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Communications Update

Provided by the Department of Communications

This update provides information and resources you can share with your school community. Your feedback and ideas for improving this resource are always welcome.

Archived updates can be found [here](#).

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What You Need To Know

You are encouraged to share this information with your school community in newsletters, emails, on your websites, etc.

ENGLISH	SPANISH
<p>COVID-19 Testing Will Help Reduce Quarantine and Keep Students and Staff Safe</p> <p>One significant mitigation tactic MCPS is using is random COVID-19 screening tests and rapid testing across grades. MCPS, in partnership with the Maryland Department of Health, is offering COVID tests to students at no cost. Testing requires parent permission; one form provides consent for both tests.</p> <p>Screening Testing: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends random asymptomatic COVID-19 testing because it detects and can limit the spread of the virus, even in the absence of visible symptoms.</p>	<p>Pruebas de COVID-19 ayudan a reducir las cuarentenas y mantener a los estudiantes y a el personal seguros</p> <p>Una de las estrategias de mitigación más importantes que MCPS está tomando para prevenir la propagación del COVID-19 y evitar las cuarentenas innecesarias, es la administración de pruebas al azar y pruebas rápidas. En colaboración con el Departamento de Salud de Maryland, MCPS está ofreciendo pruebas GRATIS a todos los estudiantes, pero los padres o guardianes deben completar el formulario de consentimiento.</p> <p>Prueba al azar: Los Centros para el Control y Prevención de Enfermedades recomiendan</p>

Rapid Testing: Staff from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will determine whether a COVID-19 rapid test should be administered when a student presents to a health room with potential COVID-19 symptoms.

Parents/guardians only need to fill out one form to provide consent for both types of tests.

[Link to consent form](#)

[More information](#)

Say Yes to the Test Flyer

English -

https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedfiles/coronavirus/sayyestotest/MCPS_Testing-Outreach_2021_ENGLISH-FINAL.pdf

Amharic -

https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedfiles/coronavirus/sayyestotest/MCPS_Testing-Outreach_2021_AMHARIC_FINAL.pdf

Chinese -

https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedfiles/coronavirus/sayyestotest/MCPS_Testing-Outreach_2021_CHINESE_FINAL.pdf

French -

https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedfiles/coronavirus/sayyestotest/MCPS_Testing-Outreach_2021_FRENCH_FINAL.pdf

Korean -

https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedfiles/coronavirus/sayyestotest/MCPS_Testing-Outreach_2021_KOREAN_FINAL.pdf

Portuguese -

https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedfiles/coronavirus/sayyestotest/MCPS_Testing-Outreach_2021_PORTUGUESE-FINAL.pdf

Spanish -

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/u>

pruebas al azar a personas asintomáticas porque detecta y puede limitar la propagación del virus, aún cuando no se presentan síntomas

Pruebas rápidas: Personal del Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos determinará si es necesario administrar una prueba rápida de COVID-19 cuando un estudiante en la Enfermería presenta síntomas de COVID-19.

Padres y guardianes solo tienen que completar una forma para proveer consentimiento para ambos tipos de pruebas.

[Enlace al formulario de consentimiento](#)

[Más información](#)

Spanish - Flyer

https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedfiles/coronavirus/sayyestotest/MCPS_Testing-Outreach_2021_SPANISH_FINAL.pdf

<p>ploadedfiles/coronavirus/sayyestotest/MCPS_Testing-Outreach_2021_SPANISH_FINAL.pdf Vietnamese - https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedfiles/coronavirus/sayyestotest/MCPS_Testing-Outreach_2021_VIETNAMESE_FINAL.pdf</p>	
<p>Mental Health Awareness Week to be Held Nov. 8-13</p> <p>MCPS and the Montgomery County School Psychologists' Association will host free virtual events the week of Nov. 8–13 to give youth and families the opportunity to hear from mental health experts on issues that are important to them. The weeklong expo will feature daily themes, dynamic speakers and breakout sessions, as well as three live events: a Waymaking Special on Student Mental Health, a Careers in Mental Health information session, and a Resource Fair and Q&A session on Saturday, Nov. 13. More information is available here.</p>	<p>Semana de Concienciación sobre Salud Mental será del 8 al 13 de noviembre</p> <p>MCPS y la Asociación de Psicólogos Escolares del Condado de Montgomery están organizando varios eventos virtuales gratuitos durante la semana del 8 al 13 de noviembre para brindarle a los jóvenes y las familias la oportunidad de escuchar a expertos en salud mental. Durante el evento se discutirán varios temas diarios, oradores, sesiones grupales y tres eventos en vivo: un especial de Waymaking sobre salud mental estudiantil, una sesión sobre carreras en salud mental y una feria de recursos con una sesión de preguntas y respuestas el sábado 13 de noviembre. Vea más información aquí.</p>
<p>Board of Education Announces National Search for New MCPS Superintendent</p> <p>The Montgomery County Board of Education is pleased to announce the national search for the next superintendent of schools for Montgomery County Public Schools, who will begin serving on July 1, 2022. Working in partnership with the search firm of Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates (HYA), the Board is committed</p>	<p>Consejo de Educación Anuncia Búsqueda Nacional para el Nuevo Superintendente de MCPS</p> <p>El Consejo de Educación del Condado de Montgomery se honra en anunciar la búsqueda nacional para el nuevo Superintendente para las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Montgomery, quien comenzará a ser el 1 de julio de 2022. Trabajando en colaboración con la firma de reclutamiento Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates (HAY, por sus siglas en inglés), el Consejo está comprometido a contratar al mejor candidato para liderar nuestro sistema</p>

to hiring the best person to lead our school system as we prepare students for success in college and career. The search will be guided by the Board's core values, strategic priorities, and desired characteristics gathered this year from input by stakeholders in Montgomery County. The Board will be gathering input from the community on the critical characteristics of the next superintendent in a number of ways. There is a survey, virtual town halls, interviews, and focus groups with a broad spectrum of community leaders. All of the information gathered will inform the selection of the next superintendent.

Position posting:

<https://hyasearch.com/job/superintendent-rockville-md/>

Feedback survey:

<https://survey2.ecragroup.com/index.php/346943?lang=en>

More information and a list of upcoming virtual forums:

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/superintendent-search/>

escolar mientras preparamos estudiantes para el éxito en la universidad y en carreras. La búsqueda estará alineada con los valores fundamentales del Consejo, las prioridades estratégicas y las características recopiladas en los comentarios de las partes interesadas en el Condado de Montgomery durante este año. El Consejo recopilará comentarios de la comunidad sobre las características esenciales del próximo superintendente de varias maneras. Hay una encuesta, conversaciones virtuales y grupos focales con una gran variedad de líderes comunitarios. Toda la información recopilada se considerará en la selección del próximo superintendente.

Posición según publicada:

<https://hyasearch.com/job/superintendent-rockville-md/>

Encuesta Comunitaria:

<https://survey2.ecragroup.com/index.php/346943?lang=en>

Más información y listado de los próximos eventos virtuales

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/superintendent-search/>

Resources

Digital Citizenship Resources for Students, Parents and Staff

A Student's Guide to Rights and Responsibilities, Student Code of Conduct, Guidelines for Respecting Religious Diversity and Guidelines for Student Gender Identity

Communication Channels

MCPS connects with families and staff in a variety of ways. You are encouraged to share information from our newsletters and social media channels.

QuickNotes

A newsletter emailed to all families every other week. Find the latest edition [here](#).

QuickNotes is also available in other languages to share with multilingual families:

- [Español \(Spanish\)](#)
- [中文 \(Chinese\)](#)
- [Français \(French\)](#)
- [한국어 \(Korean\)](#)
- [Tiếng Việt \(Vietnamese\)](#)
- [አማርኛ \(Amharic\)](#)
- [português \(Portuguese\)](#)

Aks MCPS / Spanish Hotline

General information about MCPS

Call: 240-740-3000 | Spanish Hotline: 240-740-2845

E-mail: ASKMCPS@mcpsmd.org

The Bulletin

A newsletter emailed weekly to all staff. Find the latest edition [here](#).

Social Media - Connect With Us

MCPS:



<https://twitter.com/mcps>



<https://www.facebook.com/mcpsmd>



https://www.instagram.com/mcps_md/

MCPS en Español:



<https://twitter.com/mcpsespanol>



<https://www.facebook.com/mcpsespanol>



<https://www.youtube.com/user/MCPSTVespanol>

MCPS-TV:



<https://twitter.com/MCPSTV>



<https://www.youtube.com/user/MCPSTV>



<https://www.linkedin.com/company/292911/>

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY RECREATION

FREE ALL AGES

DAMASCUS COMMUNITY

RECREATION CENTER

SPOOKTACULAR

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT



THE WITCHES

FRIDAY, OCT. 29 • 6.30-8 P.M. • RATED PG

Come spend A SPOOKTACULAR Friday Night at Damascus Community Recreation Center watching, The Witches RATED PG outside under the stars. This is a KID AND FAMILY FRIENDLY event.

Costume Contest 8:30 P.M. (SILLIEST, SPOOKIEST & MOST CREATIVE)

TRICK-OR-TREAT TABLE • Mini Pumpkin Patch



ACTIVITY
138325

Dress WARM & bring BLANKETS & LAWN CHAIRS. Pre-Registration Required.

Parents Must Remain with their Children During Movie

TO REGISTER, VISIT ACTIVEMONTGOMERY.ORG



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For more information, call 240-777-6840

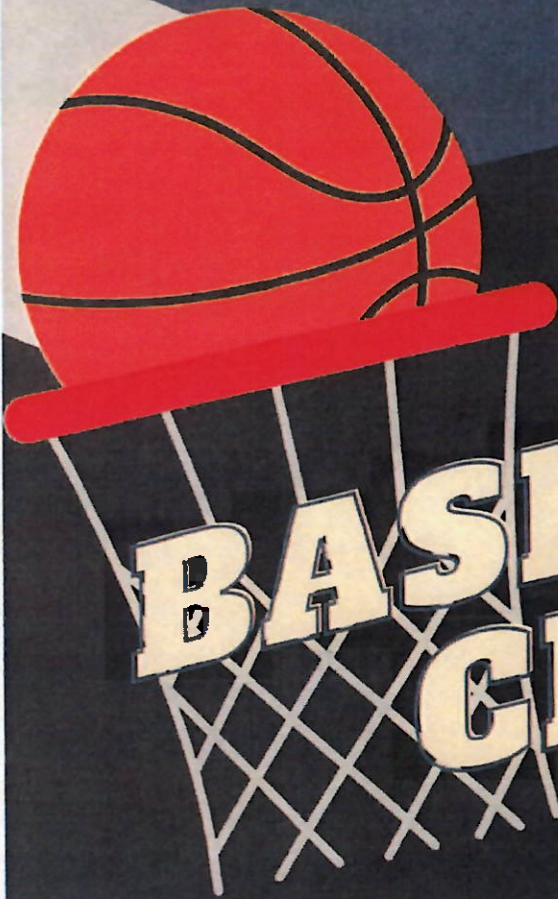
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MONTGOMERY COUNTY
Recreation

Montgomery County Recreation is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Please contact a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist at 240-777-6870 or rec.inclusion@montgomerycountymd.gov to request accommodations.



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY
RECREATION SPORTS &
DAMASCUS COMMUNITY
CENTER**

BASKETBALL CLINICS

**BOYS & GIRLS
GRADES K-6TH**

**THURSDAY'S
OCTOBER 21ST - NOVEMBER 11TH**

K -2ND 5:15-6:15PM

ACTIVITY # 139118

3RD-4TH 6:30-7:30PM

ACTIVITY 140643

5TH-6TH 7:45-8:45PM

ACTIVITY # 140644

**SHOOTING & LAYUP DRILLS
DRIBBLING & BALL HANDLING
PASSING DRILLS**

**FOOTWORK
DEFENSE DRILLS
OFFENSE DRILLS**

**COACH: OCIE GIBSON
(HOUSE OF CHAMPIONS)**

