

A message from GARRETT PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Good evening Garrett Park families,

We hope you are settling in nicely to the distant learning platform and you are staying safe and healthy. Please find a few school updates below;

- **Online Book Fair through April 28:** Our Spring Scholastic Book Fair has moved ONLINE! You can choose books for your child AND support our school at the same time. Your PTA is committed to ensuring that every GPES child can select a free, new book. Shop between Wednesday, April 15 and Tuesday, April 28!!! Every purchase from this Online Book Fair earns rewards for our school. Visit bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/garrettparkes. Orders over \$25 ship for free. Consider ordering extra books to donate to your classroom when school reopens. If buying a book is a financial hardship for your family, we are committed to providing a book for every GPES child! You can request a book through this [Google form](#) and your book will be shipped to you at no cost. Have Questions, please contact our PTA Book Fair Co-Chair Joanna Welch at Joanna.r.welch@gmail.com. Questions about free books or Scholastic Dollars, please contact PTA President Gail Silberglied at GarrettParkESPTA@gmail.com.
- **GPES COL website/Master Schedule:** We have created a Continuity of Learning website that can be found on the GPES main site. It includes resources for students, parents, and staff relevant to distant learning.
<https://sites.google.com/mcpsmd.net/garrett-park-elementary/home>.
<https://www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/garrettparkes/news-index/2020/continuanace-of-learning/>
- **Master Schedule Updated:** Please see the attached master schedule for the learning plan for next week 4/20 - 4/24. Please note there are no office hours for Tuesday due to grading and reporting.
- **Pennies for Patients:** This SGA sponsored donation activity has been cancelled.
- **Schools closed through May 15:** - Superintendent's message below...

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members,

Today (April 17), Governor Larry Hogan and State Superintendent of Schools Karen Salmon announced that Maryland public schools will be closed until May 15. While we are sad and frustrated that our students and staff won't be able to be together in schools to learn and work together in person for another month, we believe that this was the right decision for the health and safety of our students and community.

We know that the announcement of the extended closure raises many questions for our parents, students and staff—from plans for the continuation of online learning to the school calendar and

graduation. This weekend, we will send messages to the community that will begin to address many of these questions and concerns. We encourage you to visit our [coronavirus webpage](#) frequently and sign up to receive important alerts through the [Alert Montgomery system](#).

Please continue to stay safe and take care of one another.

Sincerely,

Jack R. Smith, Ph.D.

Superintendent of Schools

Have a nice weekend!

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