

WELLER ROAD ES PARENT NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S POST

Hello Weller Road Parents/Guardians!

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the fall season. This month is a very busy time here at WRES. First, we are excited to welcome our students and families to our Family Wellness Night – on Thursday, November 10. This will be a great evening for our community where we focus on wellness, both physically and mentally. Please see additional information about Wellness Night in this newsletter. November is also the month set aside from MCPS for parent/teacher conferences. These conferences are so important as we truly believe in the positive difference a strong home-school relationship can have on the success of our students. This is also a great time for staff to hear from you as to how we can best support your students. You know your students best and we value your suggestions and feedback. I have shared with staff that our goal is to have a parent conference for every student. That means that we will be flexible with our conference format. We are offering conferences that will be in-person, over Zoom, or over the phone. Teachers should be reaching out (if they haven't done so already) shortly to set up a conference. We will also provide translation from our staff if needed. We look forward to this great opportunity to partner with you. Finally, over the last few years, Weller Road has transitioned to having a Fall Harvest Festival as a way to celebrate with our students in an inclusive way so that every student at WRES can participate. This year, our Harvest Festival will be on Friday, November 18. Stay tuned for additional information from your child's teacher.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind families, especially parents of students in 4th and 5th grades, that the MCPS policy for elementary school students states that all cell phones must be kept in the students' back-pack during the student day. If your child brings a phone to school, please remind them of this policy. If you have any questions about this policy, please reach out to your child's teacher or the front office.

Thanks, and we hope everyone has a great November!

Brent Mascott & Beth Hodgens

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Nov. 7 - NO SCHOOL - Prof. Day
- Nov. 8 - NO SCHOOL - Election Day
- Nov. 10 - 9:40 AM Field Trip to Maryland Science Center for Finney & Tinsman
- Nov. 10 - 6:30 PM Family Wellness Night
- Nov. 15 - 9:15 AM PreK/Head Start Parent Meeting
- Nov. 16 - 9:40 AM 4th Gr Field Trip to Loiederman MS
- Nov. 17 - 9:40 AM 2nd Gr Field Trip to Strathmore Hall
- Nov. 18 - 2:30 PM Harvest Festival
- Nov. 21 and 22 - 12:55 PM Early Release Days for Parent Conferences
- Nov. 23, 24 and 25 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Day Holiday

Weller Website

There is a lot of information at <https://www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/wellerroades/>
Check it out!

Email for Changes in Dismissal and Absence Notes

wresoffice@mcpsmd.org

FAMILY WELLNESS NIGHT

Family Wellness Night will be Thursday, November 10th from 6:00 - 7:30. We will have lots of healthy fun going through an obstacle course, making stress balls, doing glow yoga, selfie photo fun, and learning how to make healthy food choices. Healthy snacks will be provided. Master Method Karate along with other community vendors will also be helping us learn new skills. Finish the night with a bubble run sponsored by our PTA and pick up some of our brand-new spirit wear that will be available for purchase! Come join us with your bright neon colors or white for some glow in the dark healthy fun!! Let's Get Glowing Weller Road!!

PARENT ACADEMY TO GO

Check out the MCPS website Parent Academy To Go at:
<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/>

See the list of virtual workshops offered, find out about virtual parent chats and watch how to videos on technology and remote learning. Registration may be required for the workshops and chats, and that can also be done on this website.

PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES

The dates for parent conferences are Monday, November 21, 2022 and Tuesday, November 22, 2022 (although other dates may be arranged with the teacher). There will be no classes for Pre-K, Pre-K Plus or Head Start students on those two days in order to be able to meet with all parents. All other students will be dismissed at 12:55 p.m. Conferences for grades K through 5 will be held after dismissal. For parents who have not already scheduled a conference, please contact your child's teacher to schedule a conference, and be sure to let them know if you will need a translator. Our goal at Weller Road is to meet with every parent to inform you of your child's first quarter performance.

Harvest Festival



The Harvest Festival will be held on November 18, 2022 from 2:30 – 3:15 PM. Each grade level will be planning age appropriate activities to celebrate the amazing FALL SEASON. We will send home information in the next couple of weeks.

Be Prepared for Winter Weather:

HOW TO RECEIVE MCPS EMERGENCY INFORMATION

- MCPS Web: Home page <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org> - Weather-related messages are posted in English and Spanish.
- Text and Email: Alert MCPS - Alert MCPS provides you with emergency information about school operations via text messages (i.e. SMS text or email messages) to devices you register. Signing up for Alert MCPS is free, but your wireless carrier may charge you a fee to receive text messages. This service is provided in collaboration with the Montgomery County government. Weather-related messages are sent in English and Spanish. Sign up for [Alert MCPS](#)
- Text and Web: Twitter - A Twitter account allows you to follow MCPS text-message updates on your computer or on your cell or other mobile device. Twitter updates will include emergency message and other school system news. <http://twitter.com/mcps>
- TV: MCPS Cable Channels - Emergency announcements are posted on the following cable channels. [Comcast Channel 34](#), [Verizon Fios Channel 36](#) or [RCN Channel 89](#)
- Telephone Information Line: [301-279-3673](tel:301-279-3673) - Recorded emergency information.
- TV and Radio: Local Stations - Tune in to [local TV and radio stations](#) for information.

UPDATING EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Please continue to update your child's emergency contact information online throughout the year as it changes using ParentVUE. We encourage you to use the ParentVUE regularly as it's a good source of communication between you and the school. You have access to your child's attendance, grades, can quickly change phone numbers and emergency contacts and you can receive all of the school news and information through email. Please login to ParentVUE at md-mcps-psv.edupoint.com and if you need help with ParentVUE, please contact our Parent Community Coordinator, Ms. Romero at 301-287-8601.

The George B. Thomas. Sr. Learning Academy, Inc.

There are still spaces available for the George B. Thomas Learning Academy. Classes began October 1, 2022.

Classes are offered in reading (Benchmarks) and math (Eureka) for grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade from 8:30am - 11:00am through May of 2023.

There are several locations, but the closest to us is Wheaton High School. Other locations are located on the academy's website listed at the bottom of this page. There is also a virtual option available.

The program fees are \$40 for FARMS students and \$85 for all other students. These fees cover the ENTIRE year of tutoring. Weekly attendance is strongly encouraged as students that attend regularly outperform students that do not.

**To register and for more information, please go to:
www.saturdayschool.org.**



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