Good evening, Farmland community,

I hope this Connect Ed finds everyone well. Over the last few weeks, our staff has worked tirelessly to ensure Farmland students are connected and engaging in Distance Learning. After reviewing data from MCPS and our internal data, all of our students have a device and wifi capabilities. This was a huge task and one for which I would like to thank each staff member for their commitment to ensuring our students continue their learning during the crisis.

I would like to take a moment to recognize Ms. Basra for all she has done at Farmland for our students and community. She recently shared that she will be relocating and not returning next year. We will certainly miss her and wish her the best.

**Staffing Updates**

Following more virtual interviews last week, we hired two wonderful fourth grade teachers: Ms. Alyssa Babock and Ms. Kelcey Bodolus. Farmland would also like to welcome Ms. Jodi Rubeinstein as our new part-time Reading Initiative teacher.

There have also been a few changes to teacher assignments for next year. Below are the changes occurring next year. Attached to the Connect Ed you will find an updated staff roster for the 2020-2021 school year.

Internal Changes for 2020-2021

* Ms. Peters to 5th grade
* Mrs. Alexis Zuckerman to 4th grade
* Ms. Stemmer to 2nd grade
* Ms. Kelly to 2nd grade
* Ms. Mininsohn to Kindergarten
* Ms. Sadugor to 1st grade

**Additional Math Resource**

If you would like your child to have additional math experiences, please feel free to use [Zearn.org](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__about.zearn.org_distance-2Dlearning-3Futm-5Fcampaign-3Ddistance-2Dlearning-26utm-5Fmedium-3Dnative-26utm-5Fsource-3Dwhats-2Dnew&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=vUJ4jziZroN23rtJTXsAPt4fkzfXudY4g_Ivqs5XuFE&m=RZ2L9Muanlmb5xFryfLsbK20QFQyCwJAHPmKrvzgD-g&s=3M5nmXmC2k-mozUJDuqN8r70r1TIWSIezevfAYMRBpA&e=).

The math materials are aligned to the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics.

**Morning Announcements**

If your child is interested in sharing a joke on the morning announcements, please videotape your child’s joke and send it to me at April\_D\_Longest@mcpsmd.org. We have already had two students who have shared their jokes. I look forward to seeing more students participate!

**Chromebook Troubles**

If you are having trouble with your school-issued Chromebook, MCPS is creating a process to handle these requests on a case by case basis. The school and community should be hearing soon about the process.

**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.

**Enrollment Information and Kindergarten Orientation**

**MCPS Enrollment and Registration**

Montgomery County Public Schools has created a new student registration process during the COVID-19 crisis. The first step in the enrollment process is filling out the survey at the link below. The survey gathers basic contact information so we can provide you with the necessary information you will need to register your student(s) into MCPS. Once you have filled out the Registration survey you will receive an email with some forms attached. The email will instruct you to complete the forms, then email the completed forms to a Dropbox email address. Please be aware that the registration/enrollment process will take a little longer than normal as we navigate these unusual times.

When filling out the survey, please take care to enter data correctly so that we may contact you as quickly as possible.

[**MCPS Student Registration and Enrollment Survey**](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__docs.google.com_forms_d_e_1FAIpQLScNNQ5nntorQTHZbXm6IQO4fY3XzM1dyHi6AaaeMj9tk0dSNw_viewform&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=vUJ4jziZroN23rtJTXsAPt4fkzfXudY4g_Ivqs5XuFE&m=RZ2L9Muanlmb5xFryfLsbK20QFQyCwJAHPmKrvzgD-g&s=SY6QvFJvMSiLUDWSNaFxj0OAm-YApdUiV5y0ps-lqPk&e=)

**2020-2021 Kindergarten Enrollment**

The usual process for Kindergarten Orientation has been canceled due to school closures. We are waiting for guidance from MCPS on how to proceed with a possible future Kindergarten Orientation. Once we hear more we will inform the community.

To enroll your child for Kindergarten next year at Farmland, you will start by filling out the survey at the link below, completing the forms you will receive via email, then emailing those documents to the Dropbox email listed in the email. *If you previously filled out forms to register your child for Kindergarten Orientation, you still need to fill out the survey below*. Once you have uploaded the forms to Dropbox, our Attendance Secretary, Ms. Cindy Keating, will contact you. MCPS is creating guidance on how we will conduct Kindergarten Orientation if schools continue to be closed through the end of the school year.

When filling out the survey, please take care to enter data correctly so that we may contact you as quickly as possible.

[**MCPS Student Registration and Enrollment Survey**](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__docs.google.com_forms_d_e_1FAIpQLScNNQ5nntorQTHZbXm6IQO4fY3XzM1dyHi6AaaeMj9tk0dSNw_viewform&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=vUJ4jziZroN23rtJTXsAPt4fkzfXudY4g_Ivqs5XuFE&m=RZ2L9Muanlmb5xFryfLsbK20QFQyCwJAHPmKrvzgD-g&s=SY6QvFJvMSiLUDWSNaFxj0OAm-YApdUiV5y0ps-lqPk&e=)

**myMCPS Parent Portal**

If you do not already have access to the myMCPS Parent Portal, please email Ms. Harrison, who will send you the information to log into the portal.

In the portal we have created an informational page which includes class schedules, contact information, Chromebook Distribution information, Counseling Website links, Media Center Information, and more. All families should access and become familiar with this information. Some of the information found on the portal will NOT be published on our main website.

**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=RZ2L9Muanlmb5xFryfLsbK20QFQyCwJAHPmKrvzgD-g&s=a5Ip2JchnOOvDWrcnlI4KEq4hefmpOOC78Z-Ygq_YYY&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=RZ2L9Muanlmb5xFryfLsbK20QFQyCwJAHPmKrvzgD-g&s=WxSk5SXSyyyQU99TkQFWSDf635gccWZzIchF9U41dQs&e=)

**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**