

Good Afternoon, Wood Families,

This is Heidi Slatcoff, your proud principal, with some important announcements. In our message for this week, we have information regarding MCPS community message, MCPS survey, upcoming PTA meeting, 8th grade MISA testing, Guest Speaker sponsored by PTA, SSL awards and opportunities, STEAM Night Volunteers, 8th grade field trip volunteers, Voices of Wood, April 22nd date change, upcoming calendar items, and MCPS updates. We also have included recurring announcements from previous messages. That is all for today. Don't forget this message is also posted on our website. Remember, we are Many Mustangs, One Herd, Chasing the W!

MCPS Community Message

Please see the links to the latest MCPS community message.

1. [Things to Know](#) - 3/7/24

MCPS Survey

We are asking for ALL students, families and staff to participate in this year's climate survey. Please use this link <https://parentsurvey.mcpsmd.org/> to access the survey. The deadline to complete the survey is March 15h. Thank you for helping to make sure everyone takes the survey.

PTA Meeting

Come and join our PTA meeting on Tuesday, March 12 at 7PM. This meeting will be held via zoom. Click on the link below to join the meeting.

<https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/84043588312?pwd=TW4yMW9MRDhGNWJGNldLNnFZNXVrUT09>

Meeting ID: 840 4358 8312 **Passcode:** woodpta

One tap mobile: +13017158592,,84043588312#,,,,*3642538# US (Washington DC)

Grade 8 MISA Testing

Grade 8 students will be taking the Maryland Integrated Science Assessment on Wednesday, March 13 and Thursday, March 14. The grade 8 MISA assesses the Middle School NGSS for grades 6 through 8. The assessment includes disciplinary core ideas from life science, physical science as well as Earth and space science and is part of the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program, or MCAP state testing. To prepare for this assessment, students should get a good night's sleep, be on time to school, and eat a healthy breakfast. As a reminder, no electronic devices - cell phones, AirPods, or Smart Watches - are allowed during state testing.

Here is the [SY24 Spring Testing Schedule](#).

Guest Speaker Opportunity

In support of our Healthy Minds Programming, Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force member and retired police officer Joe Dugan will be coming to speak at Wood on March 20th at 6:30 pm on Internet, gaming, and social media safety, best practices, parenting, etc. This talk is open for all parents and middle school-aged students and older. It would not be appropriate content for younger children. Please join in the gymnasium for this event.

STEAM Night Volunteers

The Wood STEAM night is March 14th. Students can earn SSL hours by volunteering to help. If you are interested in helping out and earning hours please reach out to Mrs. Dec at monica.p.dec@mcpsmd.net or stop by to see her in room 256. There will be a sign up sheet on her door in case you miss her. Do you have a STEAM skill you would like to share? If you are interested in facilitating a session this year, please email Brent Bowman @ brent_bowman@mcpsmd.org.

MCPS SSL Information

- Please see [the link attached here](#) for more information on SSL awards.
- Please [click on the link](#) to find more details regarding an SSL opportunity on Earth Day.
- Here are [additional SSL opportunities](#) for the month.

8th Grade Field Trip

The 8th Grade Team is happy to announce an exciting opportunity for our 8th Grade students. We will be exploring the Smithsonian National Museums on April 8, 2024, from 9:45 a.m. - 2:00 pm. Students will explore one of four museums based on their preference survey. We are also in need of parent volunteers for the field trip. If you are interested in being a parent volunteer, please contact Mr. Jason Laraia (jason_laraia@mcpsmd.org) for more details.

Voices of Wood Open Mic Night

Sign up for Voices of Wood Open Mic Night! There is still time to sign up for Voices of Wood Open Mic Night! The event is scheduled for April 11th from 6:30-8pm. Find out more about Voices of Wood by viewing [the slide show](#). Sign up using the link you find in the slide show. The group meets on Mondays and Wednesdays during lunches! Questions? Contact Mrs. Bowman at dawn_b_bowman@mcpsmd.org

Change to Monday, April 22 - please read

Monday, April 22 was previously designated as a professional development/possible make-up day in the 2023–2024 traditional school year calendar. This day will shift to an asynchronous learning day where students will engage in the learning experiences and complete work asynchronously. Students

will have 10 days to submit their asynchronous work from the virtual day. Submission of the asynchronous work will be used to take attendance in order to meet the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) attendance requirements. More information will be provided as we get closer to April 22nd.

Staff Shout Outs

In an effort to acknowledge our wonderful Wood faculty we have created a [google form](#) to shout out our staff. Please use this form to acknowledge and thank someone for their hard work, dedication and commitment to Wood Middle School. Thank you in advance for helping us celebrate the staff.

Important Upcoming Dates

- Mar 12 - PTA Meeting
- Mar 13 - Mar 14 - MISA testing (8th grade only)
- Mar 14 - STEAM Night
- Mar 20- PTA Guest Speaker- 6:30 PM
- March 25- 29- Spring Break - No School
- April 1- No School
- April 3- Girls Soccer @ Home; Boys Soccer @ Frost at 3:15 p.m.
- April 8 - 8th Grade Field Trip
- April 9 - End of Marking Period 3
 - Girls Soccer @ Hoover; Boys Soccer @ Home at 3:15 p.m
- April 10 - No School for Students
- April 12- PTA Meeting
- April 15- 18 - MCAP ELA Testing
- April 17- Girls Soccer @ Home; Boys Soccer @ Cabin John at 3:15 p.m
- April 18- SGA Dance - 3:15 PM

MCPS Updates

- **Academic Resources** There are many amazing things happening during the school day to support the learning of our students! At times, some students need some extra support to master new learning. MCPS has gathered resources that are free or low cost to families. These resources directly align with our curriculum used to teach our students each day. Let us know if you have any questions about your student's academic progress. [Family Resources](#)
- **Tell Us What You Think on Decisions Impacting You and Your Student** Share Your Input on the Community Engagement Officer (CEO) Program Take this five-minute [survey](#) to share your feedback on the MCPS and County Police Department (MCPD) Community Engagement Officer (CEO) program.
- **Student Transfer Application Season Is Now Open** The 2024-2025 Change of School Assignment (COSA) transfer season is now open . The

COSA process allows families to submit a request for their children to transfer out of their assigned home school. All COSA request applications must be submitted no later than Tuesday, April 2. [Read full details.](#)

- **Prekindergarten and Head Start Registration Opens March 1**
Prekindergarten and Head Start registration begins Friday, March 1, for the 2024-2025 school year. Children must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2024, and families must be income-eligible to apply. Families can register their children online or in person. If your child was 4 on or before Sept. 1, 2023, you may still register for Prekindergarten/Head Start for the remainder of this school year. [Click here for how to register.](#) For more information about eligibility guidelines, required documents or how to register online, call 240-740-4530 or visit the [MCPS website.](#)
- **Google for Doodle** [Doodle for Google](#) is holding its 16th annual art contest for students in grades K-12. Kids are invited to create their own Google Doodle for the chance to have it featured on Google.com, as well as win college scholarships and tech packages for their schools. The deadline to apply is Thursday, March 14. [How to enter](#) [Submit a doodle](#)
- **The Amplifier holding flash & self portrait contest** MCPS' student-led magazine, The Amplifier, is seeking submissions for its written profile and self portrait contest. The flash profiles must feature a MCPS student, staff member or alum with a compelling story. Students may submit any style of drawing/painting/photography for the self portrait. Prizes for each category: First place: \$100 Visa gift card, second place: \$50 Visa gift card, third place: \$25 Visa gift card. The deadline for students to submit is Thursday, March 15. Students can send their submissions [here](#) Guidelines and examples [here](#)

Inviting All Students, Staff and Families to Share Your Feedback

We want to hear from you on how we are doing. MCPS is inviting ALL students, staff and parents/caregivers to share your experiences and thoughts on academics, communication, and overall satisfaction with your school and the district and/or experience working at MCPS. Your input and insight is essential in helping us understand what is working well and areas of improvement. Your participation and any identifying information is completely confidential. The feedback collected will be used to inform decisions and help create a more supportive and enriching environment for students, staff, and families in our district.

[Click here to access more information about the surveys.](#) The survey will be open until **March 15**

Maryland School Survey

State law requires that all public schools in Maryland survey students about school climate. The purpose of the survey is to gain valuable information about the quality and character of each school's learning environment so that schools can promote a climate that supports student learning.

Students will take the Maryland School Survey in science classes during the month of March.

[Parent Letter English](#)

[Parent Letter Spanish](#)

Items needed for Health Room

Spring Cleaning, Kids Growing? Donate preloved clothing to Wood Middle School Health Room is in need of: Girls Stretchy Pants size 10 to 16, Socks and Plastic grocery bags.

Immunization Requirements

All Incoming 7th grade students must have both a Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) and meningococcal (MCV) vaccine. Parents/Guardians are urged to provide to the health room the documentation of the Tdap and MCV immunizations as soon as possible this current school year, or before the first day of school next year. There is a limited quantity of these vaccines, free of charge during the spring break clinics listed below, for all current Grade 6 through 12 students. Please call first to ensure a vaccine is available. You must take this letter and attachments to one of the following locations for free Tdap/MCV vaccines on these dates only:

- Wednesday, March 27 8:30am – 3:30pm at 8630 Fenton St 10th fl, Silver Spring MD (240-777-3160)
- Wednesday, March 27 8:30am – 3:30pm at 12900 Middlebrook Rd 2nd fl Germantown (240-777-3380)
- Friday, March 29 9:00am – 3:00pm at 2000 Dennis Ave, Silver Spring MD (240-777-1050)

NJHS service project

Please see [the letter](#) from our NJHS sponsor, Ms. Monica Dec for more information on the service project.

International Travel Opportunity

Hello Wood Families! Are you interested in international travel for next June 2025? I am currently seeking community input on the location for this trip. Please complete [the survey linked here](#) to determine the country we will be traveling to in June 2025. Please reach out to Ms. O'Neal via email siarra.n.oneal@mcpsmd.net or directly through the linked survey with any questions! You are the most important decision maker in which location is chosen!

Attendance Policy

As a reminder if your student will be absent from school:

- Parents may submit the absence using the digital attendance form linked [here](#). OR
- You may also email [Ms. Estafani Illescas](#), attendance secretary, about the absence and this will serve as written documentation. OR
- The student may bring a written note, signed by a parent/guardian, upon return to school as documentation.
- If you wish to inform us of a known absence the day of the absence, you may call 240.740.7640. Written documentation will still be necessary as a follow up to the call.

If your child is out sick for five (5) or more consecutive days, a doctor's note is required.

As we know there is a direct relationship between school attendance and student achievement. Students are to attend every scheduled class, on time, each day unless there is a legitimate reason for an absence. The school day begins at 8:15 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Legitimate reasons for a student absence, tardiness and dismissals are:

- Certified illness of the student
- Physical and mental incapacity
- Court summons
- Religious holiday
- Work or activity accepted by school authorities
- Death in immediate family
- State emergency
- Violent storm
- Suspension

Vacations are not an excused absence. The principal may issue an exception in extraordinary circumstances. Administrators may approve an absence at least one week in advance. It is the student's responsibility to gather any assignments they will be missing. The Maryland State Department of Education, Maryland Student Records System Manual, has revised its definition of full and half-day attendance. Therefore, "a student is counted present for a full day if the student is in attendance for at least two (2) hours of the school day, but less than four (4) hours. See [Montgomery County Public Schools Regulation, JEA-RA, Student Attendance](#) for more information.

Board of Education Approves 2024–2025 School Year Calendar

The MCPS Board of Education approved the 2024–2025 school year calendar. The calendar is responsive to community input by offering limited instructional disruptions and highlighting the system's continued investment in our employees with the professional development learning days. [Read more](#) for key dates.

Students Not Feeling Well

As we enter a period in time when there is a rise in colds or other viruses please remember [the following guidelines](#) for sending students to school. We appreciate you following the guidelines in an effort to help keep others from getting ill.

Health Room Update

Parents and guardians of sixth graders who have not submitted updated copies of the Maryland Schools Records of Physical Examination, the Dental Health Form, and the Maryland Immunization Certificate to the Health Room will be receiving a letter in the mail during the first week of November. These forms were required upon initial school enrollment. The immunization requirements change for students entering the seventh grade to include T-dap and MCV, but you do not have to wait to submit these records. For your child to receive the best learning experience, it is important for the school to be aware of any special health needs. For questions, please contact the health room staff at 240-740-7642.

Arrival To School Reminders

- **Student drop off/pick up lanes** If you plan on driving your student to school please use the student drop off lanes located on the Bauer Rec side of the building. Our front entrance is only used for bus drop off in the morning and afternoons. If you are in the left lane of the drop off lane and your child is getting out on the right side we ask that your child walk in front of your car to the side walk and cross the street at the crosswalk where our staff member is directing traffic. If you are in the right lane of the drop off area, your child should get out on the right side and use the side to enter the school area. It is important to note that cars should not cross lanes while in the designated drop off area. Please stay in your lane until you are directed by the security assistant. As a reminder, a security assistant will not be in the crosswalk area until 7:45 a.m.
- **Once on school campus-** Once students are dropped off at school by bus or parent they are expected to move to their designated grade level area. They should not leave the school campus and walk to the Rock Creek Village Shopping Center.

Earn SSL Hours and Fulfill Graduation Requirement

All Montgomery County Public Schools students must earn 75 Student Service Learning (SSL) hours to graduate from high school. Middle school and high school students should continue earning SSL hours towards this state graduation requirement by engaging in SSL opportunities during the 2023–2024 school year, including traditional in-person opportunities and select virtual/remote opportunities that follow the SSL guidelines posted on the [MCPS SSL webpage](#)

Register and Verify Your ParentVue Information

The Annual Verification process allows families to update contact information, collect important information about you and your student, including any medical, immunization, language preferences, and emergency information that school staff need to know. MCPS uses ParentVUE to collect this information electronically. Online registration is available now until October 20th. We have online registration quick guides in several languages available to support you in this process.

[English](#) | [Español](#) | [中國人](#) | [한국인](#) | [Français](#) | [Português](#) | [Tiếng Việt](#) | [አማርኛ](#)

Student Handbooks

Handbooks and guidelines developed for students of MCPS have been revised for the 2023–2024 school year to address Board policies and MCPS regulations amended and revised over the 2022–2023 school year and comply with updated guidance from the Maryland State Department of Education. Please see the [MCPS website](#) for detailed information. Attached here is the Wood Middle School [FY24 Handbook](#).

Free and Reduced Meals

Students at schools participating in CEP are eligible for free meals and do not need to apply for Free and Reduced-price Meals (FARMS). Students at non-CEP schools may qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on household size and income. They may also qualify if they are receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Cash Assistance, or Medicaid benefits. Families may apply for meal benefits by completing an Application for FARMS for the current school year. Students who qualify for reduced-price meals will eat for free! Apply online at [MySchoolApps.com](#) (translations available) [Click here](#) for an English video tutorial.

Student Chromebooks

Wood Middle School has returned to a chromebook cart model. This means that each classroom will contain a cart full of chromebooks and each student will be assigned an MCPS chromebook for each class period. Therefore, students will no longer have to carry a chromebook to and from school. If you would like or are in need of a chromebook for home please [fill out this form](#) and we will work to get one assigned to you.

Breakfast for Students

Breakfast will be FREE, and students will have the opportunity to eat breakfast every day. We encourage families to check out [menus here](#) and students to eat breakfast at school, fueling them to learn each day. Please note that 7th and 8th graders should report to the cafeteria when they arrive at school to eat breakfast first and then head to their grade level locations until the 8:05 a.m. bell dismisses students to their first period.

Buenas tardes, familias de Wood,

Soy Heidi Slatcoff, su orgullosa directora, con algunos anuncios importantes. En nuestro mensaje de esta semana, tenemos información sobre el mensaje de la comunidad de MCPS, encuesta de MCPS, la próxima reunión de la PTA, las pruebas MISA de 8.º grado, el orador invitado patrocinado por la PTA, los premios y oportunidades de SSL, los voluntarios de la Noche STEAM, los voluntarios de excursiones de 8.º grado, Voices of Wood, abril. Cambio de fecha número 22, próximos elementos del calendario y actualizaciones de MCPS. También hemos incluido anuncios recurrentes de mensajes anteriores. Eso es todo por hoy. No olvide que este mensaje también está publicado en nuestro sitio web. Recuerde, ¡somos muchos Mustangs, una manada, persiguiendo la W!

Mensaje de la comunidad de MCPS

Consulte los enlaces al último mensaje de la comunidad de MCPS.

1. [Cosas que saber](#) - 7/03/24

Encuesta MCPS

Solicitamos que TODOS los estudiantes, familias y personal participen en la encuesta climática de este año. Por favor use este enlace <https://parentsurvey.mcpsmd.org/> para acceder a la encuesta. La fecha límite para completar la encuesta es el 15 de marzo. Gracias por ayudar a garantizar que todos respondan la encuesta.

Reunión de la PTA

Ven y únete a nuestra reunión de la PTA el martes 12 de marzo a las 7 p.m. Esta reunión se realizará vía zoom. Clic en el enlace abajo para unirse a la reunión.

<https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/84043588312?pwd=TW4yMW9MRDhGNWJGNldLNnEZNkVUT09>

ID de la reunión: 840 4358 8312 **Código de acceso:** woodpta

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(Washington DC)

Pruebas MISA de 8vo grado

Los estudiantes de octavo grado tomarán la Evaluación Integrada de Ciencias de Maryland el miércoles 13 y jueves 14 de marzo. El MISA de octavo grado evalúa el NGSS de la escuela intermedia para los grados 6 a 8. La evaluación incluye ideas disciplinarias básicas de ciencias de la vida, ciencias físicas, así como ciencias de la Tierra y el espacio y es parte del Programa de Evaluación Integral de Maryland, o pruebas estatales MCAP. Para prepararse para esta evaluación, los estudiantes deben dormir bien por la noche, llegar a tiempo a la escuela y comer un desayuno saludable. Como recordatorio, no se permiten dispositivos electrónicos (teléfonos celulares, AirPods o relojes inteligentes) durante las pruebas estatales.

Aquí está el [Calendario de pruebas de primavera SY24](#).

Oportunidad de orador invitado

En apoyo de nuestra programación Mentes Saludables, Joe Dugan, miembro del Grupo de Trabajo sobre Crímenes en Internet contra Niños y oficial de policía retirado, vendrá a hablar en Wood el 20 de marzo.th a las 6:30 pm sobre seguridad en Internet, juegos y redes sociales, mejores prácticas, crianza de los hijos, etc. Esta charla está abierta a todos los padres y estudiantes en edad de escuela intermedia y mayores. No sería contenido apropiado para niños más pequeños. Únase al gimnasio para este evento.

Voluntarios de la Noche STEAM

La noche Wood STEAM es el 14 de marzo. Los estudiantes pueden ganar horas SSL si se ofrecen como voluntarios para ayudar. Si está interesado en ayudar y ganar horas, comuníquese con la Sra. Dec a monica.p.dec@mcpsmd.net o pasa a verla en la habitación 256. Habrá una hoja de registro en su puerta en caso de que la extrañes. ¿Tienes una habilidad STEAM que te gustaría compartir? Si está interesado en facilitar una sesión este año, envíe un correo electrónico a Brent Bowman @brent_bowman@mcpsmd.org.

Información SSL de MCPS

- Por favor vea [El enlace adjunto aquí](#), para obtener más información sobre los premios SSL.
- Por favor [clic en el enlace](#) para encontrar más detalles sobre una oportunidad SSL en el Día de la Tierra.
- Aquí están [oportunidades adicionales de SSL](#) por el mes.

Excursión de 8vo grado

El equipo de octavo grado se complace en anunciar una oportunidad emocionante para nuestros estudiantes de octavo grado. Exploraremos los Museos Nacionales Smithsonian el 8 de abril de 2024, de 9:45 a. m. a 2:00 p. m. Los estudiantes explorarán uno de los cuatro museos según su encuesta de preferencia. También necesitamos padres voluntarios para la excursión. Si está interesado en ser padre voluntario, comuníquese con el Sr. Jason Laraia ((jason_laraia@mcpsmd.org) para obtener más detalles.

Noche de micrófono abierto Voices of Wood

¡Regístrese para la Noche de Micrófono Abierto de Voices of Wood! ¡Todavía hay tiempo para inscribirte en la Noche de Micrófono Abierto de Voices of Wood! El evento está programado para el 11 de abril de 6:30 a 8 p.m. Obtenga más información sobre Voices of Wood viendo la presentación de diapositivas. Regístrate usando el enlace que encontrarás en la presentación de diapositivas. ¡El

grupo se reúne los lunes y miércoles durante los almuerzos! ¿Preguntas?
Comuníquese con la Sra. Bowman en Dawn_b_bowman@mcmpsmd.org.

Cambios a el Lunes 22 de abril - por favor lea

El lunes 22 de abril fue designado previamente como día de desarrollo profesional/posible día de recuperación en el calendario escolar tradicional 2023-2024. Este día cambiará a un día de aprendizaje asincrónico donde los estudiantes participarán en las experiencias de aprendizaje y completarán el trabajo de forma asincrónica. Los estudiantes tendrán 10 días para entregar su trabajo asincrónico de la jornada virtual. La presentación del trabajo asincrónico se utilizará para tomar asistencia a fin de cumplir con los requisitos de asistencia del Departamento de Educación del Estado de Maryland (MSDE). Se proporcionará más información a medida que nos acerquemos al 22 de abril.

Gritos del personal

en un efecto para reconocer a nuestra maravillosa facultad de Wood, hemos creado un [formulario de google](#) para gritar a nuestro personal. Utilice este formulario para reconocer y agradecer a alguien por su arduo trabajo, dedicación y compromiso con Wood Middle School. Gracias de antemano por ayudarnos a celebrar al personal.

Próximas fechas importantes

- 12 de marzo - Reunión de la PTA
- 13 de marzo - 14 de marzo - Pruebas MISA (solo 8.º grado)
- 14 de marzo - Noche de STEAM
- 20 de marzo- Orador invitado de la PTA- 6:30 p.m.
- 25 al 29 de marzo- vacaciones de primavera: no hay clases
- 1 de abril- no hay clases
- 3 de abril- Juego de fútbol femenino en casa; Fútbol masculino @ Frost a las 3:15 p.m.
- 8 de abril- excursión de octavo grado
- 9 de abril- fin del 3er período de calificaciones
 - Fútbol femenino @ Hoover; Fútbol Masculino en Casa a las 3:15 p.m.
- 10 de abril-No hay clases para estudiantes
- 12 de abril- Reunión de la PTA
- 15 al 18 de abril- Pruebas de MCAP ELA
- 17 de abril- Fútbol femenino en casa; Fútbol masculino @ Cabin John a las 3:15 p.m.
- 18 de abril- Baile SGA - 3:15 p.m.

Actualizaciones de MCPS

- **Recursos Académicos** Están sucediendo muchas cosas increíbles durante el día escolar para apoyar el aprendizaje de nuestros estudiantes! A veces, algunos estudiantes necesitan apoyo adicional para dominar nuevos aprendizajes. MCPS ha reunido recursos que son gratuitos o de bajo costo para las familias. Estos recursos se alinean directamente con nuestro plan de estudios utilizado para enseñar a nuestros estudiantes todos los días. Háganos saber si tiene alguna pregunta sobre el progreso académico de su estudiante. [Recursos familiares](#)
- **Díganos qué piensa sobre las decisiones que le afectan a usted y a su estudiante** Comparta su opinión sobre el programa de Oficiales de Participación Comunitaria (CEO) Realice esta entrevista de cinco minutos [encuesta](#) para compartir sus comentarios sobre el programa de Oficiales de Participación Comunitaria (CEO) de MCPS y el Departamento de Policía del Condado (MCPD).
- **La temporada de solicitudes de transferencia de estudiantes ya está abierta** La temporada de transferencias de Cambio de Asignación Escolar (COSA) 2024-2025 ya está abierta. El proceso COSA permite a las familias presentar una solicitud para que sus hijos se transfieran fuera de la escuela de origen asignada. Todas las solicitudes de COSA deben enviarse a más tardar el martes 2 de abril. [Lea todos los detalles.](#)
- **La inscripción para prekindergarten y Head Start abre el 1 de marzo** La inscripción para prekindergarten y Head Start comienza el viernes 1 de marzo para el año escolar 2024-2025. Los niños deben tener 4 años antes del 1 de septiembre de 2024 y las familias deben tener ingresos elegibles para presentar la solicitud. Las familias pueden registrar a sus hijos en línea o en persona. Si su hijo tenía 4 años el 1 de septiembre de 2023 o antes, aún puede inscribirse en Prekindergarten/Head Start por el resto de este año escolar. [Haga clic aquí para saber cómo registrarse.](#) Para obtener más información sobre las pautas de elegibilidad, los documentos requeridos o cómo registrarse en línea, llame al 240-740-4530 o visite el [sitio web de MCPS.](#)
- **Google para garabatear** [Garabato para Google](#) está celebrando su 16º concurso anual de arte para estudiantes de los grados K-12. Se invita a los niños a crear su propio Google Doodle para tener la oportunidad de publicarlo en Google.com, así como de ganar becas universitarias y paquetes tecnológicos para sus escuelas. La fecha límite para postular es el jueves 14 de marzo. [Cómo entrar](#) [Enviar un garabato](#)
- **The Amplifier organiza concurso de flash y autorretrato** La revista estudiantil de MCPS, The Amplifier, está buscando presentaciones para su concurso de perfiles escritos y autorretratos. Los perfiles flash deben presentar a un estudiante, miembro del personal o exalumno de MCPS con una historia convincente. Los estudiantes pueden enviar cualquier estilo de dibujo/pintura/fotografía para el autorretrato. Premios para cada categoría: