



A message from Principal Dr. Brunson...

We have completed a very successful first week of school; and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, staff, and parents for smooth and safe start. It truly warmed my heart to witness the enthusiasm and excitement of the nearly 500 students who returned to school ready to work, listen, and learn.



Pre-School Education Program and Kindergarten Back to School Night

Thanks to all of the parents who attended Pre-School Education Program and Kindergarten's Back to School Night. This was a well-attended event and certainly a first-step opportunity to get personally acquainted with the teachers and support staff who will be working with your children. It was nice to meet and greet our new and returning families.



Volunteering at Cloverly

All volunteers must be trained on Recognizing Child Abuse and Neglect **prior to volunteering and/or chaperoning for field trips at Cloverly Elementary School according to MCPS regulations!** Log on to the following website <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/childabuseandneglect/> and bring a print copy of the confirmation that you've received this training to the main office. Please contact the main office at 301-989-5770 if you have questions.



Smart Snack Program

Montgomery County community agencies are working with all MCPS schools to provide food to families who will benefit from receiving these supports over the holiday season and throughout the school year. We have a few options for families in need of additional food. You can opt to receive a "Smart Sack" in your child's backpack each Friday. A Smart Sack is a bag of non-perishable items donated from Manna Food Bank. We only have a certain number of Smart Sacks for those families who would have difficulty feeding their family without this service on the weekends. Additionally, you can receive food for the November and December holiday seasons. If you receive these services for the holidays you will be responsible for picking up food/gifts from a designated county location. If you are interested in receiving any of these food supports please contact Heather Sobieralski, School Counselor **Friday, September 9 2016**. All information related to holiday support and Smart Sacks are kept confidential. Please email (heather_sobieralski@mcpsmd.org) or call (301-989-5770) if you have any questions.



Cloverly Communication

All of our communications are posted to the Cloverly website at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/cloverlyes/>. The only thing that will come home every month as a hardcopy will be the *Cloverly Dates to Remember*. This document includes a scheduling of all of the activities that will be taking place at Cloverly each month. Parents are also encouraged to follow me on Twitter [@Melissa A. Brunson@CloverlyES Prin](https://twitter.com/Melissa_A_Brunson) in order to receive the latest Cloverly updates and pictures of what goes on at Cloverly.





Parent Input/Feedback

We value what you have to say about our wonderful school. There are many ways to express your concerns. School-wide concerns are best expressed to school administration and to members of the PTA executive board. Individual or grade level concerns should first be directed to classroom teachers and to school administration whenever you believe it is needed. We also created a parent feedback/input center near the front office foyer area. Feel free to provide any messages regarding our school’s instructional program. You are encouraged to place your name on the comment sheet for an immediate response.

Behavior Management

At Cloverly, we strive to maintain a positive and safe environment in which optimal learning can take place. On Friday, September 2, we are holding two Back to School assemblies, one for grades K-2 and the other for grades 3-5, where students will learn about the school rules that ensure a safe, bully-free, and orderly environment at our school.

Behavior Management Plan

Cloverly’s Behavior Management Plan is posted on the Cloverly website. Please read over its contents and share them with your children. A hard copy of the signature page will be sent home with students no later than Friday, September 2. Please have students return the signed copy to their classroom teachers.

Arrival and Dismissal

Parents, I need your help with making sure students arrive to school on time and leave on time. Our doors are open for students at 8:40 a.m. Students go in their classrooms at 8:55 a.m. Students who arrive after 8:55 a.m. are considered late. Dismissal begins at 3:25 p.m., right after announcements. The last bus is expected to arrive by 3:45 p.m. Because there is limited adult supervision for students who are picked up after 3:45 p.m., we ask that you please pick them up on time.

Daily Transportation

It is important that parents communicate clear expectations for how students will be dismissed at the end of the day. **We highly recommend that you choose one mode of transportation, particularly for students in the younger grades.** Be sure to inform the classroom teacher, in writing, if there will be a change in transportation or if students are being rerouted to Kidsco, our after-school program.

Back to School Night

Mrs. Sifri, assistant principal, and I look forward to personally meeting and greeting each of you at our “Back to School” night **on Thursday, September 8.** In order to accommodate parents with children in multiple grade levels, we are holding two sessions. The schedule is as follows:

- 🐾 6:30 – 6:55 p.m. Staff Introductions, Welcome, & PTA Presentation
- 🐾 7:00 – 7: 30 p.m. Session 1
- 🐾 7:35 – 8:05 p.m. Session 2



(There is a music program meeting with Mrs. Alaina Dahlin, our new instrumental music teacher, and Mrs., Jennifer Harrill-Taylor, music teacher, starting at 5:45 p.m. for parents of grades 4 & 5. This meeting will take place in the music room.)

George B. Thomas Sr., Learning Academy (Saturday School)

The George B. Thomas Learning Academy is a tutoring and mentoring program that enhances the academic performance and achievement of students in grades 1 through 12. On Saturday mornings starting September 24, 8:30-11:30 a.m., certified teachers and volunteer tutors work with students on core subjects and teach successful learning/studying strategies. The closest Learning Academy Centers near the Cloverly community are located at Springbrook High School and at Paint Branch High School. Interested parents must register in person and pay a one-time registration fee of \$40.00 or \$70.00 any Saturday, starting September 10, 8:30-10:30 a.m. at either location. For more information or if you have any questions, please call 301-649-8079. You can also visit their website at <http://www.saturdayschool.org/>.

Again, *Welcome Back!* I am highly enthusiastic and very optimistic that the 2016-2017 school year will be an exciting time for everyone.

***We are what we repeatedly do.
Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit.***

~Aristotle



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