



Coffee & Conversations

Cold Spring Elementary

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“People working together in a strong community with a shared goal and common purpose can make their impossible possible.



Recent Changes to MCPS Quarantine Protocol

- The new protocol states – students who are in close contact (<3ft for a total of 15 minutes over a 24 hour period) with a student with symptoms are required to be quarantined until the student with symptoms has a negative test. (This protocol applies if the student with symptoms does not have a negative test, an alternate diagnosis, or known exposure to someone who is positive).
- MCPS protocol to quarantine the classmates in close contact with a symptomatic student is based on guidance from the MoCo Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).
- DHHS based their guidance on its contact tracing investigations, assessment of each case, review of concerning symptoms, exposure history and any other relevant illness history.

Recent Changes to MCPS Quarantine Protocol

- DHHS advised MCPS to quarantine classmates in close contact with symptomatic students because of the increased contagiousness of variable COVID strains and the percentage of students who are not yet eligible to be vaccinated. **This is one area where our local health department differs in its approach with the state's guidance.**
- MCPS will continue to work with DHHS on prevention strategies that meet the needs of our community and protocols around quarantine may continue to develop through our joint work.

RAPID COVID Testing	RANDOM SCREENING - CIAN Diagnostics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Health Tech will give to any student with COVID-like symptom/symptoms with parent permission-Student must go home even if test is negative and return when PCR is completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-COVID-19 tests will be administered by trained personnel.-The test involves a swab inside the front part of the nose.-The swab should not hurt; however, your child may experience some slight but brief discomfort.-Your child's test result will be provided to you, along with instructions with any next steps.

Questions?



Fall Assessments

Kindergarten through Grade 2

Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) K ONLY

August 30th - October 8th

- one part of the *Ready for Kindergarten* assessment system in Maryland. The KRA is a kindergarten readiness tool that allows teachers to measure each child's school readiness across four domains: Social Foundations, Mathematics, Language and Literacy, and Physical Well-being and Motor Development.
- MCPS provides a random selection (3-4 students) of Kindergarten students to our teachers
- The whole class will not be tested

Fall Assessments

Kindergarten through Grade 2

MAP-RF

September 7th - October 8th

- The MAP Reading Fluency (MAP-RF) Dyslexia Screener quickly assesses key reading skills, including those most often associated with dyslexia, without the need for a separate assessment. A predictive model flags student results that indicate possible characteristics of dyslexia or other reading difficulties for follow up and intervention.
- This will be used as one piece of data and our teachers will use this as a tool to drive their instruction. There is NO assigned score for students and you will not receive a MAP-RF report.

Fall Assessments

Kindergarten through Grade 2

MAP-P (MAP Growth)

September 7th - October 8th

- The MAP-P provides teachers with accurate, and actionable evidence to help target instruction for each student or groups of students regardless of how far above or below they are from their grade level in mathematics.

- This will be used as one piece of data and our teachers will use this as a tool to drive their instruction. You will receive a MAP-P student report with an assigned score on ParentVUE after the window closes.

Questions?



Fall Assessments

Grade 3 - Grade 5

MAP-M (MAP Growth)

September 7th - October 8th

- The MAP-M provides teachers with accurate, and actionable evidence to help target instruction for each student or groups of students regardless of how far above or below they are from their grade level in mathematics.

- This will be used as one piece of data and our teachers will use this as a tool to drive their instruction. You will receive a MAP-M student report with an assigned score on ParentVUE after the window closes.

Fall Assessments

Grade 3 - Grade 5

MAP-R (MAP Growth)

September 7th - October 8th

- The MAP-R provides teachers with accurate, and actionable evidence to help target instruction for each student or groups of students regardless of how far above or below they are from their grade level in reading.
- This will be used as one piece of data and our teachers will use this as a tool to drive their instruction. You will receive a MAP-R student report with an assigned score on ParentVUE after the window closes.

Fall Assessments

Grade 4 & Grade 5

Early Fall Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) September 27th - October 22nd

- Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) used the flexibility granted by the United States Department of Education to extend the 2020-2021 assessment cycle.
- MSDE has scheduled an early fall 2021 assessment window during which shortened versions of the 2020-2021 English/language arts assessments and mathematics assessments will be administered.
- Grade 4 students will take the grade 3 assessment
 - ◆ Math - 2, 30 minute sessions/ELA - 2, 70 minute sessions
- Grade 5 students will take the grade 4 assessment
 - ◆ Math - 2, 30 minute sessions/ELA - 2, 70 minute sessions
- Students will take their grade level assessment in the Spring

Questions?





*Thank you for your
engagement*

