

THE WEEKLY REDLAND MS BULLDOG BLAST 2024-2025

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.

Welcome Back! Watch our first day of school welcome back video. Thanks to Ms. Irene Johnson for supporting our students and working to organize our Clap In!



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.

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! 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

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Counseling Corner Updates

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MCPS Community News and Information

1. REDLAND INFORMATION and WEEKLY CALENDAR

After School Activities Site: Coming Soon!

Monday: 9/2

Holiday - No School

Tuesday: 9/3

Wednesday: 9/4

Thursday: 9/5

Back to School Night - 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Friday: 9/6

September Dates/Events:

Monday, September 2, 2024 - No School

Thursday, September 5, 2024 - Back to School Open House (5:30 pm - 8:30 pm)

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 - PTA Meeting

Friday, September 27, 2024 - Early Release Day

October Dates/Events:

October 2, 2024 - Fall Picture Day

October 3, 2024 - No School

October 7 - 11, 2024 - Redland MS Book Fair

October 8, 2024 - PTA Meeting

October 14-15, 2024 - Finance Park (Grade 7)

October 15, 2024 - Open House Day

October 17, 2024 - SCHOOL WIDE FUNDRAISER - COLOR RUN

October 18, 2024 - No School

2. Student Recognitions/Advisory:

3. Reminders:

NEW... Fall Sports Information: [LINK](#)

Welcome to another school year, Redland Family! Please use this information to help you when registering for Redland athletics for our fall season. In the fall, MCPS Middle School Athletics offers Co-Ed Cross Country (Coach: **Ms. Dejewski**), as well as Girls (**Ms. Nocente & Mr. Torres**) and Boys Softball (**Mr. Privitera**). No experience is necessary to try out, and all equipment is provided (except shoes, although exceptions may be available).

To try out for sports, student athletes must...

1. Be registered on ParentVue (or call Mr. Garcia for support). Families must re-register for each season (fall, winter, and spring).
2. Complete a submitted, signed, and complete sports physical ([MCPS Form SR-8](#)) This can be given to Ms. Jack or be submitted online through ParentVue. Students only need to do this once in a middle school 'career'.
3. Be Eligible (2.0 GPA or Better, be a 7th or 8th grade student)
4. Show up for all tryout days. Coaches have different criteria for making the team, but you must attend all tryout days in order to be eligible to make the team without discussing issues with your coach prior to the start of tryouts.

Important Fall Athletics Dates 2024

Forms Due: Friday, September 9th

Tryouts Start Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Last Day for Cuts Thursday, September 12th (Cuts may be made before this day)

Fall Game Days

- **Wednesday, September 25th** (Gaithersburg)
- **Tuesday, October 8th** (Montgomery Village)
- **Thursday, October 10th** (Forest Oak)
- **Wednesday, October 16th** (Shady Grove*) (Rivalry Game)
- **Tuesday, October 22nd** (Rosa Parks)

Celebration/Team Photos October 31st

Boys Softball Home (October 8th, October 16th, October 22nd)

Girls Softball Home (September 25th, October 10th)

Cross Country Home (September 25th, October 10th)

When one team is home, the other team is away (So when the boys' softball team plays at home the girls' softball team & cross country are away at the opposing middle school - bus transportation to & from Redland is provided on game days for away teams only).

Please email me at rashanda.jack@mcpsmd.net with any questions.

Sincerely, Ms. Jack, RMS Athletic Coordinator

NEW...Upcoming Fundraiser:

We will hold our annual popcorn fundraiser starting September 5th. Please click the flier to learn more.

[Popcorn Fundraiser Link](#)

COMING SOON

(STARTS SEPT. 5TH BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT)

Support the RMS Choral Program & Enjoy Popcorn!



America's Favorite Gourmet Popcorn

Locally Made in Baltimore

For every delicious bag of popcorn your family orders, **50% PROFIT** goes directly to the **RMS Choruses**. Proceeds go towards Music in the Parks trip, outreach and performance field trips, new music, accompanists, piano tunings, and more!



- 8 AMAZING flavors
- Order ONLINE
 - or from a Chorus member
 - Give your SINGER credit!
- DONATIONS also appreciated!
 - Cash or Checks to RMS. 100% to RMS!

Fundraiser runs September 5 - 22, 2024!

Thank you for supporting choral music at Redland!





Back to School Open House: Thursday, September 5, 2024

[Back to School Flier](#) (LINK)

Time	Agenda	What will I see or hear?
5:30-6:00 p.m.	Resources Fair (Main Hallway)	Informational tables, PTA table, after school activities, food samples from the cafeteria, and more!
	Family Life (Room 168)	Learn about our Family Life unit
6:00-6:30 p.m.	Administration Welcome Message (Cafeteria)	Hear about our upcoming year, events, opportunities to come to school, and more!
6:30-8:30	Special Education Meet and Greet (Media Center)	Meet your child's Case Manager
6:30-8:30	ARS Meet and Greet (Room 146)	Meet your child's Case Manager
6:30-8:30 p.m.	Open House (Classrooms)	Visit your child's classrooms, meet the teachers and see what your child will learn!

Chromebooks:

This year students will be using school issued chromebooks during the school day. These Chromebooks will be picked up before the first period begins and returned to the seventh period class carts at the end of the day.

Chromebook bags will not be provided this year and we are recommending students purchase a chromebook bag to assist in carrying their devices. [Possible Bag Options](#)

Current 7th and 8th grade students can use their school issued bag from last year.

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 \(LINK\)](#)

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 2024–2025 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.

SchoolCash Online

Montgomery County Public Schools uses the online payment system called **SchoolCash Online** as its preferred method of payment for school-related fees such as fundraisers, field trips, obligations, etc. (Please note that the new payment system is NOT related to school cafeteria accounts)

SchoolCash Online helps parents/guardians and community members pay school-related fees safely, quickly, and easily. SchoolCash Online will help increase efficiency and security at schools by making payments directly into schools' bank accounts and eliminating the need for teachers to handle money. In addition, once registered, you will be immediately informed about school activities!

Powered by KEV Group, SchoolCash Online is the industry leader in the management of school fees. The new system puts all of the school-related fees online for purchase so users can make purchases online using a credit card or e-check. A processing fee will be included on all items available for purchase, regardless of the type of payment used on SchoolCash Online or at the school.

Parents/guardians can register now at - <https://mcpsmd.schoolcashionline.com/>

NEW...ATTENTION MCPS! The Montgomery County Board of Elections is in search of civic-minded students grade 6-12.

Since 2004, the Montgomery County Board of Elections has conducted the Future Vote Initiative to encourage students from grades 6 to 12 to participate in elections. To date, +52,000 students have participated in the Future Vote, including over +12,000 who have served as election workers after their sixteenth birthday. The program also provides an experience for young people that will shape their values and character and give them an understanding of what it means to exercise their vote and empower others to do the same. To apply, review the registration instructions provided here:

[2024_FV_Registration_Instructions_03292024-2.pdf \(montgomerycountymd.gov\)](#).

Future Vote deadline is October 16, 2024, with mandatory training held from October 8-17, 2024.

Training information, dates and locations provided during registration.

- FV FAQs [Montgomery County Board of Elections: Future Vote FAQs \(montgomerycountymd.gov\)](#)
- Future Vote Recognition by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission [Montgomery County MD 2018 Clearinghouse Award Winner | U.S. Election Assistance Commission \(eac.gov\)](#)

Students 16 years or older are eligible to register to vote and serve as election poll workers. Each minor must demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Maryland State Board of Elections, that they meet all qualifications for voter registration in the State. Each student will earn a minimum \$250 stipend or up to 25 Student Service Learning (SSL) hours per full day of service. Individuals who served at the polling places or early voting in previous elections will receive a \$100 bonus per full day served (\$50 for half-day shifts). To serve in this paid volunteer position election workers must be U.S. citizens, registered to vote in the State of Maryland, able to speak, read, and write the English language, and cannot hold, or be a candidate for, public or party office. In addition, election workers may not serve as campaign managers for candidates or as treasurer for any campaign finance entity. Training is required and will be provided to election workers. This includes an online quiz and in-person classroom training held now through October. Volunteers will be paid for completing training and working during Early Voting and/or on Election Day. Due to the diversity within the county, voters who speak multiple languages are encouraged to apply. We offer several different positions, full-day, and part-day. To apply, text SERVE to 77788, or [EJ Connection - Montgomery County Board of Elections \(montgomerycountymd.gov\)](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/EJConnection). The Maryland voter registration deadline is Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

- High School Election Worker FAQs [High School Poll Workers - Montgomery County MD](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HighSchoolPollWorkers)
- Position Description & Stipend/SSL Amounts [Montgomery County Board of Elections - Election Worker Job Descriptions \(montgomerycountymd.gov\)](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/MontgomeryCountyBoardofElections-ElectionWorkerJobDescriptions)

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