



Weekly Community Updates January 27th, 2025

<u>Calendar</u>	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
<i>This week:</i>	26	27 Math Night 6-8	28 End of MP2	29 No School for Students	30 Semester 2 begins; Marking period 3 begins	31 Spirit Wear!	1
<i>Next Week:</i>	2	3	4 Report Cards Available in Synergy	5 Green Team Meeting 3:30-4:30	6	7 Spirit Wear!	

 Please always drive safely around the school- our children depend on it! 

**** Counselor Transition Update: 1.27.25: We are waiting for clearance from HR for Mr. Yinusa to begin.**



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*** We regret to inform you that Ms. Grabner is no longer at Westbrook. We wish her the best in her next endeavors. This week, we will be interviewing potential candidates to fill this role, and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to find the right fit for our community.*

Westbrook NEWS, INFORMATION, REMINDERS

It is never a good idea (or a legal idea) to block driveways and crosswalks. Even more importantly, blocking these accessways when there is ice and piles of snow makes for a much more dangerous school arrival and dismissal. I realize it takes a minute or two extra from your day. However, there is nothing more important than the safety of our students. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sign up! ** KIDS Heart Challenge:

Kids Heart Challenge is coming to our school!!

Our school is preparing to kick off the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge (KHC)! Join today to make a difference in the fight against heart disease and stroke.

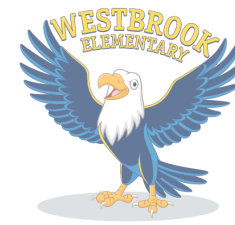
[Register online and complete Finn's Mission to learn Hands-Only CPR.](#)

1. Register today and download the AHA Schools app
2. Start Finn's Mission to complete your challenges and change lives!

We're going to make a huge impact together!

P.S. Check to see if your employer has a matching gift program—it could double your donation! Follow the steps and forward the confirmation to MatchingGifts@heart.org

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Cold Weather

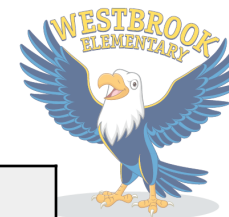
Baby. It's cold outside! Please be sure your student wears a jacket to school. Students go outside even when it is cold, so please make sure they have hats, mittens, gloves, a coat and appropriate shoes!

***Personal Mobile Devices Clarification**

The MCPS policy states that elementary school students must have all personal mobile devices OFF and IN THEIR BACKPACK during the school day, including recess and lunch. This policy also refers to watches that have calling/texting abilities. Putting the watches in "school mode" violates this policy. They must be off and put away.

Monthly Grade-Level Newsletters

K	Kinder
1st	First Grade
2nd	G2 Jan
3rd	G3 Jan
4th	Gr. 4 Jan
5th	G5 Jan
Art	Art January2025



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Music	Contact Ms. Gill
P.E.	Jan PE
Media	Media News Jan
EML	Contact Ms. Razzaghi or Mrs. Garagusi

Counseling Updates

Long-Term Substitute Counselor Search- See most recent information above.

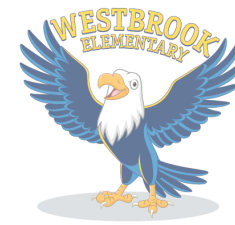
MCPS News

[Check out the MCPS Parent's Resource page](#)

Digital Learning Information and Support for Parents- hot linked!

- ParentVue login Portal
 - Every MCPS Parent Should have a ParentVue Account - FAQs & Activation Information
 - Community Tech Support Center Information
 - Free, On-Demand Online/Virtual Tutoring
 - Cybersafety
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Save the Date for Spring PTA events:

- January 27: Math Night
- February 23: Bingo Night
- February 27: Spelling Bee (added thanks to a parent's suggestion at the PTA meeting!)
- March 21: Skate Night
- April 8: Science Fair
- May 16: Carnival

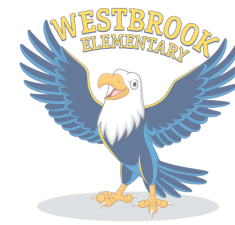
FOWS (Friends of Westbrook School Foundation) NEWS

Tickets on Sale Now for Wild Wild Westbrook - Saturday, February 1st

- Buy your tickets at <https://givebutter.com/WildWildWestbrook>
- We need your help to make the FOWS Winter Social and Auction a success!
 - Do you have items you'd like to donate to the auction? If so, please email us at friendsofwestbrook@gmail.com.
 - If you'd like to join the Auction Committee, please email us at friendsofwestbrook@gmail.com.



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Save the Date for Dad's Night on Saturday, March 15th!

Westbrook Pantry Needs Your Support

- [Click here](#) to view our Amazon Wish List, which is updated in real time to reflect inventory needs. If you are interested in contributing on an ongoing basis, feel free to bookmark this link and check back regularly.
- If you'd like to make a monetary donation, you can purchase an Amazon gift card on the [Wish List](#) or donate through the [FOWS website](#), where you can make a contribution by including "Pantry" in the note/comment box.
- For families interested in using the pantry, please email Ms. Faerber at Yolanda.Faerber@mcpsmd.org with the subject line "PANTRY REQUEST." You are also welcome to contact friendsofwestbrook@gmail.com to learn more about available support. Correspondence with Ms. Faerber and FOWS will be kept confidential.

FOWS Grant Application

If you have a great idea to improve the Westbrook community, we encourage you to complete our grant application [here](#) to request funding. The next grant deadline is February 15th.

Quick Links!

- [PARENT DASHBOARD](#) (Parent Handbook)
- [Parent Resources](#) from MCPS
- Our school [website](#)
- [Staff Directory](#)

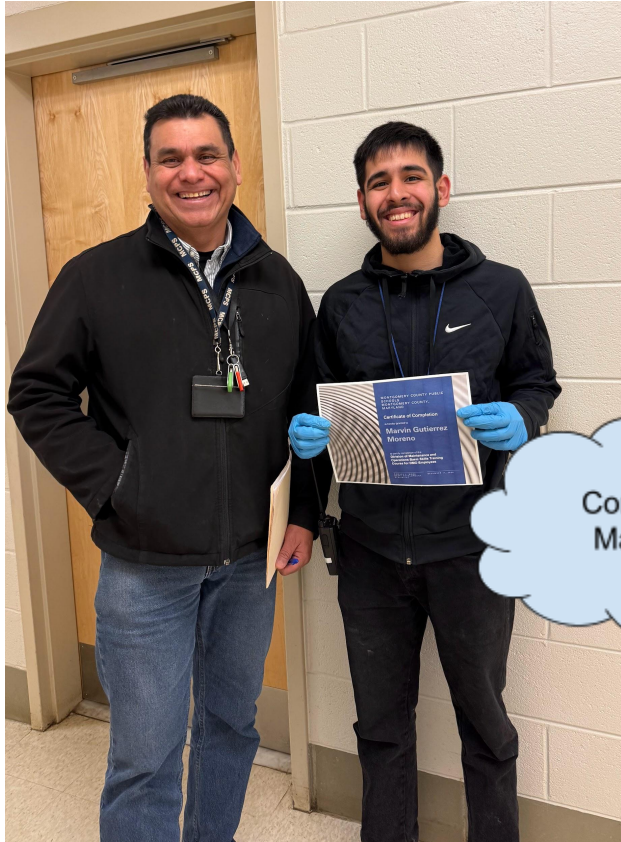
****Bullying, harassment (including sexual misconduct and sexual harassment), intimidation, hazing, incidents of hate bias, and concerning issues involving student gender identity are not tolerated in MCPS. We are committed to ensuring our students feel safe, valued, and respected in our schools. Please see the multiple ways you can file a report by clicking [here](#).**

Please contact us directly with any questions or concerns. We have an open-door policy and desire to support our

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school/home community partnership.

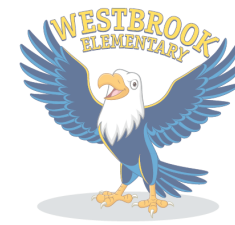


Some moments
from the week!



Tig (an emotional support dog)
was thrilled to visit Westbrook!
Thanks you Ms. Chase for
organizing!

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Proudly serving the Westbrook Community,
Principal Cox and Assistant Principal Johnson