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It's Grading and Reporting Time! How is Your Child Performing in School?



End of Marking Period 1 On Wednesday, November 20th, report cards will go home. Students will receive letter grades (A, B, C, D) each marking period in all academic content areas. Additionally, report cards will include marks of key learning skills, indicate reading levels as above, on or below for each grade level and language levels for students who receive ESOL language services. Below you will find links to the parent's guide to grading and reporting for Marking Period 1 for each grade level.

[Marking Period 1—Grade 3](#)

[Marking Period 1—Grade 4](#)

[Marking Period 1—Grade 5](#)

Reading Level Descriptors

Level	Description—Grades 3–5
Above	Your child reads and comprehends text within and above the grade-level band and receives instruction and enrichment with text above the grade-level band during small group instruction.
On	Your child reads and comprehends text within the grade-level band and receives small group instruction to provide support, instruction, and enrichment with text as needed within the grade-level band.
Below	Your child needs significant support to read and comprehend text within the grade-level band and receives targeted support with text below the grade-level band during their small group instruction.

How will the On, Above, or Below levels be determined?

All students will be working in grade-level texts as the core of their instructional program. However, as students read grade-level texts, teachers will assess the level of challenge students are experiencing and provide additional small group instruction using texts that are Above, On, or Below grade-level. Teachers also will consider a variety of data to support their instruction. These data include: Measures of Academic Progress-Reading (MAP-R), MCPS Quarterly Assessments, and written/oral response to grade-level text. Parents are able to view assessment results throughout the school year on the myMCPS Parent Portal.

Elementary Health Instruction Health instruction occurs in all four marking periods, but it will be reported only in marking periods 2 and 4. There are a range of topics covered in grades 3-5, such as Mental & Emotional health, Nutritional & Fitness, and Disease Prevention & Control.

Calendar Items

November 11 & 12 - Early Release,
Dismissal, 1:20pm
Parent Conferences

November 20 - Reading Night, 6:00-8:00pm
Report Cards Distributed

November 27 - Early Release,
Dismissal, 1:20pm

November 28 & 29 - Holiday - No School

December 4 - Picture Day - Make Ups

December 19- Winter Choral & Instrumental
Music Concert, 7:00pm

Principal's Corner

Greetings Parents,

It's that time of year again! With the temperatures dropping students will need to be dressed for the weather. The morning bus stop wait can be very cold and students will also continue to enjoy the outdoors during recess in the afternoons. It is very important that students are dressed appropriately to prevent them from getting sick and missing school. It is also good time to update any contact information with the school office as this is also the time of year where we experience weather emergencies that either cause delayed opening of our school day or unscheduled early release. In all cases of emergency we want to be able to contact you as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.

Ms. Gorden



Reading Night Join us for Reading Night on November 20th from 6pm-9pm hosted by our Reading Committee. There will be lots of activities to engage in to expand literacy at home including a readers theater station, focused on fluency, a vocabulary station, and more. Representatives from the White Oak Library will share information and resources for families. Families will also be able to win prizes such as book sets and family word games! All of the students present will go home with free books!

Parent Resources

Parent Conferences This week parent conferences are being held. This is an opportunity to participate with your child's teacher to identify the learning habits, strengths and areas for growth. It is also a good time to conference with your child about the feedback/information you receive during the conference. Remember you can conference with teachers anytime throughout the school year and you don't have to wait for an invitation. Invite yourself and schedule regular times to meet and discuss your child's performance - together we all achieve!



MCPS Parent Academy

Mindfulness: An Approach that Can Result in Academic Success **Monday, November 18, 7:00-8:30 pm**

Effective focus, motivation, handling frustrations, and communication depend on the ability of students to understand and manage their emotions. These basic competencies are crucial to student success. This workshop will present mindfulness as an extremely powerful component of prevention and treatment of emotional regulation skills and a critical element of academic success. Presented by MCPS staff. Recommended for families of elementary, middle, and high school students.

North Bethesda Middle School, 8935 Bradmoor Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817

Positive Communication With Your Child

Wednesday, November 20, 7:00-8:30 pm

Is it difficult to interact with your child? During this workshop, you will learn strategies to strengthen family communication, explore techniques to understand verbal cues, and establish age appropriate expectations for behavior and consequences. Presented by Parent Assistant Resource (PAR). Recommended for families of elementary, middle, and high school students.

Glen Haven Elementary School, 10900 Inwood Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20902

