

Maryvale Cougar



Maryvale Elementary School



February 2023

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Upcoming Events

- 1/30 Marking Period 3 Begins
- 2/2 Family Life Parent Committee Meeting (Virtual)
- 2/2 Winter Instrumental Concert 7:00 pm
- 2/3 Report Cards Available in Synergy (ParentVue)
- 2/6 Report Card Distribution
Wood MS Registration Collection
Ms. Herrera's Class 2:00 pm
Ms. Williams' Class 2:40 pm
- 2/10 Echoes of Nature Visits Ms. Mashburn's Classes
AM 11:20
PM 1:30
- 2/14 Valentine's Activities
- 2/15 No School for Head Start Students
- 2/17 Family Movie Night 6:30—8:30 pm
- 2/20 Holiday—No School
- 2/22 No School for CAPP and PreK Students (Dyce, Marella, Mashburn, Lozada, Romero)
- 2/23 Virtual French Immersion Parent Interest Meeting 6:30—7:30 pm (please see page 6)
- 2/28 Club, Groups and Candid Photos for Yearbook
- 3/2 Spring Individual Student Photos
- 3/3 Early Release Day for Students 1:20 pm



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.



Winter is Here!

Brrrr—it's cold outside! Students go outside for recess everyday unless the temperature is below 32 degrees.

Please make sure to send your child to school ready for the cold weather: Winter coat, a hat, gloves, scarf and boots.



PTA Spirit Wear

The PTA is happy to announce some exciting new additions to its online spirit wear store: <https://maryvale-elementary-school-pta.square.site/>

A new French shirt is now available (scroll down - under the original shirts). The new shirt is available in short-sleeve, long-sleeve, hooded sweatshirt, crew neck sweatshirt, and on a mini shirt for a cougar plush. The design is another original from Maryvale's in-house graphic designer (5th grader Benjo Calcano Kemperman).

Also, by popular demand, the original two shirts are now available in pink (pictures coming soon - it's a darker, "heliconica," pink - see the example for the French crewneck sweatshirt). The pink is available for the short-sleeve, long-sleeve, and hooded sweatshirts.

Our spirit wear is custom created in small batches by a local small business owner. Therefore, this is usually about a 4-6 week delay between your order and receiving the shirts. We thank you in advance for your support and patience.





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.

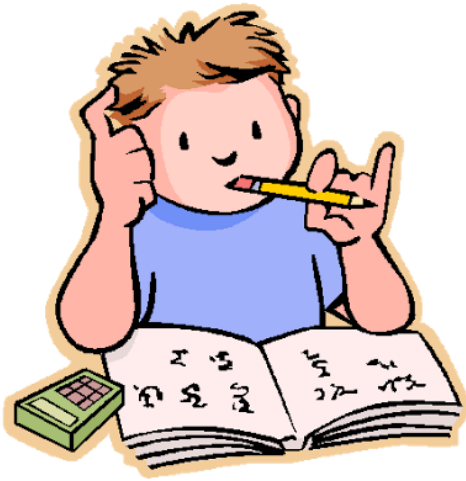
Questions: If you have any questions, please contact DFNS at 240-740-7400 or via email DFNSOffice@mcpsmd.org

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>



Maryvale Instrumental Winter Concert

Feb. 2 at 7:00 pm



Yearbooks

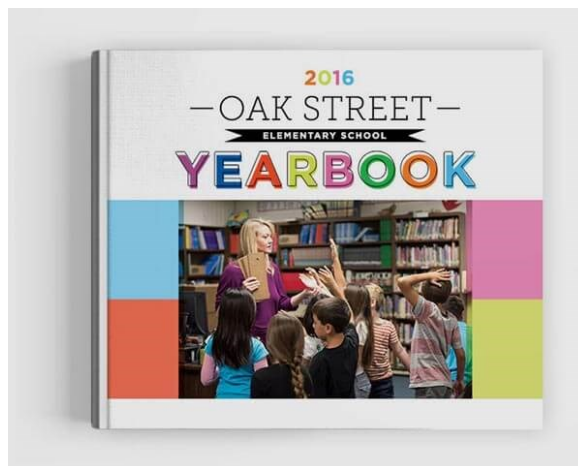
Yearbooks will be sold online
(through Classic Photography)
beginning February 1st.

Yearbooks are \$16.96 each (\$16.00 + .96 tax)

The deadline for online orders is April 10th.

Flyers with ordering instructions will
come home with your child this week.

Please order early—don't miss out!

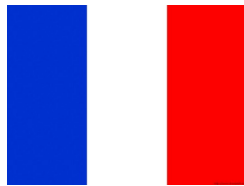




Valentine' Day and Kindness Week

We will be celebrating Kindness week Feb 13th – Feb 17th, Valentine's Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 14th. The Instructional Leadership Team came to the following Valentine's Day Agreements:

- Food is ok, but please be sure that they are allergen free.
- Valentine cards can be passed out as a class as long as everyone is included.
- On Tuesday, February 14th, teachers will plan and deliver a fun activity, game, or craft with their students.
- Candy may be attached to the Valentine's that students bring to school, but they must go home unopened.



French Immersion Interest Meeting

Feb 23, 2023 6:30 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/8483539118?pwd=R0dtZCtZQi95RDY0ZDE3T2VvN2srZz09>

Meeting ID: 848 353 9118

Passcode: RILEY

One tap mobile

+13017158592, 8483539118# US (Washington DC)

Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Find your local number: <https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/kdMB4EQRrw>

Register for SchoolCash Online today

It's fast, easy & free

Activate an account today so you will be notified via email and pay for your child(ren)'s school activity fees online.

Why register?

24/7 shopping convenience

Secure, contactless & easy-to-use

Receive email notifications as new items are available for purchase

Manage all of your child(ren)'s school activity fees from a single account

Check your account history at any time

View & print receipts as needed

Eliminates the need for your child(ren) to carry cash

How to register

Go to <https://mcpsmd.schoolcashionline.com/> and click **Register**.

Enter your first name, last name, email address, and create a password

Select a security question

Select **Yes** to receive email notifications (note that you will not receive any promotional emails)

You will receive a confirmation via email. Check your Spam folder if you don't receive it.

Use your email address and password to log in to your account.

How to add children to your account

Sign in to **SchoolCash Online**: <https://mcpsmd.schoolcashionline.com/>.

At the top of the page, navigate to **My Account**.

From the dropdown menu, select **My Students**.

Click to add a child:

Type your school board name.

Choose your school from the list.

Enter your child's details.

Click **Confirm**.

How to make a payment

Select the item which you would like to purchase & click **Add to Cart**.

Once you have finished adding items to your cart, always review the cart.

Click **Continue** to make a payment.

Regístrese hoy en SchoolCash Online

Es rápido, fácil y gratuito

Cree una cuenta hoy mismo para que se le notifique por correo electrónico y pueda pagar en línea las cuotas de las actividades escolares de su(s) hijo(s).

¿Por qué registrarse?

Facilidad de compra 24 horas al día, 7 días a la semana

Seguro, sin contacto y fácil de usar

Reciba notificaciones por correo electrónico cuando haya nuevos artículos disponibles para su compra

Gestione todas las cuotas de las actividades escolares de sus hijos desde una sola cuenta

Vea e imprima los recibos que necesite

Elimina la necesidad de que su(s) hijo(s) lleve(n) dinero en efectivo

Cómo inscribirse

Vaya a <https://mcpsmd.schoolcashionline.com/> y haga clic en **Register**.

Introduzca su nombre, apellido, dirección de correo electrónico y cree una contraseña

Seleccione una pregunta de seguridad

Seleccione **Yes** para recibir notificaciones por correo electrónico (tenga en cuenta que no recibirá ningún correo electrónico promocional)

Recibirás una confirmación por correo electrónico. Comprueba tu carpeta de Spam si no lo recibes.

Utilice su dirección de correo electrónico y su contraseña para acceder a su cuenta.

Cómo añadir niños a su cuenta

Acceda a **SchoolCash Online**: <https://mcpsmd.schoolcashionline.com/>

En la parte superior de la página, navegue hasta **My Account**.

En el menú desplegable, seleccione **My Students**.

Haga clic para añadir un niño:

Escriba el nombre de su consejo escolar.

Elija su escuela de la lista.

Introduzca los datos de su hijo.

Haga clic en **Confirm**.

Cómo hacer un pago

Seleccione el artículo que desea comprar y haga clic en **Add to Cart**.

Una vez que haya terminado de añadir artículos a su cesta, haga clic en **Continue** para realizar el pago.