

THE WEEKLY REDLAND MS BULLDOG BLAST 2023-2024

Below are important reminders to help you stay involved and engaged with your student's upcoming events at Redland Middle School. The main office is open from 7:45am – 3:45pm (4:30pm on after school activity days).

As a reminder, we require the scanning of all IDs when a parent visits Redland MS. All visitors with an appointment who are attending meetings are required to check in at the main office with an ID. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Bookmark our website: <https://www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/redlandms/>

Attendance – Reporting and Excusing:

Attendance is important!! Please make sure you report and excuse your child's absence.

Reporting Absences - You can report daily absences in two ways:

1. Call the main office attendance line at 240-740-0905
2. Email our attendance secretary: Ms. Neidy P. Juarez: Neidy_P_Juarez@mcpsmd.org

Excusing Absences - Per the MCPS Student Code of Conduct absences can only be excused with a written form of communication.

You can excuse daily absences two ways:

1. Email an excuse note to our attendance secretary: Ms. Neidy P. Juarez:
Neidy_P_Juarez@mcpsmd.org OR
2. Students can bring the excuse note to the main office when they return to school. Here is a template you can use [ABSENCE NOTE](#)

We want to remind all our families to **PLEASE** keep your student home if they are not feeling well or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or illness. Please follow this [link](#) to learn more specific information about when to keep your child home.

Charging Chromebooks:

It is an expectation that all students are ready for instruction every day with a fully charged chromebook. Please remember to charge those chromebooks nightly.

Direct Donation Campaign: *We are halfway there!*

Redland MS wants to purchase 4 new outdoor tables for use during lunch and for classes to meet outside. If you wish to donate to RMS and support our project we would greatly appreciate it! We have raised enough for TWO tables so far! We are halfway there! Thank you for your continued support.

[Donate Here](#)

Our weekly email has six sections:

RMS Information and Weekly Calendar
Student Recognitions
RMS Reminders
Counseling Corner Updates
PTA News and Updates
MCPS Community News and Information

1. REDLAND INFORMATION and WEEKLY CALENDAR

After School Activities Site: [LINK](#)

Student Soccer Spectators:

If you want to be a spectator at any of the home soccer games, YOU HAVE TO FILL OUT THE CORRECT FORM! Behind Mrs. Kniss' door, in the orange folder, are car rider and activity bus rider forms. They need to be signed by a parent with a phone number. THERE IS LIMITED seating on the activity bus, so to make it fair for ALL students, it is a first come - first served sign up, CORRECT forms must be handed to Mrs. Kniss BEFORE C-lunch. Parent emails, hand written forms, or forms turned in after C lunch is over will NOT be accepted.

Monday: 4/22 - Asynchronous Day for Students. All students MUST log in and complete 30 minutes of iXL to be marked present. Additional activities are available.

College and Career Spirit Week

Tuesday: 4/23 - Dress Like a College Student

Athletics: Soccer Games vs Montgomery Village MS

GOT - Room 168 - Mr. Garcia

Game Club - Ms. Romano

Chess Club - Ms. Blanchard

STEM Club - Room 130 - Mr. Geddes

HW Club $\frac{7}{8}$ - Ms. Kniss

Floor Hockey Club - Ms. Blauser

Debate Club - Ms. K

Peer Tutoring - Ms. Sequeira and Ms. Leopold

Adventure Club - Ottalini

Wednesday: 4/24 - Teachers vs Students - Dress Like the Other

Athletics: Soccer Games vs Shady Grove MS

Homework Club - 6th grade - Ms. Schmidt

HW Club $\frac{7}{8}$ - Ms. Kniss

Yearbook Meeting - Ms. Pham

Model UN - Room 221 - Ms. Fong

Jazz Band - Room 189 - ML Young

Thursday: 4/25 - Wear Redland MS Gear and Colors

Take Your Child to Work Day

Athletics: Soccer Practice

Gardening Club - RecXtra

GOT - Room 168 - Mr. Garcia

Friday: 4/26 - Wear Grade Level Colors

April Dates/Events:

April 22 - Asynchronous Day - All Students (Students received information about required assignments)

April 25 - Take Your Child to Work Day

May Dates/Events:

May 1-2 - MCAP Math Testing (8:30am - 10:30am)

May 3 - Music in the Parks

May 9 - MAP-R Testing

May 13 - Bulldog Day

May 14 - No School

May 16 - Last Open House of School Year

May 16 - MAP-M Testing

May 20-21, 23-24 - MCAP Social Studies Testing (Grade 8)

May 21 - Chorus Concert - 7pm

May 22 - Strings and Orchestra Concert - 7pm

May 23 - Band Concert - 7pm

May 24 - In-School Concert (student come dressed)

May 27 - No School - Memorial Day

May 29 - 6th Grade Field Trip

May 31 - 8th Grade Field Trip

2. Student Recognitions/Advisory:

3. Reminders:

NEW... Students will view the Anti Bullying/hate-bias video this week:

[student anti bullying/hate-bias video](#)

Magruder High School Showcase Night

On Wednesday, April 24th Magruder High School will hold the annual Art Show and Capstone presentations as part of our Showcase Night. The Art Show is an amazing display of our students' talent and will be held from 5:00-8:00 in the downstairs lobby and hallways. In the cafeteria from 6:00-7:00, students who have completed a capstone project in the PLTW Engineering, PEAC Scholars and Aviation programs will share their projects. In addition to these groups, students who completed an internship will be sharing their experience and what they have learned. We would like to invite all families that are part

of the Magruder cluster to join us. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about some of our fine arts and academic programs.

MHS Showcase Night flyer:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/17Bz3dLNxh5q3ymSAlaE2DKnJ9lHfzk9B/view?usp=sharing>

New...Save the Date! Join the KID Museum's AAPI Heritage Month Celebration on Sunday, May 5th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. where they will honor the historical and cultural contributions made by people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet local makers and organizations dedicated to preserving heritage through games, arts, and making!

Visit <https://kid-museum.org/programs/celebrations/aapi-heritage-month-2024/> for more information

RoboCamps is a week-long in-person initiative at Clarksburg High School that teaches core STEM skills as campers learn how to design, build, and program a robot using pre-designed VEX IQ kits.

This program culminates in a final competition so students can demonstrate their programming proficiency and concept understanding while competing for special prizes.

FalconCamps is a week-long online initiative that teaches mechanical design and/or programming in the context of competitive robotics, covering technical skills such as computer-aided design or object-oriented programming. This program prepares students to join a competitive robotics team and encourages them to pursue a future in STEM.

More information may be found on the [camps page](#) of our website, If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reply to this email or contact the team at contact@team4099.com.

Registration is OPEN for the 2024 Montgomery Can Code Summer Camp! A free summer Coding camp for MCPS Middle School Students.

Montgomery Can Code is an annual free and fun summer camp held in July and August for any MCPS rising 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Campers in the program will learn to code with Swift, Apple's easy-to-understand programming language used by professional developers to create world class apps. Students will complete creative projects with an established curriculum to learn Swift from coding experts.

Families have the choice to participate in a full day, in-person camp Weeks 1 and 2 at Montgomery College or a virtual camp Week 3. The Camp is free to any Montgomery County Public School middle school students.

This initiative is made possible through a partnership with Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery College, Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation, Montgomery County Government and Apple, Inc..

REGISTER NOW <https://www.montgomerycancode.com/>

For more information, learn more at [montgomerycancode.com](https://www.montgomerycancode.com) or email montgomerycancode@mcpsmd.org

Chromebook Information:

[Lost or Damaged Chromebook Procedures](#)

[Lost or Damaged Chromebook Procedures \(Spanish\)](#)

[Chromebook Agreement](#)

[Chromebook Agreement \(Spanish\)](#)

Students who have lost the charging cord should purchase one on Amazon. The cost of purchasing a new one from RMS is \$25.00.

3. Counseling Corner Updates:

Counselor Contact Information- Office phone (240)740-0910

Mr. Megary- 6th grade and Department Head

Jay_Megary@mcpsmd.org

Mrs. Pulver- 7th grade

Caitlin_Pulver@mcpsmd.org

Mrs. Finch- 8th grade

Melissa_S_Finch@mcpsmd.org

4. PTA Notes:

PTA Membership:

redland.memberhub.com

Stay in the know with the PTA:

1) Look for the [PTA link](#) at the top of the RMS website

2) Find and like us on Facebook! - @RedlandPTA

5. MCPS Communication and Information:

Personal Mobile Device Policy:

Students are expected to demonstrate Redland Respect regarding the use of their personal mobile devices. This includes cell phones, wireless earbuds (air pods), and smart watches.

At 8:15am, all devices MUST be silenced and out of sight. We are encouraging all students to place their devices in their lockers for the day. Headphones (wired only) are permitted for use throughout the school day on Chromebooks for instructional purposes.

Students should refrain from taking photographs or videos of other students AT ALL TIMES at Redland MS. Redland MS is not responsible for any lost or damaged personal mobile devices.

Students are permitted to use their personal mobile devices:

1. School bus to and from school,
2. Between 7:45am – 8:15am,
3. After the 3:00pm dismissal bell.

Students ARE NOT permitted to use cell phones, wireless earbuds, and cellular watches during the day. MCPS Regulation COG-RA was recently amended to reflect this change.

For safety purposes, students should remove headphones while in the hallways when traveling between classes.

Students who violate MCPS Regulation COG-RA and use personal mobile devices (PMDs) during the school day without permission, will be subject to disciplinary action and will have the device secured in the main office for a caregiver to pick up after 3:00pm.

Dress/Clothing Reminder:

Because the building is a learning-focused environment, students should express themselves through their wardrobe within these guidelines:

- No hoods, hats, or headwear inside the building (Religious headwear is welcomed)
- Clothing should be comfortable for learning and appropriate for the school environment:
 - Tops and bottom must cover all undergarments
 - Explicit content cannot be displayed on garments

This is also a reminder that students should dress in layers as the temperatures do vary from room to room and from morning to afternoon. Jackets and heavy clothing should be placed in lockers.

What You Need To Know

District Initiatives/ Messages

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Student PSA on Bullying, Harassment and Hate-Bias (embed https://youtu.be/FIGlidjLLaA) A group of MCPS students have come together to spread awareness about the impact of bullying, harassment and hate-bias. This student-led video	PSA estudiantil sobre acoso, abuso y prejuicios de odio (embed https://youtu.be/FIGlidjLLaA) Un grupo de estudiantes de MCPS se han reunido para difundir la conciencia sobre el impacto del acoso, el abuso y el prejuicio de odio. Esta campaña de video dirigida por estudiantes es parte

campaign is part of the ongoing work to address and help educate their peers and the school community. Read more.	del trabajo en curso para abordar y ayudar a educar a sus compañeros y a la comunidad escolar. Leer más.
Reminder: Upcoming End of Course Exams Will Impact Final Grades For Grade 9 Students Next month, students may take standardized assessments that will count for 20% of their final Semester B grades. As a reminder, ninth grade (class of 2027) students currently enrolled in high school National, State, and Local Government (NSL) and Biology courses will take the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) assessments which will be factored into their school grades. These assessments align with the content that students have been learning in their coursework throughout this year. The student's final Semester B grade will be a calculation of the student's third quarter grade (40%), fourth quarter grade (40%) and the MCAP assessment grade (20%). Read more	Recordatorio: Los próximos exámenes de fin de curso afectarán a los grados finales para los estudiantes de grado 9 El próximo mes, los estudiantes pueden tomar evaluaciones estandarizadas que contarán para el 20% de sus calificaciones finales del semestre B. Como recordatorio, los estudiantes de noveno grado (clase de 2027) actualmente inscritos en los cursos de Biología y Gobierno Nacional, Estatal y Local (NSL) de la escuela secundaria tomarán las evaluaciones del Programa de Evaluación Integral de Maryland (MCAP) que se tendrán en cuenta en sus calificaciones escolares. Estas evaluaciones se alinean con el contenido que los estudiantes han estado aprendiendo en sus cursos a lo largo de este año. La calificación final del semestre B del estudiante será un cálculo del grado del tercer trimestre del estudiante (40%), el grado del cuarto trimestre (40%) y el grado de evaluación de MCAP (20%). Leer más

Action Items:

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Current Enrollments Open: PreKindergarten, Kindergarten, High School Summer School Registration - Kindergarten: Children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2024 are eligible to register for kindergarten. Read more. - Prekindergarten and Head Start: Children 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2024 can register online or in person. Families must be income-eligible to apply. Read more. - High School Summer School: Regional Summer High School Programs will be offered in person at Montgomery Blair, Seneca Valley and Richard Montgomery high schools. Read more.	Inscripciones abiertas: Prekindergarten, Kindergarten, High School Summer School - Kindergarten: Los niños que tendrán 5 años de edad para el 1º de septiembre de 2024 son elegibles para inscribirse en kindergarten. Leer más. - Prekindergarten y Head Start: Los niños de 4 años de edad en o antes del 1º de septiembre de 2024 pueden registrarse en línea o en persona. Las familias deben ser elegibles basado en sus ingresos para aplicar. Leer más. Escuela Secundaria de verano: Los programas regionales de verano de la escuela secundaria se ofrecerán en persona en las escuelas secundarias Montgomery Blair, Seneca Valley y Richard Montgomery. Leer más.
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Upcoming Events

Tune In for Champions for Children Event on May 1 The event will honor top educators of the year, and unveil the 2024–2025 Teacher of the Year and Supporting Services Employee of the Year. Tune in on the MCPS website on May 1 at 6:30 p.m. You can also watch it live on YouTube.	Sintonice el evento Champions for Children el 1º de mayo El evento honrará a los mejores educadores del año y dará a conocer al Maestro del Año 2024–2025 y al Empleado de Servicios de Apoyo del Año. Sintonice en el sitio web de MCPS el 1º de mayo a las 6:30 p.m. También puede verlo en vivo en YouTube.
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Know anyone shopping for a New Car or Computer? Students in the Montgomery County Students Automotive Trades Foundation (ATF) and Information Technology Foundation (ITF) will sell used cars and computers they have refurbished from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, May 4, at Thomas Edison High School of Technology/Foundations Officer, 12501 Dalewood Drive in Silver Spring.	¿Conoce a alguien que está comprando un Nuevo Coche o una Computadora? Los estudiantes de la Fundación de Oficios Automotrices de Estudiantes del Condado de Montgomery (ATF) y la Fundación de Tecnología de la Información (ITF) venderán autos usados y computadoras que han reacondicionado de 9 a 11 a.m. el sábado, 4 de mayo en la Escuela Secundaria Thomas Edison de Tecnología/Foundations Officer, 12501 Dalewood Drive en Silver Spring.
USG Hosting Open House on May 4 The Universities at Shady Grove (USG) invites students and guests to learn more about their campus and the degree programs offered by its university partners from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 4. The event will be held in Building IV (the Biomedical Sciences and Engineering Facility), 9631 Gudelsky Drive in Rockville. Registration information.	USG sostendrá una jornada de puertas abiertas el 4 de mayo Las Universidades de Shady Grove (USG) invitan a estudiantes e invitados a aprender más sobre su campus y los programas de grado ofrecidos por sus socios universitarios de 10 a.m. a 2 p.m. El sábado, 4 de mayo. El evento se llevará a cabo en el Edificio IV (la instalación de Ciencias Biomédicas e Ingeniería), 9631 Gudelsky Drive en Rockville. Información de registro.
Safety Day Event on May 11 The Montgomery Department of Transportation (MCDOT) in partnership with MCPS invites all families to Safety Day on Saturday, May 11 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the Carver Educational Services Center (CESC) parking lot in Rockville. Families will learn about traffic safety in a fun and festive environment. There will be dozens of activities and community partners to visit with FREE giveaways and prizes. There will be free shuttle buses (school buses) picking up attendees from the following high schools:	Evento del Día de la Seguridad el 11 de mayo El Departamento de Transporte de Montgomery (MCDOT), en asociación con MCPS, invita a todas las familias al Día de Seguridad el sábado, 11 de mayo de 11 a.m. a 3 p.m. en el estacionamiento del Centro de Servicios Educativos Carver (CESC) en Rockville. Las familias aprenderán sobre la seguridad vial en un ambiente divertido y festivo. Habrá docenas de actividades y socios comunitarios para visitar con regalos y premios GRATUITOS.

● John F. Kennedy High School ● Seneca Valley High School ● Walter Johnson High School Pick-ups will run 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 pm. The last drop-off is 1:30 pm. These buses will run approximately every 30 minutes during the event. Newcomers Resource Fair on May 18 Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 18 for the Newcomer Resources and Services Fair at Takoma Park Middle School from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. This free event will have immigration attorneys, resources, classes and more. Families must text "FAIR" to 240-447-1862 on WhatsApp to attend.	Habr� autobuses gratuitos (autobuses escolares) que recoger�n a los asistentes de las siguientes escuelas secundarias: ● John F. Kennedy High School ● Escuela Secundaria Seneca Valley ● Escuela secundaria Walter Johnson Las recogidas ser�n de 10:30 a.m. a 3:30 pm. La �ltima entrega es a la 1:30 pm. Estos autobuses circular�n aproximadamente cada 30 minutos durante el evento. Feria de recursos para reci�n llegados el 18 de mayo Marque su calendario para el s�bado, 18 de mayo para la Feria de Recursos y Servicios para Recientes en la Escuela Intermedia Takoma Park de 10 a.m. a 2 p.m. Este evento gratuito tendr� abogados de inmigraci�n, recursos, clases y m�s. Las familias deben enviar un mensaje de texto "FAIR" al 240-447-1862 en WhatsApp para asistir.
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Opportunities/Resources/Stories:

The Importance of Reading by Third Grade Fifty years of national research has indicated that a student's ability to read by the end of third grade is paramount to future success. Reading by Grade 3 is the second milestone on the MCPS Pathway to College, Career, and Community Readiness. Watch the video and learn more about steps parents can take to help their children at home.	La importancia de saber leer para el tercer grado Cincuenta a�os de investigaci�n nacional han indicado que la capacidad de un estudiante para leer al final del tercer grado es primordial para el �xito futuro. La lectura para el grado 3 es el segundo hito en el camino de MCPS hacia la preparaci�n universitaria, profesional y comunitaria. Vea el video y aprenda m�s sobre los pasos que los padres pueden tomar para ayudar a sus hijos en casa.
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To The Point: Pathway to College, Career & Community Readiness

[Watch the latest episode of To the Point](#) about The Pathway, a new guide that MCPS created to help families, students and teachers work together to ensure student success. The Pathway to College, Career and Community Readiness helps identify students' strengths and areas of improvement to ensure each student receives the support they need. The Pathway has a series of milestones and core competencies that students should meet by certain grade levels. The overall goal is to prepare students for life after high school.

To the Point (Al Punto): Camino a la universidad, carrera y preparación comunitaria

[Vea el último episodio de To the Point](#) acerca de The Pathway, una nueva guía que MCPS creó para ayudar a las familias, estudiantes y maestros a trabajar juntos para asegurar el éxito estudiantil. El Camino a la universidad, carrera y preparación comunitaria ayuda a identificar las fortalezas y áreas de mejora de los estudiantes para asegurar que cada estudiante reciba el apoyo que necesitan. El Pathway tiene una serie de hitos y competencias básicas que los estudiantes deben cumplir en ciertos niveles de grado. El objetivo general es preparar a los estudiantes para la vida después de la escuela secundaria.

Resources

[Parent Academy](#)

[Pathway to College, Career, and Community Readiness](#)

[SSL Hours](#)

Communication Channels

MCPS connects with families and staff in a variety of ways. You are encouraged to share information from our newsletters and social media channels.

[MCPS News Center](#)

Webpage featuring the latest MCPS news and press releases updated regularly.

Thursday Message

Weekly message with at least five things to know sent to families, students, and staff. Find the latest edition [here](#).

QuickNotes

A newsletter emailed to all families every other week. Find the latest edition [here](#).

Ask MCPS / Spanish Hotline

General information about MCPS

Call: 240-740-3000 | Spanish Hotline: 240-740-2845

E-mail: ASKMCPS@mcpsmd.org

The Bulletin

A newsletter emailed weekly to all staff. Find the latest edition [here](#).