Good Evening Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School Families,

We hope your child had a great week. We've seen improvement with lockers, bus riders, and transitioning from class to class. Most importantly we have been focusing on building positive relationships with our students and creating the foundation for an effective academic year. Information in our message this week includes- King’s Upcoming Events, the most recent MCPS Community Message, Back to School Night, School Forms, Student Dismissal, Student Attendance, and Fall Sports.  Have a good evening and weekend.

Respectfully,

Mr. Wynne

**King’s Upcoming Events**:

* Tuesday, September 14 – Virtual Back to School Night at 7:00 p.m.
* Thursday, September 16 – No School for students and teachers
* Friday, September 24 - Hearing and Vision Screening - All 8th graders, referrals, and students new to MLK.

**September 9, 2021 MCPS Community Message –** Please see the most [recent message sent home by MCPS](https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/publicinfo/community/school-year-2021-2022/boereview-20210909.html) with information including COVID-19 testing in schools, mandatory staff vaccination, and new student vaccination requirements for winter and spring sports**.**

**Back to School Night September 14, 2021-** We will host our VIRTUAL Back-to-School Night (BTSN) for parents on September 14, 2021.  The evening will provide you with an opportunity to meet your child’s/children’s teachers and receive an explanation of the program of instruction for each class.  Our teachers are looking forward to the evening, and I hope you are as well!  Back-to-School Night will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m beginning with period 1 including a welcome video from Mr. Wynne.

Prior to the beginning of Back to School Night, there will be a **Family Life meeting for parents of 7th and 8th graders** from 6:00 - 6:45.  The Physical Education and Health department will be hosting a virtual parent meeting to review the Family life and Human Sexuality portion of the 7th and 8th grade Health curriculum.  Please see the Zoom Link below:   <https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/7872087059?pwd=NFMybEJ1eWxlMk56cnZHU3RhUHdEZz09>   Password :MLKFLHS21    Meeting ID: 787 208 7059

If you have questions for our administrative team, we will be available from 6:45-7:00 at the following link-

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| <https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/87870406527?pwd=eTQ4QlluYXl5TVg2MjVQeVBxaDRKQT09> | 878 7040 6527 | MLK21 |

**You will be using your child’s username and password to access Zoom meetings** for each of your child’s teachers.   A copy of your child’s schedule, along with Zoom links, meeting IDs, and passwords will be given to your child on Monday, September 13th.  Please ask your child to see the schedule they received in homeroom on Monday, September 13th.  **The password for all classes is MLK21.  The password is case sensitive.**

Another way to access Zoom links for your child’s teachers is through the following Google spreadsheet:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18MF8SvMx8B4Qpv0HnmGmnSsdowNznXf3\_DGAc-r4ZW8/edit?usp=sharing](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fspreadsheets%2Fd%2F18MF8SvMx8B4Qpv0HnmGmnSsdowNznXf3_DGAc-r4ZW8%2Fedit%3Fusp%3Dsharing&data=04%7C01%7CChristopher_A_Wynne%40mcpsmd.org%7Cde59d4f524c64e24f8b608d9749d0bf2%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C1%7C0%7C637669040120033212%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=io5XyYxv8jDSIzypWWQ4KKdAVw6LVte%2F3X%2F7p%2FxbsFU%3D&reserved=0)

Each class period will be 10 minutes long with a three-minute transition time.  The schedule is listed below.  One thing to note about the evening is that, unfortunately, time restraints will not provide opportunities for parents to consult with teachers about individual students.  If you miss some Back to School Night sessions or are unable to attend our Back to School Night, teachers will post links from each of their sessions on their myMCPS classroom pages.  We hope you can join us and learn more about the educational programs at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. MS.

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| Period | Time |
| Pd. 1 | 7:00pm - 7:12pm |
| Pd. 2 | 7:15pm - 7:25pm |
| Pd. 3 | 7:28pm - 7:38pm |
| Pd. 4 | 7:41pm - 7:51pm |
| Pd. 5 | 7:54pm - 8:04pm |
| Pd. 6 | 8:07pm - 8:17pm |
| Pd. 7 | 8:20pm - 8:30pm |

**School Forms-**In the past, yellow emergency cards and a variety of other forms were sent home with students on the first day of school so that families could communicate updates about contact information, health, directory withholdings, emergency contacts, and more. This process will now take place in ParentVUE using Online Registration. The directions to update these forms can be found [here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/12BEE8IPyUFyQ0p20FlmBkJNFl_ijtJY5wwi_Yjg-wnw/edit?usp=sharing), along with the [ParentVUE Support Guide](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lKXRtBfTkszlFNzyg7V8anKB4Z0aIYGldVRsGTzlg_M/edit?usp=sharing" \t "_blank).

**Student Dismissal**- Thank you for your patience during the dismissal of our students.  Please pay attention to our students who are using the crosswalk on Wisteria Drive by our upper parking lot at the end of the day as it is our collective responsibility to ensure the safety of our students.

**Student Attendance-**The school day begins at 8:15 a.m. This is the time that students are marked tardy by their homeroom teachers. Please be sure that students are arriving on time each morning. If your child needs to be picked up early from school, please send a note that morning requesting an early dismissal.  Your child will receive a pass and will be waiting for you in the office at the time requested.  Parents coming to pick up their child after 2:45 will be required to wait for the 3:00 dismissal bell.

**Fall Sports (7th and 8th graders only)-**The registration deadline to sign up for fall sports (softball and cross country) has been extended until September 24th.  As a result, we are delaying the start of practices until Tuesday, September 21st.  If you’re interested in participating in fall sports, forms are available on the school's website under the athletics page.  Additionally, forms can be picked up from the coaches of each fall sport and in Mr. Haren’s room (A208).

Girls Softball – Ms. Chahalis - Gym

Cross Country – Ms. Giel – Room B102

Boys Softball – Mr. Sevilla – Room B101

**Go Panthers!!**