

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.

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

Assistant Principal/Grade 7 Administrator: Ms. Murray - Molly_B_Murray@mcpsmd.org

Principal/Grade 8 Administrator: Mr. Niper - Matthew_T_Niper@mcpsmd.org

<https://twitter.com/RedlandPrin>

Direct Donation Campaign:

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!

[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](#)

Monday: 12/11

Tuesday: 12/12

GOT - Room 168 - Mr. Garcia

Game Club - Ms. Romano

Chess Club - Ms. Blanchard

STEM Club - Room 130 - Mr. Geddes

Adventure Club "A" Group - Room 124 - Mr. Ottalini

HW Club 7/8 - Ms. Kniss

Floor Hockey Club - Ms. Blauser

Winter Chorus Concert - 7:00pm

Wednesday: 12/13 - OPEN HOUSE #3: 8:30am - 3:00pm (8:30am Dance Team Performance)

Homework Club -6th grade - Ms. Schmidt

Jazz Band - Room 189 - Ms. Young

Lacrosse Club - RecXtra

Fitness Club - Ms. Romano

NJHS Meeting - Ms. Pham

Peer Tutoring - Ms. Sequeira

Winter Orchestra/Jazz Band Concert - 7:00pm

Thursday: 12/14

Gardening Club - RecXtra

GOT - Room 168 - Mr. Garcia

GSA - Room 211 - Ms. Kibler
Latin Dance Club - Ms. Nocente

Winter Band Concert - 7:00pm

Friday: 12/15

December Dates/Events:

Tuesday, December 12 - Winter Chorus Concert

Wednesday, December 13 - Winter Orchestra/Jazz Band Concert

Wednesday, December 13 - Open House #3

Thursday, December 14 - Winter Band Concert

Monday, December 25 - Friday, December 29 - No School

Monday, Jan 1 -2 - No School

2. Student Recognitions/Advisory:

Student of the Month Winners:

6th Grade: Zuri Cu, Zareen Ali, Amelia Phillips, Mimi Brown, Ayaan Hussain, Miles Dodd

7th Grade: Siyanda Mlomo, Ritvik Ramesh, Caleb Danielson, Miriam Wilkerson, Luis Morao Lovera, Elijah Clark

8th Grade: Yuvraj Chothwani, Angela Liu, Matthew Wong, Michell Vera, Glendy Chinchilla Mateo, Cristofer Guardado

Leader In Me Resources:

Register Here: <https://www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/>

3. Reminders:

Bulldog Parent Time:

Please join us for parent engagement sessions throughout the year. We will discuss resources available and mental health services.

[Click Here for the flier](#)

SPRING MUSICAL

Interested in being on stage or do you want to learn how to run sets or tech for a show? Stop by Rm. 187, the Chorus Room, to pick up your information packet for the Spring Musical, "Rockin' Robin Hood!" It

has all the information you'll need to decide if you are able to participate in the musical as either a Cast or Crew member. For cast, the auditions are January 9-11, 2024. Get your packet now and return the forms signed to get access to all the information you need to audition. For crew, get a head start on your crew application.

The deadline to return completed applications is January 5, but don't wait!

The show dates are April 11 and 12 but the work to prepare the show starts in January. Pick up your packet now! See Ms. Fitzharris, Rm. 187, with any questions or email at Megan.e.fitzharris@mcpsmd.net.

Help Support RMS singers in a Once in a Lifetime Opportunity!

We are so excited to share that six Redland Middle School singers have been accepted to an elite singing opportunity! In fact, seven local singers have been accepted to the ACDA Eastern Region Middle School/Junior High Honor Choir.

Eva Barnebey, 7
Angeli Climaco, 8
Gemma Ham, 7
Madison McAnany, 9
Joseph Olaniran, 8
Tamarri Peters, 8
Michell Vera, 8

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for young singers! It can be life changing, helping to connect them with young musicians and professionals as well as grow musically. We are overjoyed for these students!

The American Choral Directors Association is a professional organization for choral music in the United States. The Eastern Region of the ACDA (DC/MD to Maine) holds a conference every two years for both choral conductors and students. For each conference, students from all over the region are invited to audition for Honor Choirs. Each Honor Choir consists of the top students from the entire division, 11 states and Washington, DC, and meets during the conference to sing under one of the country's top conductors, Liana Salinas, culminating in a performance. The ACDA Eastern Region Conference, Raise Our Voice, will be in Providence, Rhode Island, February 28-March 2, 2024. Unfortunately, attending this event is expensive. We need your help!! Please click on this link to support these local singers.

<https://gofund.me/b7e07ee6>

Please consider donating any amount you are able to support these fabulous singers. Also, you are welcome to share this information and link with your family, friends, community, and social media (the families have consented) to help get the word out. We are doing what we can to support our families in need. Thank you SO MUCH for your generosity!

Redland MS Yearbook:

Be sure to reserve your copy of this year's yearbook for \$32 + taxes and fees. Prices will increase on January 1st. You can order your copy online at www.yearbookforever.com then type Redland in the search box.

Yearbook Snap: Be sure to download the app from your app store. This app will let you upload your photos to possibly be included in our yearbook. The passcode is Redland. Currently, we are looking for photos from the First Day of School, Fall Festival, Outdoor Ed, and afterschool extra curricular activities.

8th graders: We need your baby photos! Find the cutest baby photo you have. Check with your caretaker before you upload the photo to the Yearbook Snap. Be sure to include your first and last name.

Chromebook Information:

[Lost or Damaged Chromebook Procedures](#)

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

[Chromebook Agreement](#)

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

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.

<https://ww2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/publicinfo/community/school-year-2023-2024/Community-Update-20231130.html>

District Initiatives/ Messages

ENGLISH	SPANISH
<p>Tune in Live Dec. 14 to the Superintendent's Recommended Budget Presentation</p> <p>MCPS Superintendent Dr. Monifa B. McKnight will present her recommended Fiscal Year 25 Operating Budget on Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. to the Board at Odessa Shannon Middle School. The public is invited to watch the presentation live on the MCPS website, on the MCPS-TV YouTube channel, and on the MCPS-TV channels in English and Spanish.</p>	<p>Sintonice en vivo la presentación de la Superintendente sobre el presupuesto recomendado el 14 de diciembre</p> <p>La Superintendente de MCPS, la Dra. Monifa B. McKnight, presentará su recomendación del Presupuesto Operativo para el Año Fiscal 2025 el 14 de diciembre a las 6 p.m. en la Escuela Intermedia Odessa Shannon. Se invita al público a ver la presentación en vivo en el sitio web de MCPS, en el canal de YouTube de MCPS-TV y en los canales de MCPS-TV en inglés y en español.</p>
<p>Reminder: Stay Connected with MCPS During Inclement Weather</p> <p>With winter weather just around the corner, a reminder MCPS offers numerous ways to learn about your student's school closures, delayed openings and early dismissals when there is inclement weather. Learn more about how weather decisions are made and how to receive information about any changes.</p>	<p>Recordatorio: Manténgase conectado con MCPS durante las inclemencias del tiempo</p> <p>Con el clima invernal a la vuelta de la esquina, recuerde que MCPS ofrece numerosas maneras de aprender sobre el cierre de escuelas, aperturas retrasadas y salidas tempranas cuando hay inclemencias del tiempo. Obtenga más información sobre cómo se toman las decisiones sobre el tiempo y cómo recibir información sobre cualquier cambio.</p>

Opportunities/Resources:

<p>Summer RISE 2024 Hosts</p> <p>Interested in preparing the next generation for the workforce and growing your talent pool? Help rising Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) high school juniors and seniors learn about your workplace and career field as part of the Summer RISE 2024 program. Read more.</p>	<p>Anfitriones de Summer RISE 2024</p> <p>¿Está interesado en preparar a la próxima generación para la fuerza laboral y hacer crecer su reserva de talentos? Ayude a los estudiantes de los grados 11 y 12 a aprender sobre su lugar de trabajo y su campo profesional como parte del programa Summer RISE 2024. Leer más.</p>
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Awards Season is Underway, Nominate Today!

Is there a staff member, administrator or teacher you think deserves recognition? Nominations are open for [several awards](#) to honor exceptional staff, teachers, and administrators.

La temporada de premios está en marcha, ¡nomina hoy!

¿Hay algún miembro del personal, administrador o maestro que usted cree que merece reconocimiento? Las nominaciones están abiertas para [varios premios](#) para honrar al personal excepcional, maestros y administradores.

Resources

[Parent Academy](#)

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

[SSL Hours](#)