

THE WEEKLY REDLAND MS BULLDOG BLAST 2025-2026

Direct Donation Campaign:

We are continuing our direct donation campaign to fund several NEW outdoor picnic benches for the staff and students. If you wish to donate, please click the link below:

<https://mcpsmd.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/98027/354/False/True>

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: 11/24

Early Release Day - 12:30pm

Parent/Teacher Conferences - Please check you sign up

Tuesday: 11/25

Early Release Day - 12:30pm

Wednesday - Friday: 11/26 - 11/28

No School - Thanksgiving Break

After the Thanksgiving Break:

Monday: 12/1

Tuesday: 12/2

RecXtra 6th Grade Soccer Club
Floor Hockey Club
Math Invention and Support
Yearbook Club
Debate Club
Green Team
GSA

Wednesday: 12/3

Jazz Band
Baking Club (session 1)
Homework Club - 6th Grade
Adventure Club (D&D)
Fitness and Wellness

Thursday: 12/4

Homework Club - 8th grade

Friday: 12/5

November Dates/Events:

Monday, November 24 - Early Release - 12:30pm

Monday, November 24 - Parent Conferences - (1:00pm - 7:30pm) [Preparing for Parent Conferences](#)

Tuesday, November 25 - Early Release - 12:30pm

Wednesday, November 26 - Friday, November 28 - No School - Happy Thanksgiving

December Dates/Events:

Friday, December 12 - 8th grade Field Trip - Udvay Hazy Museum

Friday, December 12 - PTA Winter Dance 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Tuesday, December 16 - Winter Chorus Concert 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 17 - Winter Jazz Band and Orchestra Concert 7:00pm

Thursday, December 18 - Winter Band Concert 7pm

Wednesday, December 24 - January 4, 2026 - Winter Break - School Closed

January 5, 2026 - Students return to school from break

2. Student Recognitions/Advisory:

3. Reminders:

Yearbooks: [\(LINK\)](#)

Forgot to reserve your copy of the yearbook? You're in luck! Keep an eye on your email inbox! A special coupon will be sent out soon from Walsworth to order a copy of the school yearbook at a discounted price.

Would you like to help? Do you have photos from the summer, extra curricular activities, 1st day of school? We would like you to share them with us so that they can be included in the yearbook. Go to the app store on your phone, download Yearbook Snap and upload your photos OR you can email them as attachments to Diana_Pham@mcpsmd.org.

Fitness and Wellness Club

Start early on your new year's resolution by joining us in the weight room for our fitness and wellness club every Wednesday with Mr. Martinez. Grab a permission slip outside of room 145 and turn it into Mr. Martinez as soon as possible to get that work in!

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:

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

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:

Join Us for Operating Budget Listening Sessions in December

MCPS is hosting three community listening sessions to discuss the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Operating Budget. Join Superintendent Thomas Taylor and MCPS leadership to share your insights on what should be prioritized for next year. Parents, staff, students and community members are encouraged to ask questions and engage in the conversation. [Read more about when and where.](#)

Engagement Sessions Set for Dec. 1-4 for Additional Boundary Options

MCPS is hosting a new round of engagement sessions on the Woodward/Northwood and Crown/Damascus boundary studies during the first week of December. Four will be virtual; two will be in person. Additional boundary options will be shared for each of the current boundary studies. These additional boundary options do not replace the current boundary options (A–D) that have already been released. [Read more.](#)

Board of Education Elects New Officers



Grace Rivera-Oven was elected president and Brenda Wolff was elected vice president of the Montgomery County Board of Education during a business meeting on Nov. 20.

Rivera-Oven will begin her first term as president of the Board on Dec. 1. Ms. Rivera-Oven was elected to the Board of Education in 2022 and represents District 1. Her passion for equity and family engagement stems from her experience as a graduate of Gaithersburg High School, where she remembers the challenges of growing up as a Latina student in MCPS.

Ms. Wolff, representing District 5, has served on the Board since 2018 and was re-elected to a second term in 2022. She previously served two terms as president and one term as vice president. Board leaders serve one-year terms. [Watch the election](#) and [read more](#).

Now You Know: Climate Survey



The 2025–2026 Districtwide Culture and Climate Survey is now available — and we need to hear from you! Your feedback helps to ensure that every student and family in every school feels included, supported and ready to thrive. The survey is confidential and takes just a few minutes. [Read more.](#)

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

Parent-Teacher Conferences Coming Next Week

Parent-teacher conferences will be held Nov. 24-25 and are a great opportunity to talk with your child’s teacher about how your child is doing — academically and socially. For questions you can ask and tips to help you prepare, [read more.](#)

Save the Date: Used Car, Computer Sale Coming Dec. 6

Students in the Montgomery County Students [Automotive Trades Foundation \(ATF\)](#) and [Information Technology Foundation \(ITF\)](#) will sell used cars and computers they have refurbished from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6, at Gaithersburg High School. The school is located at 101 Education Blvd. in Gaithersburg. Inventory will be posted in December. [Read more.](#)

Student Opportunities

- [Women Making History Award](#): High school seniors are eligible for the 2026 “Women Making History Award,” an honor that recognizes outstanding women in Montgomery County who make significant contributions to the community. Deadline: 11:59 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5.
- [Vision Zero Youth Ambassadors](#): The Montgomery County Department of Transportation is seeking high school students for this project-based learning program that teaches leadership skills, the importance of roadway design, law enforcement, outreach and

engagement techniques to address traffic safety needs in their community. Up to 46 Student Service Learning hours are available. Deadline: Friday, Dec. 5.

- **[Speak Up; Save a Life](#)**: Create an original video to promote awareness of the dangers of opioid/fentanyl abuse and overdose among teens. Deadline: Sunday, Dec. 7.
 - **C-SPAN StudentCam Competition**: Students in 6th through 12th grades are invited to create a video documentary on a topic that relates to the competition theme, “Exploring the American Story through the Declaration of Independence.” Top prize is \$5,000. Deadline: Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2026.
 - **Choose Respect Video Contest**: Open to secondary students, this contest challenges teens to create an original video promoting awareness of dating violence/abuse among teens. Videos can be in English or Spanish. Top prize is \$1,000. Deadline: Sunday, Feb. 15, 2026.
 - **America’s Field Trip**: This contest invites students in grades 3-12 to submit writing or artwork in sharing their perspectives on what America means to them — and earn the opportunity to travel for field trip experiences at historic and cultural landmarks. Deadline: March 30, 2026.
 - **Seeking High School Election Workers**: This Montgomery County Board of Elections program provides students with an opportunity to serve voters during the 2026 Gubernatorial Elections in June 2026. Students registered to vote can **submit an application**. Students not registered to vote should download, complete and mail these three forms: **Maryland Voter Registration, Election Worker Application** and **Permission Slip** (*for workers under 18 years old*).
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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](#)