

Dear Maryvale Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! We hope your family has had an enjoyable summer of relaxation and fun. We look forward to hearing from your child about their summer fun.

The entire Maryvale staff have been working hard over the summer to make sure we have a terrific year of growing and learning together! Ms. Nolte, Ms. Amaya, and Ms. Prather have been getting everything organized and distributed to classrooms; our building service team has done a great job cleaning every space of the building; our cafeteria team is ready to provide breakfasts and lunches for our students; and our instructional staff has been attending trainings, preparing materials and lessons, and setting up happy and welcoming learning environments for our students. We are excited for a year of growing and learning together! As always, our work is grounded in our school's mission, vision, and theme.

Mission: All students at Maryvale Elementary School achieve excellence through caring relationships in a collaborative and engaging teaching and learning environment that considers children's individual and collective cognitive, emotional, and physical well-being.

Vision: Maryvale Elementary School, in partnership with our community, promotes academic excellence, social and emotional well-being, and digital responsibility that fosters lifelong learning and respectful and responsible citizens.

Theme:

Treat Others Right, Make Smart Decisions, Maximize Your Potential

This letter contains a lot of information. After reading, if there is a topic you still have questions about, please feel free to reach out to me or Mr. Jain by e-mail or phone.

Rockville Day:

The Rockville community is coming together for a Back to School event focusing on school spirit, health, and wellness on Sunday, August 21 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Rockville Day will feature three main areas: a fun mini carnival with rides and games, a community outreach area with the local businesses and PTAs, as well as a health and wellness area with organizations such as MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), BPHN (Black Physicians Healthcare Network), and more. There will be several local food truck options and budget friendly supplies. Check Out the Rockville Day website for details at www.rockvilleptsa.org/RockvilleDay . The carnival is \$5 per family and \$2 for unaccompanied middle and high school students.

School Starts on Monday, August 29, 2022

The doors open at 9:05 am. Bus Riders enter the building through the front side door (#28) closest to the bus loop. Car Riders enter through the main doors under the Maryvale Elementary School sign. Walkers can enter either through the bus rider door or through the main doors, whichever is closest.

Students are dismissed at 3:50 pm. Bus riders and walkers in grades two through five are dismissed directly. Bus riders in prekindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade will be dismissed with adults and patrol supervision from the gym. Car riders line up in the front hallway by individual family number. Walkers are escorted outside the school by the teacher to the flagpole. Your child should know how they are going home each day prior to the start of the school day. It is helpful to keep dismissal plans the same day to day, but in the event a change is needed, we will accept calls and inform students prior to 3:00 pm. Calls after 3:00 pm make communication directly with your child and the teacher difficult.

Your Child's Teacher Assignment

Class lists will be finalized on Monday, August 22, 2022. Your child will receive a postcard mailed from the school on August 22 from the classroom teacher. As a reminder, we do not honor parent requests for specific teachers, but are happy to work with you to ensure your child has what is needed to succeed.

Homeroom Teacher List

Grade

Teacher

Prekindergarten

Head Start 3 Year Old Class

Mrs. Han

Head Start 4 Year Old Class

Mrs. Simcox

Prekindergarten Class

Mrs. Mashburn

**Comprehensive Autism
Preschool Program**

Mrs. Dyce

Ms. Lozada

Mrs. Marella

Ms. Romero

Kindergarten

Ms. Boshart

Mrs. Puente

Mrs. Wenzler

**Mme Horchler, French
Immersion**

**Mme Nicimpaye, French
Immersion**

First Grade

Ms. Britton

Ms. Grundmayer

Ms. Schwartz

**Mme Loomis, French
Immersion**

Mr. Sy, French Immersion

Second Grade

Ms. Kim

Ms. Skipton

Ms. Toler

**Mme Kone, French
Immersion**

**Mr. Mendy, French
Immersion**

Third Grade

Mrs. Ankrah

Ms. Lamberty

**Mme Faye, French
Immersion**

**Mme Kadouno, French
Immersion**

Fourth Grade

Mr. McCarthy

Ms. Williams

**Mme Dickson, French
Immersion**

**Mme Owona, French
Immersion**

Fifth Grade

Ms. Herrera

Ms. Williams

**Mme Booker, French
Immersion**

**Mme Payot, French
Immersion**

Open House

We are excited to welcome your child back with a brief visit on Friday, August 26, 2022. Please stop by with your child to visit the classroom and meet the teacher. If your child's last name begins with the letter A-L, please plan to stop by between 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm. If your child's last name begins with the letter M-Z, please plan to stop by between 2:30 pm and 3:30 pm.

School Supplies

Optional school supply lists can be found on our school website, [Maryvale Elementary School](#). If your child is in need of a backpack, please email or call our school counselor, Ms. Witt, Brittany_Writt@mcpsmd.org

The PTA is offering a program to make it easier for you to purchase the class recommended supplies. Let the PTA do the shopping for you! Visit the MemberHub store to purchase back-to-school supply kits for your children. Don't forget to add a PTA membership and a donation towards kits for families in need. Open the link for a QR code to the MemberHub store, or use this link: <https://maryvale.memberhub.com/store> ,

[School Supply kits with QR.jpg](#)

Kindergarten Drop Off on the First Day

Kindergarten parents are welcome to the PTA Boohoo/Yahoo breakfast after drop-off on the first day of school (August 29). This is an opportunity for new parents to connect over coffee, donuts, and conversation. This will be held in the school cafeteria.

Bus Transportation

Bus routes have been shared with schools and are now posted on our school website and linked below. Please read the letter from MCPS Transportation [HERE](#):

Students Learning in English:

- Bus Arrival: [ARRIVAL](#)
- Bus Dismissal: [DEPARTURE](#)

Students Learning in French:

- Bus Arrival: [ARRIVAL](#)
- Bus Dismissal: [DEPARTURE](#)

First Few Days of Excitement

The first few days are exciting and exhausting for students, families, and staff. We provide extra staffing to help our youngest learners and those new to Maryvale Elementary. While we understand that it may be difficult to part from your child on the first day of school, we ask that you say goodbye at the entrance doors and then allow your child to walk into the school alone. If your child is a bus rider, it is best for your child to ride the bus on the first day to establish routines. The routines allow for a smooth transition back to school. We appreciate your cooperation and support with this.

Please be patient with transportation the first few days. I promise it will get better 😊. You can help us by keeping your child's dismissal procedures consistent. For our youngest learners, it is helpful to clearly label the backpack with their name, contact information, and bus route number.

Food and Nutrition Services

Maryvale is a Maryland Meals for Achievement school. This means that all students are provided breakfast in the classroom if they would like it free of charge to families.

The regular lunch cost for elementary schools is \$2.55. New this year, students in Maryland who qualify for reduced-price meals will longer be charged for lunch. If you are applying for Free and Reduced Price Meals, click here: www.MySchoolApps.com. All students without a current year approved meal application will default to full paid status after the first 30 days of school.

Back to School Nights

Back to School Night is Thursday, September 15, 2022. In order to accommodate families with more than one child and home/work schedules, we provide two presentation times that include the same content. Please select which time best meets your family's needs. The first session is at 6:15 pm and the second session begins at 7:00 pm. We will offer a virtual option for you to attend from home if that works better for you.

Office Hours

If you have questions or need to share information with us, our office hours are 8:45 am to 4:15 pm. Our busiest times during the day are between 8:45 and 9:45 am and 3:00 to 4:15 pm.

If you have changes in how your child will be dismissed, please email your child's teacher and copy Mrs. Nolte and Mrs. Amaya. We need to be aware of the changes before 3:00 pm as that is when we give reminders to students and staff.

PTA

We hope you consider becoming active members of our parent teacher association (PTA). Please read the welcome letter from our president, Amanda Roberts, click [HERE](#).

PTA Back to School Picnic

The PTA is inviting all families to bring a blanket and lunch for the Cougar Kickoff Family Picnic on Saturday, September 17 at 11:00 am on the fields behind the school.

2022-2023 George B. Thomas Saturday School

The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy, Saturday School offers tutoring and mentoring in reading/language arts, mathematics, and test-taking skills for students in grades 1-12. The program takes place Saturday mornings from 8:30 am to 11:00 am. Registration information can be found here: <https://saturdayschool.org/register/>

Required Vaccinations

Maryland State law requires that in order to attend preschool programs or schools, students must receive vaccinations on a schedule determined by the Center for Disease Control. The COVID 19 vaccination is NOT a requirement. Students may be exempt from these requirements if a healthcare provider states that the vaccinations are medically contraindicated or for religious objections. Maryland State law requires families provide proof of vaccinations within 20 days of the first day of school, which is Monday, August 29, 2022. Vaccination Requirements can be found [HERE](#):

Vaccination Clinic Access can be found [HERE](#):

MCPS Cell Phone Policy (Personal Mobile Devices - PMD)

MCPS elementary school students are not allowed to have cell PMD at school. If you believe your child needs to have a PMD (cell phone, smart device), they may keep it OFF and zipped in their backpack for the duration of the school day. If you need to reach your child during the school day, you can call the school directly at 240-740-4330. A complete overview of the MCPS regulation can be found [HERE](#).

Birthday Celebrations

We know that birthdays are very special for students. We want to recognize student birthdays, at the same time, be mindful and respectful of cultures, health, and impact on instructional time. We will honor birthdays in the following ways:

1. Student birthdays will be announced daily on the announcements.
2. Students will receive a birthday sticker or crown from their teacher.
3. Students will receive a birthday pencil from the office.

Food and/or birthday goodie bags may not be brought to school. Private birthday invitations will not be distributed at school unless the entire class is invited.

Important School Calendar Dates

Monday, August 29, 2022 First Day of School for Students

Monday, September 5, 2022 Holiday: Labor Day, No School

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 Early Release Day for Students

Monday September 26, 2022 No School for Students and Teachers

Friday, September 30, 2022 Early Release Day for Students

Wednesday, October 5, 2022 No School for Students and Teachers

Monday, October 24, 2022 Professional Day, No School for Students
Monday, November 7, 2022 Professional Day, No School for Students
Tuesday, November 8, 2022 Election Day, Schools and Offices Closed
Monday, November 21, 2022 Early Release Day for Parent Conferences
Tuesday, November 22, 2022 Early Release Day for Parent Conferences
Wednesday, November 23, 2022 Systemwide Closure-Schools and Offices Closed
Thursday, November 24, 2022 Holiday: Schools and Offices Closed
Friday, November 25, 2022 Holiday: Schools and Offices Closed
Wednesday, December 7, 2022 Early Release Day
Friday, December 23, 2022 - Winter Break-No School
Tuesday, January 2, 2023
Monday, January 16, 2023 Holiday, Schools and Offices Closed
Friday, January 27, 2023 Professional Day for teachers; no school for students

Wishing us all a year of good health, learning, and laughter.

Kind regards,

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