

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:

Attendance is important! We want to remind all our families to **PLEASE** keep students home if they are not feeling well or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or illness. You can report daily absences 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
3. Please follow this [link](#) to learn more specific information about when to keep your child home.

Our Email/Social Media:

If you need to get in touch with us throughout the day, please email the administration and we will respond to you within 24 hours via email or phone. Please remember, we are here to assist in any way possible:

Assistant Principal/Grade 6 Administrator: Ms. Range - Kristen_M_Range@mcpsmd.org / https://twitter.com/MsRange_AP

Assistant Principal/Grade 7 Administrator: Ms. Murray - Molly_B_Murray@mcpsmd.org / <https://twitter.com/>

Principal/Grade 8 Administrator: Mr. Niper - Matthew_T_Niper@mcpsmd.org / <https://twitter.com/RedlandPrin>

Our weekly email has six sections:

RMS Information and Weekly Calendar

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Counseling Corner Updates

PTA News and Updates

MCPS Community News and Information

1. REDLAND INFORMATION and WEEKLY CALENDAR

After School Activities Site: [LINK](#)

Monday: 9/25

No School Students and Staff

Tuesday: 9/26

Athletics - Cross Country Meet at Gaithersburg MS

Athletics - Softball Practice

GOT - Room 168 - Mr. Garcia

Wednesday: 9/27

Athletics - Softball and Cross Country

Model UN - Room 221, Ms. Fong

GOT - Room 168 - Mr. Garcia

Thursday: 9/28

Athletics - Softball and Cross Country

Friday: 9/29

September Dates/Events:

Monday, September 25, 2023 - No School - All Students and Staff

October Dates/Events:

Monday, October 2 - Friday, October 6 - Book Fair

Tuesday, October 3 - Advanced HS Night at SGMS - 6:00pm

Monday, October 9 - No School

Tuesday, October 10 - PTA Meeting - 7:00pm

Monday, October 16 - Open House

Thursday, October 19 - Redland Fall Festival - 5:30pm

2. Student Recognitions:

3. Reminders:

Book Fair – October 2-6

Redland's media center will host the Scholastic Book Fair from October 2-6, 2023. All students will get a chance to visit the fair during their English or ELD class, but are also welcome to stop by the fair before school or during lunch all week. The book fair will also be open during the Fall Family Festival on the evening of October 5th. If you come to the festival, please don't forget to stop by the fair. All proceeds from the fair go directly back to our students in the form of new books or equipment for our media center.

Payment is accepted in the form of cash, check (made out to Redland Middle School), credit card or apple pay. In addition, parents can also set up an E-Wallet account for students so that they do not need to carry any money to school. Please see the attached E-Wallet flyer for instructions on how to set up this account. You can visit our book fair website to set up your E-wallet account.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/redlandmiddleschool2>

[E-Wallet Flyer \(English\)](#)

[E-Wallet Flyer \(Spanish\)](#)

Do your students love The Diary of a Wimpy Kid books? If so, don't miss your chance to pre-order the newest book in the series. The latest book comes out at the end of October, but student can pre-order it for just \$10.59 (including tax). Books will be delivered at school to any student who pre-orders during the fair. A pre-order form is attached below.

[Diary of a Wimpy Kid Pre-order Form \(English\)](#)

[Diary of a Wimpy Kid Pre-order Form \(Spanish\)](#)

NEW...Attention 8th grade families:

Advanced High School Night will be Tuesday, October 3, 2023 from 6-9 pm at Shady Grove Middle School.

Redland Middle School and Shady Grove Middle School 8th grade families and students are invited to find out more information on county choice high school programs.

Representatives from a variety of county high schools that are accepting applications from Magruder cluster schools will be there to provide information on the exciting and enriching opportunities available for next year. We hope to see you there!

Applications for all special high school programs will open on Friday, October 6th through ParentVUE. On Thursday, October 19th, 8th grade students will participate in a virtual information session.

The deadline for high school application is Friday, November 3rd. Please visit the MCPS website or reach out to Mrs. Finch with any questions.

NEW...Our **5th Annual MCPS STEAM Festival** will take place on Saturday, Oct 21, 2023! We will be at the combined campus Wheaton HS and Edison HS of Technology from 10am-1pm. The Festival is an Expo-style showcase of the amazing experiences and opportunities available to our MCPS students and the greater Montgomery County community.

NEW...**MCPS is seeking input about the 2024–2025 school year calendar!** [LINK](#)

Please take a moment to complete the MCPS School Calendar 2024-2025 Feedback. Your input will be used to select the first and last day of school, as well as other important dates for the coming school year.

NEW...**Chromebook Information:**

[Lost or Damaged Chromebook Procedures](#)

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

[Chromebook Agreement](#)

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

NEW...**THANK YOU** to the Redland Community for your AMAZING support of the Choral Program and our Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser! Thanks to your generosity we exceeded our goal for the year! Your kind support will allow us to keep the piano in tune, order new music, pay an accompanist, provide scholarships, and take a Music in the Parks trip later this year. Thank you so much again!

If you ordered popcorn, you will hear from the student seller when it arrives in October for delivery. Thank you again!!

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 Code 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.

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:

Welcome Back Bulldogs! This year the PTA is hoping you can help in whatever way works for you - from home, during an event, or just by joining. It's truly the best way to stay in the loop about what's going on with your kids at school.

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:

ONLINE FARMS APPS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!

www.MySchoolApps.com

is NOW OPEN for parents to complete and submit the 2023–2024 Online application for Free and Reduced-Price Meals!

FAMILIES CAN APPLY NOW & AVOID LONGER PROCESSING TIMES IN THE FALL!

School Lunch Accounts:

Students are responsible to purchase school lunch this year. If you wish to add funds to your child's account, please visit the MCPS website and log into MySchoolBucks.

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

If you had an account in the past, funds should still be available.

Girls Summit - Oct 21, 2023

[CLICK HERE FOR FLYER](#)

Montgomery County Public Schools will host a **Girl Summit** on October 21, 2023. This special event for girls and their caregivers will offer education and resources for many aspects of young women's health such as: depression, anxiety, healthy eating, and body images. Save the date and see attached for more information!

Kids ride free with the **Youth Cruiser SmarTrip card on MCDOT Ride** On buses and most Metrobuses in the County. Get your card now at any MCPS middle or high school location or any Montgomery County Public library. Learn more at <http://ow.ly/sag150JOBsh>.