



Kensington Parkwood Elementary School

Home of the SOARing Eagles

Reminders and updates heading into week 10...

Virtual Halloween/Fall Festival

Kensington Parkwood hosted fun celebrations! Thank you to our amazing room parents and teachers who worked really hard to ensure every student had a good time. Also, a special acknowledgement to Ms. Giron who not only is the executive producer of highly acclaimed morning KPTV but she also hosted a fun Fall Festival. You can still send in photos of your pumpkins or spirit wear. Remember we want to have lasting memories to fill our yearbook!

Changes to Wednesday Schedule

There are changes to the Wednesday schedule that will launch on **Wednesday, November 11th**, at the start of the second marking period. These changes were approved by the Board of Education at their October 27th meeting. These changes were based on feedback from the larger MCPS community of staff, and families around screen time, instructional blocks, and teacher planning. The goal of this schedule revision is to increase opportunities to reduce screen time, have students receive special education or related services, work on their own or in small groups, and complete assignments. **Please look for an email from your child's teacher the week of November 9th with specifics of what to expect beginning on Wednesday, November 11th.**

These revisions are summarized below:

- The revisions to the elementary schedule only affect the Wednesday morning instructional block that occurs between 9:00-11:30 am. Wednesday afternoons are unchanged.
- All students will continue to log in each Wednesday at 9 am, at which time they will meet with their teacher for a 30-minute class meeting.
- There will be two learning blocks on Wednesday mornings. No new instruction will be taught. The lunch and wellness break will be unchanged.
- Block #1 follows the class meeting and is from 9:30-10:30. Students will work either on their own, with their teacher in small groups, or receive support during the first block.
- Block #2 is from 10:30-11:30 am. During the second block, students will engage in work that is either self-guided or will include support from paraeducators and related service providers.
- Schedules for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, as well as Wednesday afternoons, will remain unchanged.



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Please look for an email/update on Canvas from your child's teacher the week of November 9th with specifics of what to expect beginning on Wednesday, November 11th.

Third Grade Parent Message

While Mrs. Klipstein continues her maternity leave, her class has been divided into the remaining three third grade classes. The third grade teachers have been a fantastic group in making sure everyone has a home. As we started the week it has become clear that there are issues and errors with the grades currently in Canvas. I wanted to provide her the time this past week to gain an understanding of the issues. We will provide a clear explanation of changes and updates this coming week to the parents in Mrs. Klipstein's class. We want to be sure that grades clearly and accurately reflect student performance.

Calendar Reminders:

- November 3rd - No School Election Day
 - 5th Grade Election Night Fundraiser at Chipotle (Chipotle Mexican Grill, 10526 Connecticut Ave, Kensington, MD 20895)
Use CODE: J9NHEX
- November 4th - Professional Day for Teachers
- November 9th - No School for students-Professional Day for teachers
- November 17th - Report cards will be available *online in Synergy*.
 - Report cards will be mailed only if you have **NOT** activated your account in ParentVUE. If you need assistance with activating your ParentVUEaccount please contact Mrs. Friedman or Ms. Allen at the school. Report cards will be mailed on November 18, 2020 from Central Office.
- November 23rd- Early Release Parent Conferences
- November 24th- Early Release Parent Conferences
- November 25th- Early Release Thanksgiving Break