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

We hope your child had a great week and you were able to meet teachers and staff at our Back to School Night on Tuesday. We have continued our focus 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, 2021 Early Fall Assessments- MAP, MCPS Chromebook Obligations, Directory Withholding, Student Service Learning Hours, Student Attendance, and After School Clubs and Activities.  Have a good evening and weekend.

Respectfully,

Mr. Wynne

**King’s Upcoming Events**:

* Tuesday, September 21 – MAP-R Testing
* Wednesday, September 22 – MAP-M Testing
* Friday, September 24 - Hearing and Vision Screening - All 8th graders, referrals, and students new to MLK.

**MCPS Community Message –**Please see the message from MCPS unveiling a [Five-Point Plan for Further COVID Safety, Mitigation.](https://news.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/quicknotes/interim-superintendent-unveils-five-point-plan-for-further-covid-safety-mitigation-2/) For updated Coronavirus information, visit the [MCPS COVID-19 Dashboard](https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/coronavirus/dashboard/).

**2021 Early Fall Assessments - MAP -**On September 21st and 22nd, all 6th--8th grade students will participate in the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing for Reading and Math. The MAP assessment is a computer-based diagnostic assessment and is designed to inform instruction, recovery, and intervention, and account for learning loss, as well as determine present performance levels on math and literacy standards. MCPS wants to ensure that we have full participation to accurately assess student progress and achievement. Student attendance and participation is important so that we can assess the performance data to implement supports for student´s academic success.

**Students will test during their Period 1 classes beginning on Tuesday, September 21st.** Here is the [MAP testing bell schedule](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdrive.google.com%2Ffile%2Fd%2F1wbOysLcO2zsHbojw6m3Oj1KnaECNZgC8%2Fview%3Fusp%3Dsharing&data=04%7C01%7CChristopher_A_Wynne%40mcpsmd.org%7Cbbaa4add01724fff050408d9784ad03c%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C1%7C0%7C637673084971883886%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=fmXpiFql1Rm8vlA2ClwHziMU1jR3%2FFdLOlFVZ3Ok8PM%3D&reserved=0):

* MAP – Math will be administered **September 21st**
* MAP – Reading will be administered **September 22nd**
* Make-Up Testing will be on **September 24th**

Parents, here is how you can help.  Please **mark your calendars from September 21 - 24 for the MAP Testing**administration through Period 1 classes.   Please encourage your child to get a good night’s rest and eat breakfast as they prepare for each day.   Testing will be completed digitally using Chromebooks.  Please remind your child to charge his or her Chromebook each night to be prepared for testing.

Later in September and early October, certain students will also take the WIDA Model and the MISA assessments.  All students will take the MCAP for math and literacy.  More information will be sent closer to those test dates.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Marion at [Laura\_Marion@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Laura_Marion@mcpsmd.org).

**MCPS Chromebook Obligations-**This year MCPS has issued a Chromebook to every student at MCPS.  The students are responsible for bringing their devices to school each day. Students may leave their chargers at home as every classroom has been given charger cords.  MCPS has created[a policy](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fdocument%2Fd%2F1naqAQAu3_0d_rUpU_hAmalwY89kxypbZzeLkviRsWgI%2Fpreview&data=04%7C01%7CAjeenah_D_Chavez%40mcpsmd.org%7C586c21a04f6a4f90df6d08d9790b24d3%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C1%7C0%7C637673911042934374%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=UxtqR1zh4aNGMiY48oUDdm7%2Bsv6lEfB5RIxEvTLm1fw%3D&reserved=0) which holds students responsible for avoidable repairs, replacements, and losses.  If a student’s Chromebook becomes damaged or is lost, the student will receive a temporary replacement and the device will be sent for repair.  Caregivers will be responsible for[submitting payment](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fdocument%2Fd%2F12LA8Lp3TlfXTmmiZrAPfhT2Peeokc41YFRtzwPB8PXA%2Fedit%3Fusp%3Dsharing&data=04%7C01%7CAjeenah_D_Chavez%40mcpsmd.org%7C586c21a04f6a4f90df6d08d9790b24d3%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C1%7C0%7C637673911042944366%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=BpCf3Gk5T%2FPKUm2niGN%2FWOEju3CvV6WPExyd6XUiqjU%3D&reserved=0) in order for students to receive the repaired or replacement device.  [This document](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fspreadsheets%2Fd%2Fe%2F2PACX-1vTH0BOm8KGfV87oHRBFWokiSREyxMz8RyMdE7JRuy-yCnzdvCCk-FXUECpuoyD1oknoIOvRtLk_MLZt%2Fpubhtml%3Fgid%3D0%26single%3Dtrue&data=04%7C01%7CAjeenah_D_Chavez%40mcpsmd.org%7C586c21a04f6a4f90df6d08d9790b24d3%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C1%7C0%7C637673911042944366%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=hX9elfYET6k8NQq%2FddxkhBjZIJguu3jJR39Z%2FfZvwxw%3D&reserved=0) is to give caregivers information about the repair/replacement fee schedule.

**Directory Withholding -**Schools provide directory information for public listings such as honor roll, awards, and other notices in the newspaper or on the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) website. A student’s name, address, and telephone number may also be released to organizations of any combination of parents, teachers, and students of a school. Unless you tell them not to, schools can release the information without your prior consent. If you do not want your school to release your directory information, complete the Annual Notice for Directory Information and Student Privacy form that was distributed to students today in Homeroom. Please return it to your school by September 30, 2021. You will only need to return the form if you **do not** want your student’s information released.

**Student Service Learning Program**- In the state of Maryland students must earn 75 hours of student service learning by volunteering and providing meaningful service to the community as a requirement for High School graduation. Service learning promotes civic knowledge, civic engagement, academic success, and character and social development in students. Over their time in MCPS, students may earn 45 of these hours by participating in their classroom learning experiences embedded in the curriculum. Students will then have to search and complete the remaining SSL hours outside of the classroom. They may begin completing these hours in the summer prior to sixth grade.

**Please view the following resource/presentation for an MCPS SSL program overview, including the most updated information and resources:**[**MCPS SSL Program Overview**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fpresentation%2Fd%2F1Zi8WWdJ8d7iBXMYcbiQZdQOsYghk5qQj3TdDXodS0_Y%2Fedit%3Fusp%3Dsharing&data=04%7C01%7CAjeenah_D_Chavez%40mcpsmd.org%7C6ec4b330ab9d42434d1a08d977888819%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C1%7C0%7C637672250541716888%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=lS5vUSqv%2FpjzatqC%2FyNt6DLFmJvDsflPIrlXBXJLczs%3D&reserved=0)

Following completion of SSL opportunities,[MCPS SSL Verification Form 560-51](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.montgomeryschoolsmd.org%2Fdepartments%2Fforms%2Fpdf%2F560-51.pdf&data=04%7C01%7CAjeenah_D_Chavez%40mcpsmd.org%7C6ec4b330ab9d42434d1a08d977888819%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C1%7C0%7C637672250541726885%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=fHo0b2AZJTxzBU6LaPpNijtDUzZ8hjE3smFmbjSoi8k%3D&reserved=0) must be completed and submitted to the counseling or main office. Please make sure all fields of the form are completed. Once approved, hours will be reflected on a student’s report card as well as in Student/ParentVue by the end of the quarter in which the hours are received.

Please also note that if an organization or SSL opportunity is not obtained through MCPS or listed on the [Montgomery County Volunteer Center](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.montgomerycountymd.gov%2Fvolunteercenter%2F&data=04%7C01%7CAjeenah_D_Chavez%40mcpsmd.org%7C6ec4b330ab9d42434d1a08d977888819%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C1%7C0%7C637672250541726885%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=2NCZNbsvGSl6tY5xmUJMXVH3cnvsriO45zEXlsmjimw%3D&reserved=0) site, students should submit an [Individual SSL Request Form (560-50)](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2FSSLPreApproval&data=04%7C01%7CAjeenah_D_Chavez%40mcpsmd.org%7C6ec4b330ab9d42434d1a08d977888819%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C1%7C0%7C637672250541736880%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=hoRwPflQmKokWABEsthsZRumpA5jBx7meo35%2FT6fyBc%3D&reserved=0) to the counseling or main office to verify approval of the opportunity prior to beginning the SSL experience.

Additional SSL information can be found on the[MCPS SSL site](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.montgomeryschoolsmd.org%2Fdepartments%2Fssl%2Findex.aspx&data=04%7C01%7CAjeenah_D_Chavez%40mcpsmd.org%7C6ec4b330ab9d42434d1a08d977888819%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C1%7C0%7C637672250541736880%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=NK2c7MxVxoN36jwhJpw%2FGauX2x%2FLn9vgQaO3fLZqNz8%3D&reserved=0).

Any questions may be directed to Erin Boss at [Erin\_E\_Boss@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Erin_E_Boss@mcpsmd.org)

**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. Students who are late due to late buses are excused from being late.

**After-School Clubs and Activities -**After-school activities begin Tuesday, September 21! We have various activities planned on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays beginning next week from 3:10 to 4:35. Permission forms can be found in the main office and online on the MLK website. Students must get permission from their parent or guardian to stay for an after-school activity prior to the day they are planning to stay. Bus riders (excluding humanities students) will be provided bus transportation home on after-school activities days. Keep an eye out for clubs being added through the fall. If you don't see something of interest on our current list, find a sponsor and start your own club! Our MLK staff loves to share their talents!

Tuesday, September 21

MLK Boys Softball Tryouts with Mr. Sevilla begin

MLK Girls Softball Tryouts with Ms. Chahalis begin

MLK Boys/Girls Cross Country Tryouts with Ms. Giel begin

First MLK **Intramural Basketball** with Mr. Nagele

First MLK **Intramural Tennis** with Ms. Engestrom

First MLK **Intramural Ultimate Frisbee** with Ms. Petry

Wednesday, September 22

First MLK **Riding for Focus** with Mr. Glodek

Thursday, September 23

First MLK **Intramural Soccer** with Mr. Nagele

MLK **Junior Leaders** with Ms. Rhee/beginning Wednesday, September 29

Be on the lookout for:

RecXtra **Art Club** with Ms. Drews

RecXtra **Board Game Club** with Mr. Fair/Thursdays beginning October 7

RecXtra **Chess Club** with Mr. Lehane/Tuesdays beginning October 5

**Community Club** with Ms. Feriano/Wednesdays beginning October 6

RecXtra **Fantasy Football Club** with Mr. Gammell/Tuesdays beginning October 5

RecXtra **Gaming Club** with Ms. Winger/Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning

RecXtra **Homework Club de Español** with Mr. Portillo and Ms. Romero/Tuesdays beginning October 5

RecXtra **Junior Color Guard** with SVHS Color Guard Coach Ms. Dusell/Wednesdays

RecXtra **Library Club** with Ms. Feriano/Thursdays beginning October 7

RecXtra **Majorettes** with Ms. Rucker/Wednesday and Thursday beginning October 6

RecXtra **Makers Space** with Ms. Gammell/Tuesdays beginning October 6

MLK **Drama Club** with Ms. Kay/TBD