

Maryvale Cougar

Maryvale Elementary School

December 2022

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Upcoming Events

- 12/7 Early Release for Students 1:20 pm
- 12/8 No School for Head Start Students
- 12/9 Gr. 3 Virtual Field Trip to the Botanical Gardens (Ms. Lamberty)
Family Movie Night (The Polar Express)
6:30—8:30 pm
- 12/12 Gr. 3 Virtual Field Trip to the Botanical Gardens (Ms. Ankrah)
- 12/13 PTA Board Meeting 6:30—7:00 pm
General PTA Meeting 7:00—8:00 pm
- 12/14 No School for Special Education and General Education PreK Students
- 12/16 Gr. 3 Virtual Field Trip to the Botanical Gardens (Mme. Faye/Mme. Kadouno)
- 12/23—1/2 Winter Break—No School for Students and Teachers



SchoolCash Online

Beginning this school year, parents/ guardians of Maryvale students will be able to pay for any school obligations via School-Cash Online (i.e. Field Trips and Yearbooks).

All families should have received information from MCPS over the summer regarding this program.

Please refer to the attached flyers (English and Spanish) for information about registering your children for this convenient way to pay obligations.





CAFETERIA NEWS

MCPS will resume regular meal services during the 2022–2023 school year.

Meal prices: Breakfast—\$1.30; Lunch—\$2.55 (Elementary), \$2.80 (Middle and High)

Beginning this year, students in Maryland who qualify for reduced-price meals will not be charged for breakfast or lunch meals!

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEAL APPLICATIONS

Apply online NOW so that benefits will be in place when school starts!

Families who meet certain federal income standards are eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits. All children use their MCPS ID number at the register, so confidentiality is maintained, and no child is overtly identified as receiving free or reduced-price meals. **Only one application is needed for all students in a household. A new application must be completed for any family requesting assistance this school year. The online application is now open for families to submit applications.**

www.MySchoolApps.com

Start-up Process: FARMS eligibility from the 2021–2022 school year will expire after the 30th scheduled school day, **unless** a new 2022–2023 application is processed. Once the 2022–2023 applications are processed, that eligibility determination carries through the school year or until another application is processed. After October 12, 2022, **all students without a current year approved meal application will default to full paid status.**

Who Should Apply: Households are not required to apply for meal benefits. However, all households who think they may be eligible are encouraged to apply. Income eligibility information is listed on the back of the application. **A new application is required for each household applying for free or reduced-price meals.** Households complete an application only if they wish to apply for free or reduced-price meals.

Questions: If you have any questions, please contact DFNS at 240-740-7400 or via email DFNSOffice@mcpsmd.org

For more information and How-To videos visit the Food Services website: www.montgomeryschools.org/departments/food-and-nutrition/meal-payments/#FARMS

Free Virtual Tutoring

MCPS has continued their partnership with FEV Tutor and Tutor Me Education so all students have access to free tutoring and 24/7 Homework Help to support success in their current courses/grade level content. Students access these platforms through their MCPS Google Account, using Clever. Some students will also be referred directly by their local school. If you have any questions please reach out to Ann Stevenson, Lead Teacher for tutoring programs at Maryvale Elementary School ann_b.stevenson@mcpsmd.org or by calling 240-740-4330.

More information may be found at: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/tutoring.aspx>





CaringMatters

VIRTUAL Family Nights

Grief Support for the Whole Family

Please join us for Virtual Family Nights on Zoom! Our Family Nights, **offered free of charge**, bring grieving families together ahead of holidays and other special days to encourage sharing and communication between adults and children.

CaringMatters' Family Nights workshops help grieving families learn coping tools, plan for handling celebrations and honor their loved one(s). Art activities, facilitated by trained volunteers, provide families with an opportunity to create something together as a way to explore their feelings, remember their loved ones and keep their memories alive.

For virtual Family Nights, families will need a space where they can work on a project together, as well as a device, preferably a tablet or computer, to access Zoom. CaringMatters will deliver all art materials a few days prior to the online workshop.

Each workshop is designed to be independent of the others so that families can come to one or more as they choose. **Appropriate for families with children ages 5-18.** Registration is required.

To learn more visit caringmatters.org/family-nights or contact Gilly Cannon at gillyc@caringmatters.org, 301-990-8904.

Upcoming Family Nights will be held online **6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on the following dates:**

Winter Holidays & Special Days, December 8, 2022
(registration deadline: December 2)

Valentine's Day & Special Days, February 2, 2023
(registration deadline: January 27)

Spring Holidays & Special Days, March 23, 2023
(registration deadline: March 17)

Pre-Mother's Day/Father's Day & Special Days, May 4, 2023
(registration deadline: April 28)



CaringMatters

Apoyo de Duelo para toda la familia

Los invitamos a que participen en nuestro programa; Noches Familiares en Zoom. Nuestro programa virtual de Noches Familiares se **ofrece de forma gratuita**, y tiene como objetivo reunir a familias que están en duelo en anticipación de un día festivo y otros días importantes, para promover un momento de comunicación.

Las Noches Familiares de CaringMatters son talleres que ayudan a las familias a que adquieran herramientas de afrontamiento, planifiquen como manejar las celebraciones, y como marcar la ausencia de su ser querido de una manera significativa. Por medio de la elaboración de proyectos de arte, y facilitadas por voluntarios entrenados, se anima a los padres e hijos a crear juntos un proyecto, como una manera de continuar conversaciones a cerca de sus seres queridos y ayudar a mantener sus recuerdos vivos.

Las familias que participen en Las Noches Familiares necesitaran un espacio en donde puedan elaborar un proyecto de arte juntos, así como una tableta o computadora para conectarse a Zoom. CaringMatters entregara a domicilio todos los materiales necesarios para el proyecto de arte unos días antes del taller en línea.

Cada taller esta diseñado de una manera independiente de los demás, de esta manera las familias pueden participar en una o más fechas si así lo desean. Este programa es **apropiado para familias con niños entre los 5 y 18 años de edad**. La inscripción es necesaria.

Para obtener más información visite nuestra página caringmatters.org/family-nights o comuníquese con Mabilia Rastello a mabiliar@caringmatters.org o 717-800-1631

Próximas Fechas de Las Noches Familiares en Línea 6:00 a 7:30 p.m.

Vacaciones de otoño y días especiales, 10 de noviembre de 2022
(última fecha de inscripción; 4 de noviembre de 2022)

Vacaciones de invierno y días especiales, 8 de diciembre, 2022
(última fecha de inscripción; 2 de diciembre)

San Valentín y días especiales, 2 de febrero, 2023
(última fecha de inscripción; 27 de enero)

Vacaciones de primavera y días especiales, 23 de marzo, 2023
(última fecha de inscripción; 217 de marzo)

Pre-Día de la Madre/Día del Padre y días especiales, 4 de mayo, 2022 (última fecha de inscripción; 28 de abril)