantes disfrutan en MCPS y un resumen de las leyes y regulaciones que afectan a los estudiantes.

El Codigo de Conducta proporciona un resumen de los procedimientos y protocolos de disciplina y la gama de consecuencias a la que los estudiantes podrian enfrentarse por violar diversas politicas, reglamentos y normas. La guia tambien comenta sobre la filosofia de MCPS para disciplinar.

Todas las familias recibieron una copia de estos documentos y se les anima a revisarlas con su hijo(s). Los documentos estan disponibles en linea en

[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/students/rights/](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org_students_rights_&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=8lPDACDOFqgm6auA2S1g5IJOuIRxZHEBn1e4aHErVEk&m=rd4W1MHwPjJFm2cz9mV8r3jn7SmUXl4MX5QETdii91Q&s=QmBpBOMQy4COtnFk0odPkf3Q9SZOCSXaMDrzwUJ-IJo&e=).

**Saturday School (English and Spanish)**

The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy, Inc. kicks off its 2019–2020 season of Saturday School on Saturday, September 21. Saturday School is a low-cost tutoring and mentoring program that provides a sixth day of learning and helps MCPS students enhance their mastery of core academic subjects. Students who are in need of additional academic support can attend sessions at one of 12 locations across Montgomery County. Classes begin on **Saturday, September 21** and will end in May 2020. More information can be found at [www.saturdayschool.org/](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.saturdayschool.org_&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=8lPDACDOFqgm6auA2S1g5IJOuIRxZHEBn1e4aHErVEk&m=rd4W1MHwPjJFm2cz9mV8r3jn7SmUXl4MX5QETdii91Q&s=JQS7NpLmGIAeFF1uajh5tWDluP_wRLytLnNYpZ-DdVo&e=).

**Escuela de los Sábados**

La Academia de Aprendizaje George B. Thomas, Sr. (George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy, Inc.) lanza su temporada 2019-2020 de la Escuela de los Sabados el sabado, 21 de septiembre. La Escuela de los Sabados, es un programa de tutoria y mentoria a bajo costo, que ofrece un dia mas de aprendizaje y ayuda a los estudiantes de MCPS a mejorar su dominio de las materias academicas basicas.  Los estudiantes que necesitan apoyo academico adicional pueden asistir a sesiones en una de las 12 localidades disponibles en todo el Condado de Montgomery. Las clases comienzan el sabado, 21 de septiembre, y terminaran en mayo 2020. Se puede encontrar mas informacion en [www.saturdayschool.org/](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.saturdayschool.org_&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=8lPDACDOFqgm6auA2S1g5IJOuIRxZHEBn1e4aHErVEk&m=rd4W1MHwPjJFm2cz9mV8r3jn7SmUXl4MX5QETdii91Q&s=qTWOTxY_5U8mRbpkr--X-A2--XjA4j7wzsUEZdbd43Y&e=)

**Stay Informed with MCPS QuickNotes (English and Spanish)**

MCPS QuickNotes is a bimonthly newsletter that provides MCPS families with important news and information about MCPS programs and activities, plus emergency information. MCPS QuickNotes is offered in seven languages: English, Spanish, French, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Amharic. Visit [news.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__news.montgomeryschoolsmd.org_&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=8lPDACDOFqgm6auA2S1g5IJOuIRxZHEBn1e4aHErVEk&m=rd4W1MHwPjJFm2cz9mV8r3jn7SmUXl4MX5QETdii91Q&s=HCiz8P5XNlWAIrXlnQiK2LJhDzzoUXJocW26VXoxLXQ&e=) to read the latest edition.

**Manténgase Informado con el Boletín Informativo de MCPS, QuickNotes**

MCPS QuickNotes, es un boletin informativo bimensual que ofrece a las familias de MCPS informacion y noticias importantes acerca de los programas y actividades de MCPS, ademas de informacion de emergencia. MCPS QuickNotes se ofrece en siete idiomas: ingles, espanol, frances, coreano, chino, vietnamita y amarico.  Visite [news.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__news.montgomeryschoolsmd.org_current-2Dissue-2Dbulletin_&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=8lPDACDOFqgm6auA2S1g5IJOuIRxZHEBn1e4aHErVEk&m=rd4W1MHwPjJFm2cz9mV8r3jn7SmUXl4MX5QETdii91Q&s=4PWgjLOKR0ESZqHRpt21GdRREVi6i0zCh_dqXbenkUc&e=) para leer la ultima edicion.

Thank you!

Dan Tucci