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Bethesda Elementary / Bethesda Elementary PTA Newsletter

November 1, 2019

Seymour's Shout Out...

MCPS Emergency Drills: This month your child may talk about different types of emergency drills we have or will be practicing. Below is a brief description of each drill.

- **Evacuation:** Fire Evacuation or Directed Evacuation.
- **Shelter:** Public Safety Shelter or Outside Hazardous Materials Release. During SHELTER all exterior doors are locked.
- **Severe Weather Shelter:** Danger of severe weather in immediate area.
- **Lockdown:** Imminent Danger in the Building or on the Campus. During LOCKDOWN all interior and exterior doors are locked.
- **Drop, Cover and Hold:** Danger of items falling from above (i.e. as in an earthquake)

Additional information about MCPS Emergency Preparedness Procedures can be found online: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/> and <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/preparedness/>

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences are beginning this month. Please make sure you are using the visitor spots in the parking lot if your conference is BEFORE school or during school hours. You may use the bus circle on the **EARLY RELEASE DAYS on November 11th and 12th after 1:30 PM** or **after school hours and dismissal, after 3:50 PM**. This is to allow our staff to park and buses to have access. Thank you!

Grade 5 Screenings

On **Wednesday, November 6th at 9:00** students who are testing for the middle school enriched and accelerated programming for next year, or are new to MCPS, or are being rescreened for gifted and talented will be tested at Bethesda ES. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Karen Sanchez at Karen_G_Sanchez@mpcsmd.org or by calling 240-204-5300.

2020 – 2021 School Year Calendar

On October 8, 2019, the Board of Education held its first review of the 2020-2021 School Year Calendar. The Board of Education reviewed the operational and educational elements of the calendar, and identified three different scenarios for consideration. The Board of Education seeks feedback and input from the MCPS community about these scenarios before taking final action later this fall.

[Click here to read the Full Memo to the Board of Education \(Oct. 8, 2018\)](#)

Click here to complete the survey: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/calendar/proposed-calendar-2020-21.aspx>

Have a wonderful weekend and remember to **TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR before bed** on Saturday night!

-Lisa Seymour

Mark your calendar...

November 8th- Early Release Day (students dismissed at 12:55 PM) END OF Q1

November 11th & 12th- Early Release Day (students dismissed at 12:55 PM) PARENT CONFERENCES

November 20th– Report Card Distribution

November 27th- Early Release Day (students dismissed at 12:55 PM)

November 28th & 29th- NO SCHOOL for students and teachers

December 23rd-January 1st– NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)

January 2nd– Return to School

January 20th– NO SCHOOL

January 24th– Early Release Day (students dismissed at 12:55 PM) END OF Q2

January 27th– NO SCHOOL for students

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Counselor's Corner...

During the month of November I will be presenting MCPS Personal Body Safety Lessons (PBSL) in your student's classrooms. If you have questions please contact me and/or refer to our online parent resource: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/childabuseandneglect/personal-body-safety-lessons.aspx>

MCPS PBSLs are designed to help our students take an active role in the prevention of child abuse and neglect through early prevention and intervention education. The elementary PBSLs focus on:

- Developing knowledge, decision making skills, and behaviors which promote safe living in the home, school and community
- Learning skills for self-protection and identifying child abuse and neglect
- Learning skills for asking for help for self and others and practice reporting to a trusted adult
- Engaging in positive and appropriate interactions with peers and adults

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Flu Vaccine...Has your child received the flu shot yet?

If your child is between the ages of 3-18 years old, make an appointment for your child to receive a FREE FLU SHOT at John F. Kennedy, Northwest or Rockville high schools on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 from 1:30-4:00 PM by visiting the Montgomery County Government website at www.MontgomeryCountyMD.gov or by calling 311. #FlightFlu

Sign up for ALERTMCPS

Alert MCPS is a way that you can receive text messages or e-mail from Montgomery County Public Schools during weather-related emergencies and other major events that impact school system operations. Alert MCPS is administered by Montgomery County Public Schools and is part of the Montgomery County Alert System.

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/1332612387832009#/signup>

DANCE NIGHT...FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 6-8 PM, BE GYM

Do you love wearing your costume on Halloween? Come to the Bethesda Elementary *Dance Night Costume Ball* on Friday night and wear your costume for one more night! Everyone is invited, and it's a FREE event! Your parents have gotten emails about it, so just remind them that you want to go! There will be lots of games and LOTS of dancing! It's one of the most fun parties of the school year!

***NO WEAPONS NO MASKS ≠NO HORROR**

Bring small bills for Potomac Pizza by the slice & an Ice Cream Parlor hosted by the 5th Grade!

Parents chaperone your kids (not a drop off event)

Brought to you by YOU, your PTA dollars at work!