

Gibbs Gator News October October 13 - October 20

A Message from the Principal

Dear Gibbs Families,

I hope everyone enjoyed a restful weekend and found time to relax and recharge! As we step into a new week of learning, I continue to be so proud of the hard work, curiosity, and kindness our students bring to school each day. Thank you for your ongoing partnership in helping to make William B. Gibbs, Jr. Elementary is a place where every child feels valued and inspired to grow.

Here's a reminder to check our Gibbs Family Calendar available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#). These calendars are live documents and are updated regularly as times, dates, and additional details become available. For this reason, we recommend viewing them online rather than printing to ensure you always have the most current information.

Mrs. Sampson

Principal

Here are a few important updates and reminders for the week of October 13:

Date	Event	Details
Mon, 10/13	Boosterthon  Young Rembrandts After School Program (ASP) (Art)	All Day 4:05–5:05 p.m.
Tue, 10/14	Boosterthon Ends - FUN RUN - TIME CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER Grades K, 2, 4 Grades 1, 3, 5   MSA Soccer - ASP	1:00pm 2:15pm 4:05–5:05 p.m.
Weds, 10/15	Hispanic Heritage Month Ends	All Day 4:05–5:05 p.m.
Thurs, 10/16	Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch  MSA Basketball	Check with your child's teacher for details 4:05–5:05 p.m.
Fri, 10/17	No School for students Teacher Professional Development Day	All Day

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THANK YOU, GIBBS GATORS. Together as of Friday, October 10th we've raised \$13,801 from friends and family in 22 states and 4 countries. WOW!!

☕ Let's give our teachers a caffeine BOOST on Monday! <https://tinyurl.com/BoosterVol25>
Sign up to bring a snack or drink to fuel Gibbs staff for the Fun Run next week.
Students can still win bonus prizes for any NEW pledges they receive Friday through Sunday....

- CLASS MOVIE AND POPCORN 🍿
- MONDAY AFTERNOON ANNOUNCER 🎤
- COSMIC KEYCHAIN Glows in the Dark! (\$60 donation) 💎

🚀 Register for Boosterthon and share the donation link now! <https://mybooster.com/> 🚀
It's not too late to win challenges and earn prizes. 🎮 Reminder, your student will get a FREE Dave & Buster's Game Play Pass after their first \$35 donation.

🏆 Congratulations to the winners of Friday's Fancy Lunch! 🎉

- Kindergarten: Lynd
- 1st Gr: Wagner
- 2nd Gr: Lorenzo-seda
- 3rd Gr: Jakiun
- 4th Gr: King
- 5th Gr: Huston

We greatly appreciate your enthusiasm and support. ❤️

Tutoring Services Available for MCPS Students

Montgomery County Public Schools offers tutoring services to support students in all grade levels. These services are designed to help with homework, reinforce classroom learning, and strengthen academic skills in reading, math, and more. Families can explore both in-person and virtual options provided by MCPS-approved partners.

Learn more and find the right support for your child by visiting:

👉 [MCPS Tutoring Resources](#)

Haunted House Experience at Clarksburg High School

Looking for a fun and spooky way to celebrate the season? Clarksburg High School is hosting a **Haunted House Experience** on October 24th and October 25th that's sure to thrill! This event is open to the community and offers a great opportunity for family fun. [See the flyer for more information](#), including dates, times, and ticket details.

PTA Meeting Highlights – October 7, 2025

During last week's PTA meeting, Mrs. Grande shared helpful information about the upcoming Measures of Academic Program (MAP) assessment and DIBELS assessment. MAP is a computerized adaptive test developed by NWEA that measures student achievement and growth in reading and math. The test adapts its difficulty based on the student's performance. DIBELS. Here are the slides MAP/DIBELS Slides for PTA 10/7/25 in case you missed the meeting.



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Ms. Monfared, our NAACP representative, discussed an exciting potential field trip to the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. a special opportunity we hope to offer to Gibbs students, families, and staff in the near future.

In addition, we celebrated the success of our Boosterthon event. A big thank you to our AMAZING PTA, volunteers, families, students, and our other dedicated Gibbs staff for your hard work and support in making this program such a success!

We also discussed some updates to the fifth grade field trip to Medieval Times.

IMPORTANT UPDATE: Family Communication at Gibbs and MCPS is Changing!

[Parent Communication Update](#)

Our district is phasing out the use of Remind as a communication tool for families, as ParentSquare has recently acquired Remind. Beginning November 30th, William B. Gibbs, Jr. Elementary will no longer use Remind to send messages, newsletters, or updates to families. Starting that date, ParentSquare and Synergy/ParentVUE will be our only communication platforms; the principal's weekly newsletters will be sent via ParentSquare.

For your convenience, the principal's weekly messages will also be posted on our school website no later than the Monday following each Sunday message to families, ensuring you can always access the latest updates.

We strongly encourage all families to download the ParentSquare app to stay connected and informed. Many of our teachers have already begun using ParentSquare to communicate directly with parents and guardians.

Thank you for making this transition with us and ensuring that you continue to receive all important school information.

Please scan the QR code to download the app and sign up today! If the QR Code does not work for you, please download the app from the Apple or Google Play Store!

Love the Skin You're In

What does it truly mean to *love the skin you're in*? Through this empowering art and literacy program, students will explore identity, self-expression, and the beauty of diversity. Using acrylics and portraiture, they'll create meaningful artwork while learning vocabulary and engaging in conversations about self-love and appreciation for others.

Join us in celebrating every shade, story, and self.

👉 **Click here to sign up today!**

🌐 www.blackrockcenter.org | ☎ 301-528-2260

The Korean Language & Culture Program at Clarksburg Elementary School

The Korean Language & Culture Program at Clarksburg Elementary School will be starting soon for this school year! The program's first day will be October 29, 2025. Classes will meet every Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. The program is an after-school activity centered on the Korean language and culture, but is attended by a

diverse student population. Any students in Grades K through 5 from Clarksburg Elementary School or any neighboring elementary school are invited to participate. Please submit a Google registration form to register your child/ren. You can use the link or QR code in this [FLYER](#) to complete the registration process.

