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Monocacy Elementary School

Principal’s Newsletter

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A Look Ahead

*Below are important reminders to help you stay involved in your child’s success during the school year at Monocacy Elementary.*

Mon. 9/30 No School

Fri. 10/4 Early Dismissal 12:55pm

Mon. 10/9 No School

**Thanks & Celebrations**

* Thank you to PTA for providing lunch to staff during our preservice week!

**Information & Reminders**

**School Safety Week Information:**

Safety Week- Routines are important for the success of students as we establish them at the beginning of the school year. Similarly, safety drills are important and required for students and staff. As a result, Monocacy students and staff will practice the following required MCPS safety drills. Teachers will have taken the time during the first week of school to review the drills before we engage in a school-wide practice next week. This plan has been constructed with the guidance of our school security cluster coordinator and the drills have been combined.

**On Monday morning, 9/23**, Drop, Cover, Hold drill (also known as earthquake drill, students will go under their desks for a few minutes), Fire drill #2 and Severe Weather Drill (also known as tornado drill, this is done in-house where students line up against their classroom hallway and cover their heads).

**On Wednesday afternoon 9/25,** Lockdown and Shelter drills combined (this will last 10 minutes and will occur in the classroom)

Please reinforce with your child how they will be getting home each day. If there is a change in their normal routine, send a note in with your child letting their teacher know how they will be getting home. If the routine changes during the day, you can call the office by 3:00 p.m. and they will communicate the change to their teacher. It is best to call rather than send an email as teachers and office staff may not see the email in time to relay the message. Thank you!

**Interim Progress Reports**

Interim progress reports will be sent home with students on October 11, 2019. Only students who currently have an N or a D in an academic area or have a specific learning skill they need to improve in will receive an interim. Interims serve as a way to inform parents if there is a concern and to provide suggestions to help improve in a specific area. If you have any questions please contact your child’s teacher. We appreciate your support and partnership as we work together to help your child have a successful year.



Have you been clipping those Box Tops? Please continue sending them into the school! Right now many products have double and triple Box Tops available. Through the Box Tops for Education Program our school has raised thousands of dollars that have been used to enhance our classrooms.

Dear Parents,

 The school year has gotten off to a great start! I am enjoying visiting classrooms and getting to know your children. It was nice to see so many of you at Back to School Night. It is clear that the education of our children is a priority as we focus on both the academic and social-emotional growth within the school setting. The expectations for respect and kindness to all are observed day to day in the positive school environment. Thank you for your continued support of Monocacy Elementary School.

 ~ Ms. Alban

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