Good evening, Farmland community,

As I shared last week, we continue to round out our staff for the coming school year. The purpose of this paragraph is to explain how changes made by MCPS have impacted our part-time staffing here at Farmland. MCPS Human Resources has been working with schools to combine smaller staffing allocations (staff working less than full time) to make larger allocations. Changes were made by MCPS for next year to make scheduling easier and also to decrease the amount of travel for staff. This means we have some part-time staff who will be leaving. We say “goodbye and good luck” to Matt Klein (PE), Victoria McDaid (Art), Sue Newmann (Art), and Susanna Basaric-Ilic (Music). They will all continue to work in MCPS but at different schools. We will also miss Gina Biver (Music), who will be relocating next year to another state. Currently, we will welcome Susan Michal from Arcola ES to fill the .5 Art allocation vacated by the departures of Ms. McDaid and Ms. Newmann. Nathan Berry will take over the allocation vacated by Matt Klein. I will update the community once staffing for the Music allocation is finalized.

In addition to these changes, there has been a change in the Reading Initiative position. Both Rebecca Lavo and Sabrina Goldberg will be leaving Farmland. Rebecca will fulfill her goal of becoming a part-time counselor and Sabrina Goldberg will be taking a position as a part-time ESOL teacher. Best of luck to you both!

To those leaving us, I would like to personally thank and recognize each of you for your contributions to our Farmland community and to the lasting impact you have made on our students and staff. This has been a year like no other and I am sure you will never forget it. I know the staff will join me in wishing you all the best in your future endeavors.

As a reminder, our new Attendance Secretary, Cynthia Keating will join our Farmland team on Monday. We look forward to having her at Farmland!

**Student Information Profile**

Thank you to all the families who have already filled out the Student Information Profile survey. If you have not filled it out yet, don't worry there is still time. Families have until***Friday, April 24th*** to share information about your child's learning strengths and any other information we should consider when placing your child for next year.

[Student Information Profile](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__forms.gle_UZ6HkTn5R3tESBzq9&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=vUJ4jziZroN23rtJTXsAPt4fkzfXudY4g_Ivqs5XuFE&m=Z7KL7TolrxJbR7OMJRBO7f9rcO_72C8fCe1JfJkHEmQ&s=mcO8eBBvP9KUYxNbOEr_S-O0LzyQVannE2kEm9B0zB8&e=)

**Enrollment Information and Kindergarten Orientation**

**At this time we will not be holding our original Kindergarten Orientation which was scheduled for May 4th -6th.** Additional information will be coming soon about the new process. For those families who have already filled out a Kindergarten Orientation link, we are working with our technology staff to see if we can merge the information you have already submitted in lieu of filling out the new survey.

Families wanting to enroll in grades K-5 for this year, 2019-2020 or in Grades 1-5 next year 2020-2021 will begin that process by filling out a survey. The link is not yet live; once the link is active I will send this to the community and will also post the link to the Farmland ES website.

**Chromebook Distributions**

As of now, MCPS will handle all Chromebook distribution requests on a case-by-case basis. As I hear more about the process I will communicate this information to the community.

**Report Card Distribution**

Report cards will be mailed to students’ homes on April 28th.

**Screencast Introducing the Farmland ES Resource Page**

The screencast at the link below will show how to access the Farmland ES resource located in the myMCPS portal. The information will be changed regularly and announcements will be sent out. Please go to the portal to find the Farmland Morning Announcements and many other resources.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/10e57cp0OBjPIIyezCERMuQOE7Kx4ncJQ/view](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__drive.google.com_file_d_10e57cp0OBjPIIyezCERMuQOE7Kx4ncJQ_view&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=vUJ4jziZroN23rtJTXsAPt4fkzfXudY4g_Ivqs5XuFE&m=Z7KL7TolrxJbR7OMJRBO7f9rcO_72C8fCe1JfJkHEmQ&s=ZxpvLOjkEzQT4ZejxN6n5Fi6vPeXmCO7mxhIyZHkkZw&e=)

**Specials: Art, Music, PE, and Media**

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) are using an A week (4/6 - 4/10), B week (4/14-4/17) format for Specialist schedules. A Week will be for Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade. B Week will be for 3rd grade, 4th grade, and 5th grade.  Within the modules, students will watch a video and may be asked to conduct a survey or follow up. Students will find the lessons in their myMCPS portal accounts.

Please watch this screencast to view how to access the lessons in myMCPS portal.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1C1dT\_qjZaIuVtGwsdDq8QLh7-RM7fAzZ/view](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__drive.google.com_file_d_1C1dT-5FqjZaIuVtGwsdDq8QLh7-2DRM7fAzZ_view&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=vUJ4jziZroN23rtJTXsAPt4fkzfXudY4g_Ivqs5XuFE&m=Z7KL7TolrxJbR7OMJRBO7f9rcO_72C8fCe1JfJkHEmQ&s=lS1V9_ADe1CWwI3V_LjZbXRVCitC-K5qfyGM58PmYMw&e=)

**ESOL students:**

Please check your student’s Homeroom teacher’s Online Classroom to view the updates from the ESOL teachers. ESOL teachers are reconnecting with students during their Zoom meetings with their classroom teachers. There are special English Language Development (ELD) resources in your child’s myMCPS or Google Classrooms. Math lessons are posted by Monday and Benchmark Literacy will be posted by Tuesday. Please read the Literacy and Math Resources for Students.

If you have questions about your ESOL student, please contact the ESOL team.

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**Literacy and Math Resource for Students**

You will notice an assignment in your myMCPS Math Classroom or Google Classroom labeled "Week 2 English Language Development (ELD) Lesson”.  This lesson is designed for our ESOL (ELD) students.  However, all students are welcome to listen to the lesson. This resource is a complement to the math instructional lesson assigned by the classroom teacher each week.  You will notice a new math ELD lesson posted each week by Monday.

Additionally, the Benchmark ELD Reading lesson should be available every Tuesdays. This resource will be helpful for all students and not just for the English Language Learners.

**Chromebook Technical Support:**

Please send other technical difficulties to: mymcps\_support@mcpsmd.org or

AskMCPS: 240-740-3000. There is also a Spanish Hotline available at 240-740-2845 and ASKMCPS@mcpsmd.org.

It is helpful when submitting requests to take screenshots of what you are seeing.

**Farmland Contact Information:**

As a reminder, due to Governor Hogan’s Stay at Home Executive Order, all school buildings are closed. The best way to reach the school and the administration is by email: Mrs. Longest (April\_D\_Longest@mcpsmd.org), Ms. Davis-Jones (Aara\_L\_Davis-Jones@mcpsmd.org), or Ms. Harrison, our school administrative secretary (Theresa\_T\_Harrison@mcpsmd.org).

**Have a good week!**

**April Longest**

**Principal**

**Farmland Elementary School**