



# THE EAGLE INSIDER

*Highland View Elementary*

*Summer Edition*

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year!

[¡Bienvenido al año escolar 2023-2024! \(Por favor, haga clic en este enlace\)](#)

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Dear Highland View Families,

I am thrilled and honored to extend my warmest welcome to each and every one of you as we begin this new academic year at Highland View! I am excited to lead our school community on a journey of growth, learning, and success.

I want to give a big THANK YOU to our building services staff for all their efforts to start off this year in a smooth, efficient manner. They have worked really hard all summer cleaning classrooms, moving furniture, and getting our building sparkling clean and ready for a great school year. We even added a new 5th grade classroom on our third floor by transforming the old Computer Lab into a fabulous new room so that all the 5th graders would be in the same hallway! Please show them your appreciation when you see them:

- Mrs. Rosa Pineda- Building Services Manager
- Mrs. Azucena Flores- Building Service Assistant Manager
- Mr. Jose Ayala, Ms. Blanca Garcia Martinez and Mr. Bryan Ayala- Building Service Workers

We wish a fond farewell to our staff members who have moved on to new opportunities:

Mrs. Mullaney, Mrs. Barrow, Mrs. Schoenfeld, Mrs. Dennin, Mrs. Waterfield, Ms. Gibson, Mrs. Errigo, Ms. Fierstein and Mrs. Faberova.

I am delighted to welcome the following new staff members to our community!

- Mr. Aaron Segal- 1st Grade Teacher
- Ms. Celena Nimmo- 2nd Grade Teacher
- Ms. Maggie Ellington- 3rd Grade Teacher
- Mrs. Monica Cruz- Special Education Teachers
- Mrs. Kristi Malaguit- Special Education Teachers
- Ms. Kelly Shuman- Staff Development Teacher
- Ms. Kathryn Maitland- Reading Specialist
- Ms. Jasmin Reynosa- Attendance Secretary
- Mr. Ary Strauss- Paraeducator

Below is a chart with our current enrollment and grade level teams.

Grade	K	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
Total Enrollment/ # of Classes:	52 3 classes	74 4 classes	61 3 classes	54 3 classes	53 3 classes	66 3 classes
Teachers	Ms. Becker Ms. Hudren Ms. Trivedi	Ms. Justice Ms. Lukehart Mrs. Crabtree Mr. Segal	Mrs. Goetz Ms. Thompson Ms. Nimmo	Mrs. Alexander Mrs. Alshaikh Ms. Ellington	Ms. Egan Mrs. Doria Mr. Magenheim	Mrs. Stonerook Mr. Gibson Mrs. Pugsley

Ms. Hayden and I look forward to welcoming families to our annual Open House on Friday, August 25 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Postcards from your child's classroom teacher will be mailed home the week of August 21.

[Here](#) is a link to our Parent Handbook. Parents and guardians, your partnership is invaluable to us and we are delighted that **you** are part of our amazing learning community. As we embark on this journey together, I want to assure you that my door is always open. If you have any questions, ideas, or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,  
*Hanna Yim*

### Important Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sunday, August 6 Saturday, August 19	Kindergarten Playdate
Monday, August 21	Postcards mailed home
Friday, August 25	Open House/ Sneak Peek from 2:00-3:00
Saturday, August 26	MCPS Back to School Fair at Westfield Wheaton from 10:00-1:00
Monday, August 28	First Day of School!
Monday, September 4	Labor Day- No School for Staff and Students
Thursday, September 21	Back to School Night
Friday, September 22	Early Release Day for Students- Dismissal at 1:20
Monday, September 25	No School for Students and Teachers

Check the MCPS calendar to see dates for the whole year. <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/calendar/>

## Highland View Updates

### School Supply Lists by Grade Level

<u>Kindergarten</u>	<u>1st Grade</u>	<u>2nd Grade</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Crayons, regular (box, no boxes with sharpeners)</li> <li>● Erasers, large, latex free &amp; Eraser Caps</li> <li>● Glue sticks, non-toxic, purple</li> <li>● Glue sticks, non-toxic, clear</li> <li>● Headphones, for computer use</li> <li>● Markers, non-toxic, various colors, regular box</li> <li>● Page protectors, plastic</li> <li>● Pencils, #2 (box)</li> <li>● Scissors, blunt tip</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Composition book, primary-style</li> <li>● Headphones, for computer use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Composition book, hard cover</li> <li>● Glue sticks, non-toxic, purple</li> <li>● Headphones, for computer use</li> <li>● Highlighters, yellow</li> <li>● Markers, dry erase, various colors (box)</li> <li>● Pencils, #2 (box)</li> </ul>

<u>3rd Grade</u>	<u>4th Grade</u>	<u>5th Grade</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Composition book, hard cover</li> <li>● Erasers, large, latex free &amp; Eraser Caps</li> <li>● Glue sticks, non-toxic, purple</li> <li>● Headphones, for computer use</li> <li>● Markers, non-toxic, various colors, regular box</li> <li>● Markers, dry erase, various colors (box)</li> <li>● Pencil box</li> <li>● Pencils, #2 (box)</li> <li>● Pencils, colored (box)</li> <li>●</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Composition book, hard cover</li> <li>● Crayons, regular (box, no boxes with sharpeners)</li> <li>● Erasers, large, latex free &amp; Eraser Caps</li> <li>● Headphones, for computer use</li> <li>● Markers, non-toxic, various colors, regular box</li> <li>● Paper, notebook, 8.5"x11", wide rule, 3 hole punched</li> <li>● Pencils, #2 (box)</li> <li>● Pencils, colored (box)</li> <li>●</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Headphones, for computer use</li> <li>● Highlighters, various colors</li> <li>● Markers, non-toxic, various colors, regular box</li> <li>● Pencils, #2 (box)</li> <li>● Pencils, colored (box)</li> <li>● Pouch, zippered for binder use</li> <li>●</li> </ul>

### **Attendance Matters- Everyday Counts!**

Plan to have your child at school on time every day! While illnesses and emergencies happen, your child's attendance impacts their learning. If there are concerns regarding your child's absences, please contact Mrs. Yim to set up a call or meeting.

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is approximately...
1 day per month	10 days a school year	2 weeks of school 5.5% of the school year
1 day every other week	20 days a year	4 weeks of school 11% of the school year
1 day per week	40 days a year	8 weeks of school 22% of the school year

If your child is late or leaves early...	That equals...	Which is approximately...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes a week	A week of school 2.5% of the school year
30 minutes per day	2.5 hours per week	3 weeks of school 7.6% of the school year
1 hour per day	5 hours per week	5.5 weeks of school 15% of the school year

## Cafeteria News and MySchoolBucks Online

All students will have a choice to eat free breakfast in their classrooms if they choose. Students may bring their lunch or receive a school lunch on any given day. School lunches must be ordered in the morning in the classroom.

Lunch- [Monthly Lunch Menu](#)

- Regular price: \$2.55 (elementary); reduced price (all levels): no cost

### Free and Reduced-Price Meals (FARMS) Applications

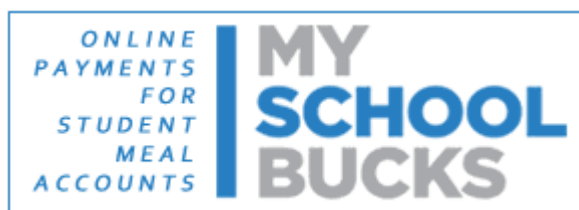
Applications are now available online at [www.MySchoolApps.com](http://www.MySchoolApps.com) (this is the preferred application method). Families who meet certain federal income standards are eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits. All children use their MCPS ID number at the register so confidentiality is maintained and no child is overtly identified as receiving free or reduced-price meals. Only one application is needed for all students in a household. A new application must be completed for any family requesting assistance this school year.

[Learn more about the program](#)

### MySchoolBucks Online Prepayment

MySchoolBucks is an optional service for parents to view recent purchases and make prepayments to your child's cafeteria account for breakfast, lunch and a la carte meals via the Internet with a credit/debit card. This service is offered as a convenience for interested families. By creating a secure online account, parents can manage their child's account. Additional information can be found on the Meal Payments website:

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/food-and-nutrition/meal-payments/>.



## MCPS Important Information

### SchoolCashOnline

Montgomery County Public Schools has transitioned to a new online payment system called SchoolCash Online as its preferred method of payment for school-related fees such as fundraisers, field trips, obligations, etc. (Please note that the new payment system is NOT related to school cafeteria accounts.) SchoolCash Online helps



parents/guardians and community members pay school-related fees safely, quickly, and easily. SchoolCash Online will help increase efficiency and security at schools by making payments directly into schools' bank accounts and eliminating the need for teachers to handle money. In addition, once registered, you will be immediately informed about school activities!

Powered by KEV Group, SchoolCash Online is the industry leader in the management of school fees. The new system puts all of the school-related fees online for purchase so users can make purchases online using a credit card or e-check. A processing fee will be included on all items available for purchase, regardless of the type of payment used on SchoolCash Online or at the school. Parents/guardians can register now at <https://mcpsmd.schoolcashionline.com/>.

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### School immunizations

The Maryland Department of Health released updated school vaccine requirements for the [2023-2024 school year](#). Families of incoming kindergarten students, new students, and 7th and 8th graders may need additional vaccines to start the school year. For students whose required vaccines are incomplete, updated vaccine records must be submitted by the first day of school; proof of exemption or a vaccination visit must be submitted within 20 days. School staff are reviewing records and contacting families of students with incomplete vaccination records. Not sure if your student is up to date? Contact your child's health care provider or access their immunization records online. Students 18 years old and younger eligible for the Vaccines for Children program may obtain free vaccines through the county's [Immunization Program](#).

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### MCPS Back to School Fair

Saturday, August 26 @ Westfield Wheaton, 10am-1pm ([click here for more information](#))

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### ParentVUE - What is ParentVUE?

ParentVUE is the parent portal to MCPS's Synergy Student Information System that is available in the MCPS supported languages on the web or mobile device. It is a secure way to access information about attendance, classes, grades, report cards, online school enrollment, athletic registration, Synergy mail, a link to the MyMCPSClassroom digital learning platform, and much more. Class assignments will be posted on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 on ParentVUE.

How do I access ParentVUE?

- You will need an activation letter from one of your child's schools. Please contact the office for the activation letter if you have never set up your account.
- Website browser: [https://md-mcps-psv.edupoint.com/PXP2\\_Login.aspx](https://md-mcps-psv.edupoint.com/PXP2_Login.aspx)
- Download the ParentVUE app for [Apple](#) or android mobile devices on [Google play store](#)

### ParentVUE Quick Guides

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- [Navigating ParentVUE Mobile App](#)
  - [Activating Your ParentVUE Account](#)
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### Annual Notice for Directory Information and Student Privacy

Schools provide directory information for public listings such as honor roll, awards, and other notices in the newspaper or on the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) website. A student's name, address, and telephone number may also be released to organizations of any combination of parents, teachers, and

students of a school. Unless you tell them not to, schools can release the information without your prior consent.

Directory Information includes the following items: student's and/or parent's name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number; student's date of birth; major field of study; grade level; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; degrees and awards received (including honor roll); most recent school attended; dates of attendance; photograph, or other likeness; the weight and height of members of athletic teams; and other similar information.

If you do not want your school to release your directory information, complete the form accessible on the MCPS website and return this notice to your school by September 11, 2023. Paper copies will be provided at the start of school.

<https://ww2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/detail.aspx?formID=475&formNumber=281-13>

Additional copies of this notice can be found on the MCPS website, and are available in Spanish, French, Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean, Amharic, and Portuguese. This form must be completed every year.

Your school will assume you agree to the release of the directory information, unless this form is returned by Friday, September 11, 2023. If you need to change your decision at a later date, just contact your school directly.

If you enroll after September 11, 2023, you can complete this form at the time of enrollment.