

## **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.

**Principal's Welcome Back Letter:** [English Spanish](#)

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

**IMPORTANT:** [Car Rider Drop-Off and Pick-Up Map](#)

**All the summer resources and information are available on our website.**

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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:** *We are halfway there!*

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

RMS Reminders

Counseling Corner Updates

PTA News and Updates

MCPS Community News and Information

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**1. REDLAND INFORMATION and WEEKLY CALENDAR**

After School Activities Site: Coming Soon!

**Monday: 8/26**

First Day of School - Classes start at 8:15am

Clap In at 7:30am

**Tuesday: 8/27**

**Wednesday: 8/28**

**Thursday: 8/29**

**Friday: 8/30**

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**August Dates/Events:**

**Monday, August 26, 2024 - First Day of School - Morning Clap-In Event**



The poster features a bulldog mascot in the top left corner. The main title is "Clap-in at Redland Middle School!" in large red font. Below the title, the school's address is listed: "Redland Middle School, 6505 Muncaster Mill Road, Rockville, MD 20855". A central text box states: "The first day of school for students is Monday August 26th, 2024!". Below this, a message reads: "Let's show our students the love from our community by clapping for them as they walk into their first day of school!". An aerial map of the school campus is shown with two callout boxes: "Please park here" pointing to a parking lot and "Clap-in will be here" pointing to the school entrance. To the right of the map, it says: "Clap-in begins at 7:30 a.m. in front of the school. All are welcome! Bring excitement and cheer!". At the bottom right, there is a cartoon illustration of a yellow school bus with three children waving from the windows. At the bottom left, contact information is provided: "Questions? Irene Johnson, NAACP Representative at 301-910-0895 or Molly Murray, Redland MS Assistant Principal at Molly\_B\_Murray@mcpsmd.org".

**September Dates/Events:**

**Monday, September 2, 2024** - No School

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

**Friday, September 27, 2024** - Early Release Day

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**2. Student Recognitions/Advisory:**

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**3. Reminders:**

**Upcoming Fundraiser:**

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

[Popcorn Fundraiser Link](#)

**Cafeteria Information:**

Please make sure you have added funds to your student's account before the first day of school.

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/food-and-nutrition/menus/>

**School Supply List (LINK)**

**Summer Reading and Math Information:**

All students should access the summer links and complete the packets.

[Link To Resources](#)

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

**A flier will be sent home with students the first week of school.**

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

**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.

### **Bulldog Store Donations:**

We miss seeing our young Bulldogs around the building, but hope everyone is enjoying some time away!

While our young Bulldogs are enjoying some down time, we are busy preparing for another amazing year! One current area of focus is our school store, affectionately known as the Bulldog Pound. All items in our school store can be purchased using Bulldog Bucks, a currency earned by all students as recognition for making positive choices. Please click the link below to learn more about how to donate and what items we are requesting.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1APZ5uKOid8ePkTzTKbyH6WApT1HEs3DXiYlnzqjl2Dk/edit?usp=sharing>

### **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.

**NEW: Fall 2024 middle school interscholastic Athletics (coed cross country, boys and girls softball)**

**The Middle School Fall Athletics Registration is now open!**

**Tryout Registration DUE Monday September 9th .  
Fall Sports tryouts begin TUESDAY September 10th.**

If your 7th or 8th grade child is interested in trying out for either Girls Softball, Boys Softball or Co-ed Cross Country, you may register your child for tryouts through the [ParentVUE Portal](#).

The ParentVUE online registration portal, available in English and Spanish, incorporates all required paper forms and documents into an internet-based platform that you can access using your secure ParentVUE Portal login. Parents/guardians should also be able to scan and upload their student's physical as part of the registration process.

Students should complete their [pre-participation physical \(MCPS Form SR-8\)](#) so that the medical eligibility form (the last page) is ready for online submission via the ParentVue Portal or for email submission to me, **before tryouts/practices begin**. This form is valid for two years from the date of the exam and covers participation for all sports within that time period.

Thank you in advance for your support, as we strive to provide a smooth registration experience. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Rashanda Jack, Redland Athletic Coordinator, at [Rashanda\\_Jack@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Rashanda_Jack@mcpsmd.org)

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### **3. Counseling Corner Updates:**

Counselor Contact Information- Office phone (240)740-0910

Mr. Megary- 6th grade and Department Head

[Jay\\_Megary@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Jay_Megary@mcpsmd.org)

Mrs. Pulver- 7th grade

[Caitlin\\_Pulver@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Caitlin_Pulver@mcpsmd.org)

Mrs. Finch- 8th grade

[Melissa\\_S\\_Finch@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Melissa_S_Finch@mcpsmd.org)

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### **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](http://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

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**5. MCPS Communication and Information:**

**ONLINE FARMS APPS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!**

[www.MySchoolApps.com](http://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/>**