Dear Garrett Park Families,

We hope you find this weekly email user-friendly and beneficial for staying informed and planning for upcoming school events. If there is information you would like us to share in upcoming editions, please let us know. You can either call the school at 240-740-0700 or email Dan at Daniel\_K\_Tucci@mcpsmd.org or Melanie at Melanie\_S\_Bachrach@mcpsmd.org

**Updates from GPES Administration:**

Hard to believe the second week of school is over! Teachers are now fully into their instructional routines and students have settled nicely into the learning structures in place. The PTA picnic was a huge success! What a lovely evening to celebrate the return to school and the anticipation of the fall season. Thanks to the PTA board and KAH for organizing and supporting this lovely event for the community. Please follow me on Twitter to see pictures of this and other school events (@D\_Tucci). We will be welcoming parents of students in grades 1-5 to Back-to-School Night this Tuesday. We look forward seeing you. See below for times. Also, the Holy Cross parking lot will be available for overflow parking. Please do not use Parkside as an overflow, rather park legally in the neighborhood. Carpooling is highly suggested on high impact nights such as this. Thank you for your cooperation as we look to keep everyone in the community safe at all times.

**Teaching and Learning:**

Montgomery County Public Schools revised the report cards this year based on parent and community feedback. You should have received an update from MCPS on the new report cards in your child’s backpack.

[http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/info/grading/reportcardflyer.pdf](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org_uploadedFiles_info_grading_reportcardflyer.pdf&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=-H88A-nqVig4iJU0dnj9DZdbRw670-V-qbBcDiUgz1s&m=mu5kjrOJTlW47OOR2zyv0-LWfuapfoljDR8dwQRxaUQ&s=ThIkohKDFTRiDBwSfL-tWPXFbWBNAwxhX0pchIHFx4Q&e=)

Please take a moment to write down any questions you may have for your teachers and bring them to Back-to-School Night. Teachers will be providing you with further details and most questions should get answered. We will also share a brief video at the PTA meeting in October.

**Safety and Security:**

Please come to a complete stop at all stop signs in the neighborhood. We have seen many cars drifting beyond the stop signs into crosswalks during arrival and dismissal. The white lines are a marker for where your car should come to a rest before moving forward.

**Important Dates:**

September 19              Back to School Night              6:00-6:45 pm (grades 3-5)

                                                                                    7:00-7:45 pm (grades 1-2)

September 21              No School

September 27              Donuts with Dads                   8:45-9:15 am

October 6                    Early Release                          Dismissal at 1:20 pm

**MCPS Updates:**

**Stay Informed with MCPS QuickNotes**

MCPS QuickNotes is a bimonthly newsletter that provides MCPS families with important news and information about MCPS programs and activities, plus emergency information. MCPS QuickNotes is offered in seven languages: English, Spanish, French, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Amharic. Visit [news.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__news.montgomeryschoolsmd.org_&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=-H88A-nqVig4iJU0dnj9DZdbRw670-V-qbBcDiUgz1s&m=mu5kjrOJTlW47OOR2zyv0-LWfuapfoljDR8dwQRxaUQ&s=4IltOauJrt35n_rj6UgUddwCfm401KjDjsAzu-pSrCU&e=) to read the latest edition.

**Manténgase Informado/a con QuickNotes de MCPS**

QuickNotes de MCPS es un boletín informativo que se publica dos veces al mes y provee a las familias de MCPS noticias e información importantes sobre los programas y actividades de MCPS, además de información de emergencia. Quick Notes de MCPS se ofrece en siete idiomas: inglés, español, amárico, chino, coreano, francés y vietnamita. Visite [news.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__news.montgomeryschoolsmd.org_&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=-H88A-nqVig4iJU0dnj9DZdbRw670-V-qbBcDiUgz1s&m=mu5kjrOJTlW47OOR2zyv0-LWfuapfoljDR8dwQRxaUQ&s=4IltOauJrt35n_rj6UgUddwCfm401KjDjsAzu-pSrCU&e=) para leer la última edición.

**HHL (English and Spanish)**

**New Season of Homework Hotline Live!**

For 32 years, Homework Hotline Live (HHL) has helped tens of thousands of students in kindergarten through Grade 12 by offering free after-school homework help from MCPS teachers. HHL uses the internet and cable TV to offer students live one-on-one homework help. When HHL is on TV, students can phone in questions and see and hear the teachers while working through problems together.

HHL kicked off its 2017–2018 season on September 6 by offering homework help online. Homework Hotline Live on TV will start Tuesday, September 26 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. on MCPS-TV.  Students can call HHL for help from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays or submit online questions from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, and 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Mondays.  During the TV broadcast, all questions will be answered on-air. Questions submitted at other times will receive an online response.

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**Nueva Temporada de la Línea en Vivo para Ayuda con las Tareas (Homework Hotline Live!)**

Durante 32 años, Homework Hotline Live (HHL) ha ayudado a miles y miles de estudiantes, desde Kindergarten hasta el Grado 12, ofreciendo después del horario escolar ayuda gratuita de maestros de MCPS para hacer las tareas. Por Internet y por televisión por cable, HHL ofrece a los estudiantes ayuda individual en vivo para hacer las tareas. Cuando HHL está en el aire, los estudiantes pueden hacer sus preguntas por teléfono y pueden ver y escuchar a los maestros mientras juntos trabajan en los problemas.

HHL lanzó su temporada 2017–2018 el 6 de septiembre, ofreciendo ayuda por Internet para hacer las tareas. Homework Hotline Live por televisión comenzará el martes, 26 de septiembre, de 4:30 a 6:00 p.m., a través de MCPS-TV. Los estudiantes pueden llamar a HHL para recibir ayuda entre las 4:30 y las 6:00 p.m., de martes a jueves, o pueden enviar sus preguntas por Internet entre las  4:30 y las 9:00 p.m., de martes a jueves, y los lunes entre las 6:00 y las 9:00 p.m. Durante el programa de televisión, todas las preguntas serán respondidas en vivo. Las preguntas que se envíen en otros momentos recibirán una respuesta en línea. Visite [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/itv/hhl/](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org_departments_itv_hhl_&d=DwMFaQ&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=-H88A-nqVig4iJU0dnj9DZdbRw670-V-qbBcDiUgz1s&m=mu5kjrOJTlW47OOR2zyv0-LWfuapfoljDR8dwQRxaUQ&s=gX0OopVyGR00vzz2epdZqMwPvF61Vj-hbHVVWhTYUHM&e=) para más información.

Have a great weekend!

Dan