



Dear Goshen Families,

### **Montgomery County Executive to Host Budget Forums**

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich is holding several budget forums to seek input from residents about Fiscal Year 2021 (FY 21) Operating Budget priorities. The forums are scheduled for:

- **Monday, October 21 – 7:00 p.m.** – Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, Maryland 20814
- **Wednesday, October 30 – 7:00 p.m.** – Silver Spring Civic Building, in the Buffalo Soldiers Great Hall, 1 Veterans Place, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
- **Thursday, November 7 – 7:00 p.m.** – BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown, Maryland 20874
- **Wednesday, November 13 – 7:00 p.m.** – Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904

The County Executive will announce his Recommended FY21 Operating Budget on Monday, March 16, 2020. The County Council approves the operating budget at the end of May. Join Montgomery County's conversation about the FY21 Operating Budget on social media and help raise awareness by using #MoCoBudget21.

### **Equity and Achievement Framework**

MCPS is committed to addressing disparities in student outcomes by closing gaps in opportunity and achievement for all students, in all classrooms, in all of our schools. The MCPS All In: Equity and Achievement Framework provides the purpose, path, and plan to ensure success for all students. For more information, visit [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/evidence-of-learning-framework/all-in-equity-and-achievement-framework.aspx](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/evidence-of-learning-framework/all-in-equity-and-achievement-framework.aspx).

### **County to Host Free Flu Clinics in October and November (English and Spanish)**

The 2019 flu season is upon us. There are simple steps you and your child can take to stay healthy and help prevent the flu. That includes getting a yearly flu vaccine.

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services will conduct free injectable flu vaccine clinics on Tuesday, November 12 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for children 18 and under at John F. Kennedy, Northwest, and Rockville high schools. These clinics will be open to any school-aged child. The clinics are free, but **registration is required due to limited vaccine supplies**. For more information, visit [apps.montgomerycountymd.gov/FluVaccine/](https://apps.montgomerycountymd.gov/FluVaccine/).

Stephanie Dinga

Principal

## ESOL Newsletter

### Bilingualism is a gift!

Did you know that speaking in two languages grows your brain's grey matter?

Speaking more than one language may have cognitive benefits even in the old age, keeping the mind youthful and reducing chances of developing dementia or Alzheimer's.

October 2019

### ESOL Grading and Reporting

On report cards, ESOL student will receive a performance level for listening, speaking, reading and writing. This level is based on their ESOL classroom performance and assessments.

### ESOL Essential Questions for Kindergarten:

We use language to express who we are.

- What words describe each of us?

We can gain information through written and oral language.

- What words can we use to describe things?

Asking questions helps us learn and work well with others.

- What language do we use when we work together in school?
- How do we ask questions for clarification?

The language we use expresses how we organize information.

- What language do we use to describe objects or describe the actions or groups of categories of?

### ESOL Essential Questions for First Grade:

How do communicating and working with others help you learn?

Working together allows me to learn new words and ideas because they are repeated many times.

How does identifying similarities, differences, or patterns help you understand how ideas are related?

Practicing sentence patterns helps me understand how words are related and how to better express myself in English.

How does breaking down a whole into parts help you understand the whole?

Observing details and learning words to describe them helps me understand and explain how parts are related to the whole.

How do sorting and classifying help you make sense of information to solve problems?

Explaining why things fit or don't fit into categories helps me make sense of new information and solve problems.

How do communicating and working with others help you learn?

Listening to my classmates' ideas and adding my own ideas helps me learn.

*Physical Education Update:-Message from Mr. Reynolds*

Hello families, I hope everyone is able to get outside and enjoy this beautiful weather. If you are looking for a great local place to go for a hike, I recommend Sugarloaf Mountain. My daughters and I go there often and it is a beautiful, free local resource with many different levels of trails to meet the needs of everyone's comfort levels.

This month in Physical Education, Kindergarten students will be working on catching a self-thrown ball.

First grade students will be working on executing an underhand throw in addition to catching an underhand thrown ball.

Second grade will work on throwing a ball to a stationary target in addition to catching an overhand thrown ball.

Third grade students will be working on executing an overhand thrown ball at different levels. In addition, they will focus on catching at different levels.

Fourth grade students will be focusing on throwing to a target that is moving right or left. In addition, they will concentrate on catching thrown balls while moving right and left.

Fifth grade will focus on throwing to a target which is moving away from them. Additionally, they will focus on catching a thrown ball while moving away from the passer.

As always, contact me anytime with questions or concerns.

Yours in Health,

Bob Reynolds

## Media Specialist Update

We had a great month of October in the library! The students enjoyed reading new books, using some computer skills, and checking out books of their choice. Just a reminder to send back books on your child's library day, so they can check out new books. In November, **Kindergarten and First Grade** students will be reading some of our new Black Eyed Susan Book Award nominees this week to prepare for voting in the spring. We will also have our first Digital Citizenship lesson, where we discuss media balance and well-being. **Second grade** students will be using an online resource, PebbleGo, to research about a new animal. We will also read some of our new Black Eyed Susan Book Award Nominees to prepare for voting in the spring. **Third grade** students will be using an online resource, PebbleGo, to learn about a dinosaur. We will also have our first Digital Citizenship lesson, where we discuss media balance and well-being. **Fourth, and Fifth grade** students are continuing to use online resource, CultureGrams, to research a country of their choice. They will also be creating a Google Slide to present their findings. *Also, don't forget the PTA sponsored book fair will be this month, November 11-15. We are looking forward to a wonderful November!*

Mrs. Weisner

## Music Newsletter From Mrs. Holden!

**Kindergarten** has been working on our musical opposites: loud/soft, fast/slow, long/short, and same/different. We are continuing to explore our voices and the sounds they make. We are also working on using our bodies to keep a steady beat.

**First Grade** has learned how to identify and read quarter notes and two beamed eighth notes. When we are reading these in rhythms we call them Ta and Ta-ti. Students have also been practicing using their inner hearing, or audiation. In November we will be continuing to practice reading rhythms as well as working on how to keep a steady beat using instruments.

**Second Grade** has been working on identifying and reading half notes. When we are reading these in rhythms we call them Ta-a. Students have been practicing their inner hearing, or audiation, in order to decode rhythms containing half notes. This month we are learning about the different families of the orchestra in preparation for our field trip to Strathmore on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Third Grade** has been working on identifying and reading four beamed sixteenth notes. When we are reading these in rhythms we call them Ta-ka-ti-ki. In November we are going to continue working on songs that use the pentatonic scale and whole note and whole rest rhythms.

**Fourth Grade** has been working on songs that use the I chord and the V chord by playing the ukulele. Students have been using the F and C chords to accompany themselves as they play songs. In November we will be continuing to explore I and V chords in music as well as singing rounds and exploring musical phrases.

**Fifth Grade** has been studying the 12-bar blues in preparation for our field trip to Strathmore that took place in October. In November we will take the chords we learned and apply them to partner songs (two songs that can be sung together in harmony at the same time). We will also continue to work on proper singing technique and adding expressive qualities to our singing.

**Chorus** is hard at work learning new songs. Students have been focusing on singing with proper technique and breath support. In November we will continue to work on singing in harmony.

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## SCHOOL COUNSELOR

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### Classroom Lessons

Students recently completed their first round of classroom lessons with the school counselor. Students reviewed the role of the school counselor and discussed different ways the school counselor can support them at school. We also talked about the importance of kindness. Students in grades K-2 discussed how kind acts can help everyone feel good and practiced giving each other compliments. Students in grades 3-5 focused on valued qualities of friends. Our next round of lessons also started. Students will be exploring how to recognize feelings and connect them to their thoughts and actions.

### Contact

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### Human Rights Diversity Camp

Attention 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents! The Montgomery County Office of Human Rights is offering an opportunity for students to participate in an educational 3 day camp. Please contact me for more information, application, and registration materials.

### Holiday Giving Program

If your family is in need this holiday season, please contact me as I am able to make a referral for you to the Montgomery County Holiday Giving Project. The deadline for assistance for November/Thanksgiving is 10/24/19. The deadline for December holidays is 11/18/19.

## Art Updates:

In Mrs. Bauer's classes **Kindergarten** students experimented with mixing primary colors (red, yellow & blue) to make secondary colors (orange, green & purple). Students painted papers with the colors they mixed, then used the papers to make a pumpkin collage. Students worked on cutting and gluing skills while creating their artwork. **First graders** looked at the work of illustrator & author Eric Carle. Students learned that Eric Carle makes his own papers that he uses for his collages. The class decorated a variety of papers using materials such as texture plates and watercolor paints. First graders also worked on cutting and gluing skills as they created their own landscape creature collages using the papers they created as a class. **Second graders** observed illuminated letters in a variety of texts. Students began to design their own illuminated letter, which they then transferred to foam and printed multiple times using the correct printmaking process. **Third graders** started to work on their clay bird bath sculptures. First students created two pinch pots made out of clay, then attached them together to create their bird bath. Next, students carved designs into their clay and attached clay birds. Finally, students will paint their clay bird baths with glaze to make it colorful and shiny. **Fourth graders** learned about the element of art called value. Students used paint to mix different values of a color adding white to create a tint, adding black to create a shade and adding black and white to create a tone. After painting their background paper with tints, shades and tones, students then painted black shapes on top to create a silhouette. There is a lot of creativity going on in the art room!

*Carrie Bauer, NBCT*

*Art Specialist*

Students have been hard at work in the Art Room! In Kindergarten, students are finishing up a watercolor painting of an ice cream cone, inspired by artist Wayne Thiebaud. We used patterns and oil pastels to add detail! Next, we will begin to explore tempera paint while using shapes and lines to draw dinosaurs! First grade is finishing up our fruit bowl still life paintings, and will soon begin a new lesson on learning about the different parts of a landscape. We will draw what is near and far with a horizon line and add some fall elements to our pictures with paint. Second grade just learned about Positive and Negative shapes in a composition while working on a collage, and will now switch gears to focus on using value to turn a circle into a sphere while making an out-of-this-world space picture! Third graders are about to learn about artist John James Audubon and his scientific illustrations of birds. We will get bird books from the library to use while we talk about proportion and color, and using different techniques with both colored pencils and chalk for our pictures. Fourth grade is going to review radial symmetry in a very detailed circular design using a variety of materials including colored pencils, oil pastels, pens and markers. This will lead into another circular project where we will be using plaster in the future! Fifth grade is finishing up a value Zentangle painting where students were able to choose an image that had personal meaning to them for their Zentangle patterns, then chose a color to paint with value around their image. They are turning out beautiful! Soon we are going to pair off into groups to plan, design and create a collaborative mural! Students will see how working together to share ideas and create a large painting can be an enriching experience.

Katherine Raker

Art Teacher

Goshen Elementary School

# Important Dates

**November 6th:** 5th grade CogAT Testing

**November 8th:**

1:20: Early Dismissal due to end of Marking Period 1

3pm: Chuck E Cheese Fundraiser

**November 11th:**

Happy Veteran's Day! Assembly at 10:30am

1:20-Early Dismissal-Parent Teacher Conferences

**November 12th:**

1:20-Early Dismissal-Parent Teacher Conferences

8:30: Megalosaurus Muffins with Moms

**November 14th:** 6:30pm: Literacy Night

**November 15th:**

- 8:30 Dino-Mite Donuts with Dads
- Hearing and Vision Rescreening
- 9:30-2:15: Grade 4 Field Trip to National Museum of American Indian

**November 20th:** Report Card Distribution

**November 22nd:** Friendsgiving in classrooms

**November 27th:** 1:20: Early Dismissal

**November 28th and 29th:** Happy Thanksgiving Break!