

THE WEEKLY REDLAND MS BULLDOG BLAST 2025-2026

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

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 – 3:30pm (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.

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](#)

1. REDLAND INFORMATION and WEEKLY CALENDAR

After School Activities Site: [CLICK HERE](#)

Monday: 4/27

Tuesday: 4/28 - MCAP Math State Testing (8:15am - 10:30am)

Boys and Girls Soccer Practice

Chamber Music Practice

Green Team

Boys Soccer Club (6th)

Game Club

Floor Hockey Club

GSA Club

Homework Club Gr 7

Wednesday: 4/29 - MCAP Math State Testing (8:15am - 10:30am)

Boys and Girls Soccer vs Gaithersburg MS 3:30pm

Girls at Redland MS; Boys AWAY at GMS

Homework Club - Gr 6

Jazz Band

Soccer for Change

D&D Club

Tennis Club - Advanced

Flag Football

Thursday: 4/30 - MCAP Math State Testing (8:15am - 10:30am)

Boys and Girls Soccer Practice

Homework Club - Gr 8

Chamber Music Practice

Baking Club Session 5 (last session)

Soccer for Change - Game

Tennis Club - Beginner

Game Club

Basketball Club

Friday: 5/1 - MCAP Math State Testing (8:15am - 10:30am)

April Dates/Events:

April 28 - May 1 - MCAP Math Testing Days (Advisory Schedule)

May Dates/Events:

May 4 - 7 - MCAP English Testing Days (Advisory Schedule)

May 8 - Music in the Parks Field Trip

May 12 - MAP-M

May 14 - MAP-R

May 18 - 19 - MCAP Social Studies Testing Days (8th Grade)

May 19 - Concert 7pm - Chorus

May 20 - Concert 7pm - Orchestra

May 21 - Concert 7pm - Band

May 25 - No School - Holiday

May 26 - 7th/8th Grade Music Field Trip

May 26 - 6th Grade Field Trip - Science Center

May 27 - No School - Holiday

June Dates/Events:

June 1 - 2 - Finance Park (7th Grade)

June 4 - 8th Grade Field Trip - Adventure Park USA

June 12 - 8th Grade Dance

June 15 - 6th and 7th Grade Awards Ceremony (Invites for parents will be sent week prior)

June 16 - 8th Grade Promotion - 9:30am - MHS

June 18 - LAST Day of School - Early Release 12:30pm.

2. Student Recognitions/Advisory:

3. Reminders:

April is School Library Month. It is a time to highlight the essential role of school libraries and librarians in education. Please take a couple of minutes to write a message of appreciation to Redland Middle School's library staff.

Link to form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdai1PuYX9LZESCn-dIY0cvEph1pSlaIwtKqvnJZtyX-u5mTw/viewform?usp=dialog>

Yearbooks: (LINK)

Yearbook Sales: Secure your copy of the 2025-2026 yearbook now! Quantities are limited, so order early to guarantee your student receives one.

Chromebook - Home Use

This school year we will be providing Chromebooks for students in each classroom using charging carts. This means students WILL NOT have a chromebook to bring home that is provided by the school. Students should have a device available for their home use OR complete the form below to have MCPS assign them a take home device.

[Student Home Use Chromebook Request Form \(LINK\)](#)

Chromebooks Information: LINK

Dress Code Reminder: LINK

Personal Mobile Device Policy: LINK

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 (Tuesday/Thursday and every other Wednesday)

Caitlin_Pulver@mcpsmd.org

Mrs. Finch- 8th grade

Melissa_S_Finch@mcpsmd.org

4. PTA Notes:

PTA Membership: Please sign up for membership here: <https://redland.givebacks.com/shop/items/709712>

Teacher Appreciation is upcoming the first week of May!

We need your help to plan, decorate and organize!

If you are up for helping - planning, focusing on just one of the days, or being available for the week, please email Shivaun Wilkinson at shivaunnelson@mac.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:

Important Information to Share with Families!

We Want to Hear About Your MCPS Experience!

MCPS invites families and students to share your experiences and perspectives through our annual survey, open until May 10.

In the past, this was called the “School Culture and Climate Survey,” but it’s not about the weather. It’s about your experience in our schools and how we can make them better.

[Learn more](#) and [take the survey](#).

Families: [Take the survey](#).

Helping Your Child Succeed on Spring Assessments—What Families Can Do

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, students have been engaging with practice questions during class to become familiar with the format and tools used on the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP). These end-of-year assessments measure what students know, understand and can do after a full year of learning.

State testing will begin April 28 and continue through May, giving students more time to learn before testing starts. As test days approach, remember that small routines can make a big difference in helping students feel confident and prepared.

- Ensure your child gets a good night’s sleep before each testing day.
- Provide a healthy breakfast.
- Help your child arrive at school on time and ready to begin.
- Encourage a positive mindset — remind your child to try their best and use the strategies they’ve learned.

Here are helpful [one-page information sheets](#) that remind students what they need to know to test successfully.

Watch in [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [French](#) | [Chinese](#) | [Vietnamese](#) | [Amharic](#) | [Korean](#) | [Portuguese](#)

New Resource Guide Links Families to Essential Support Services

The MCPS Division of Specialized Support Services has produced a [Community Resource Guide for Families](#). The guide includes a comprehensive list of school and community resources on a range of topics, including access to healthcare and mental health services; assistance with food, clothing, furniture, housing and utilities; youth development and mentorship; domestic violence; workforce; academic and technology; international families and more.

(Another Survey? Yes, but still important)

2026-2027 Calendar Options: Take the Survey!

Help shape the 2026–2027 school calendar! With the Maryland State Board of Education requirement to finish school by June 19, 2027, MCPS needs your feedback on options, such as an earlier August start date, adjusted winter and/or spring breaks or using select religious observances as make-up days. Your input is vital. [Take the survey today!](#)

Stay on Track in July — Register for Summer School

Registration for summer school is open! MCPS is offering the Ignite Middle School Academy, which will offer math and literacy at these six sites — Argyle, Eastern, Forest Oak, Francis Scott Key, Julius West and Rocky Hill. Free transportation will be available; aftercare will be available for a fee. Registration is on [ParentVue](#). MCPS is also offering in-person high school and virtual high school summer school programs. High school students should talk with their counselors to sign up.

[More information](#)

(Coming Up)

What's New in Special Education? Find Out at May 6 Webinar

The Division of Specialized Support Services will hold a webinar for families from 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, focused on what's new in special education services, staffing and supports — and why. MCPS special education leaders will provide context for what this means for schools and classrooms. The session will be held virtually, featuring a brief presentation followed by questions and answers. The Zoom link is available [here](#).

Also, don't miss the [Special Education Family Resource Fair](#) coming up from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 9 at Paint Branch High School. [Read more](#).

Leul Dawit Elected as Next Student Member of the Board

Leul Dawit, a 10th grade student at Northwood High School, has been elected as the Student

Member of the Board of Education (SMOB) for the 2026-2027 school year. Dawit's term begins on July 1, 2026. Dawit will succeed Anuva Maloo, a senior at Montgomery Blair High School, who will graduate in June. He will be the 49th Student Member of the Board. [Read more](#).

Don't Forget

- [Gaithersburg Book Festival](#): Happening 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 16 at Bohrer Park, 506 S. Frederick Avenue in Gaithersburg.
 - [Kindergarten registration](#): If your child turns 5 by Sept. 1, register for full-day kindergarten. Sign up NOW! [Learn more](#).
 - [Prekindergarten & Head Start registration](#): For 3- to 5-year-olds ready to get started with MCPS. Eligibility is based on age and family income. [Learn more](#).
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For Students

- **Montgomery Can Code**: This free weeklong summer camp is open to MCPS rising 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.
Learn more: [English](#) / [español](#) / [中文](#) / [français](#) / [Português](#) / [한국어](#) / [tiếng Việt](#) / [አማርኛ](#)
 - [Annual Job Interview Day](#): 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19. Open to seniors who want to start a career right after graduation.
 - [Safety Day](#): Learn about pedestrian safety, Safe Routes to School and the Vision Zero program during this free event from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on **Saturday, May 9**, at Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive in Rockville.
 - KID Museum is offering upcoming opportunities for students, including summer camps and a free Invent the Future Expo. [Summer camps](#) are available for K–8th grade students from June 22–Aug. 21, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The Invent the Future Expo will be held from 10 a.m.-2p.m. on Sunday, May 31, at 3 Bethesda Metro Center. [Register](#).
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Stay Connected to MCPS

- **VISIT** the [MCPS homepage](#).
- **CALL** 240-740-3000. Staff take calls from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, in English and Spanish (240-740-2845). Visit the [AskMCPS website](#).
- **READ** news and information sent via email and text message and on the [MCPS News](#) page.
- **FOLLOW** the MCPS social media pages:
[x.com/mcps](#) / [facebook.com/mcpsmd](#) / [instagram.com/mcps_md](#) [facebook.com/mcpsespanol](#) / [x.com/MCPSEspanol](#) / [instagram.com/mcpsenespanol](#)
- **SIGN UP** for [emails and text alerts](#) and make sure your [ParentVue](#) information is up to date.
- **WATCH** the MCPS cable channels Comcast 34 (1071 HD), Verizon 36 or RCN 89

More MCPS Resources

- [School calendar](#)
- [Parent resource page](#)
- [News and Information page](#) / [Noticias en Español](#)
- [Latest photo galleries](#)
- [MCPS TV videos](#)
- [MCPS TV español](#)