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Dr. Worthington's Message

Dear Baker Middle School Families and Staff,

Thursday, May 28 and Friday, May 29 have been assigned to Baker Middle School as our Staff Close-Out Days. During these days, Zoom meetings may not be possible, however, students should continue to work on the already published assignments. Please email your teachers and paraeducators if you have questions. Many teachers will not need full days and will be able to continue doing the work they do each week. Just as soon as we have information on the Student Close Out process, it will be sent out to you.

I am proud to inform you that our own Baker Math Teacher, **Ms. Jennifer Tolbert** was interviewed on the YouTube MCPS TV Show, *FYI - discussing Distance Learning from a Teacher's Perspective.* Please take the time to view this segment — Ms.Tolbert spoke volumes on behalf of Baker Middle School and all educators in MCPS. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R6Ot4Y9chhE&feature=youtu.be

Families can pick up/exchange Chromebooks and MiFi devices from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. at 45 West Gude Dr. in Rockville Monday – Friday. Families should wear masks and have their child's student ID number with them.

Students and parents who are having technology issues should send an email to myMCPS_Support@mcpsmd.org describing the issue. If your issue is with the internet MiFi, be sure to include your student's name and the MiFi device serial number.

You may also call MCPS Community Tech Support Help at 240-740-7022 for technical needs during remote learning.

If you are having issues with your child's password, direct your questions to the drop box instructionalresources@mcpsmd.org.

Answers to FAQs can be found at: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qqrOlVXpsaZ17trbl6iLM5VgVHtKlfM-53xkykgyClw/edit.

This Week

A full instructional week

Monday, May 25 – Holiday

Tuesday, May 26 – Day 2

Wednesday, May 27 – Day 3

Thursday, May 28 – Day 4
Staff Close-Out Day

Friday, May 29 – Day 5
Staff Close-Out Day

Memorial Day is May 25

Each year on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time. Join the many who will honor those who died in any war while serving with the United States. It is also called Decoration Day.

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BAKER MS SCHEDULE — CONTINUITY OF LEARNING MAY 25–JUNE 12

MON — DAY 1	TUE — DAY 2	WED — DAY 3	THU — DAY 4	FRI — DAY 5
MAY 25	**MAY 26**	**MAY 27**	**MAY 28**	**MAY 29**
Memorial Day No School for Students and Staff	Math Science Music/Fine Arts PE/Health	English/ESOL/Dig Lit Social Studies World Lang./Reading Technology/CS	Math Science Music/Fine Arts PE/Health	English/ESOL/Dig Lit Social Studies World Lang./Reading Technology/CS
JUNE 1	**JUNE 2**	**JUNE 3**	**JUNE 4**	**JUNE 5**
All Periods	Math Science Music/Fine Arts PE/Health	English/ESOL/Dig Lit Social Studies World Lang./Reading Technology/CS	Math Science Music/Fine Arts PE/Health	English/ESOL/Dig Lit Social Studies World Lang./Reading Technology/CS
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Teachers will send all class content, instructions, guidance, and assignments to students via pre-recorded video, Google, or myMCPS, Screencastify, presentation or email, etc.

Students can collaborate virtually such as if a teacher poses a question for a discussion thread.

Every week, each grade level will be monitoring student engagement. Parents will be contacted if a student has not been heard from by Thursday.

MORNING

- Student independent work, teacher planning, collaborative planning, school and parent communications, special education and related services. This also attempts to balance demands on families with elementary students who will be working in the morning.
- Special educator/case manager/paraeducator, counselors, and media specialist supports available.
- Related services as appropriate and agreed upon between parent and provider.

AFTERNOON

Check-in with teachers as needed at designated times. If you can't check in at the designated time, email your teacher to schedule another time for support. Use platforms such as Zoom, Google, email exchange, etc. to check for understanding, reteach, unscramble confusion, and receive support. These schedules show at least two "office hours" per week.

12:45-1:30* Math 1:40-2:25 Science 2:35-3:20 Music Fine Arts 3:30-4:15 PE/Health	12:45-1:30* Eng/ESOL Dig Lit 1:40-2:25 Soc Studies 2:35-3:20 World Lang Reading 3:30-4:15 Technology CS	12:45-1:30* Math 1:40-2:25 Science 2:35-3:20 Music Fine Arts 3:30-4:15 PE/Health	12:45-1:30* Eng/ESOL Dig Lit 1:40-2:25 Soc Studies 2:35-3:20 World Lang Reading 3:30-4:15 Technology CS

* Meal service for students from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Counseling News

Ms. Lori Headdings, Resource Counselor, 7th Grade
Ms. Caleine Ajusma, Supported Programs
Ms. Lindsey Buffum, 6th Grade
Ms. Corinne Whited, 8th grade

School Counselors are available for you! Currently, Baker MS counselors are working remotely and will be able to answer your email within one business day. Please email us if you would like to talk. Your counselor will be in touch with you to arrange a time and way to reach out to chat.

During this period of remote learning, Baker MIddle School and Montgomery County Public School system are committed to providing support to our students and families. Please visit https://sites.google.com/mcpsmd.net/johntbakerms/home for links to a variety of resources. Check back often as the website is being continuously updated with new info and resources.

Resources Supporting Community Needs:

- Food Assistance Resource Map: The Montgomery County Food Council created an interactive map of food assistance providers and benefits application assistance sites in Montgomery County. It is searchable by location, food assistance type, accessibility and many other special features. This resource can give principals and families a quick view of local resources in their area. The information indicates where, when and how to access the resources. **We would caution parents and staff supporting parents to pay particular attention to how one qualifies to access food as some sites state requirements.
- Weekend Bag Program: MCPS, Manna Food Center, and Women Who Care Ministries are distributing weekend backpacks with groceries to the families of MCPS students each Friday. The location of distribution sites and times are listed at the bottom of the webpage.
- Baker MS is partnering with local agencies to try to find resources for families in need. If you have a request, please email the Resource Counselor, Lori Headdings, at lori_a_headdings@mcpsmd.org by May 29.

Other Resources:

If you are in crisis, please call Montgomery County Crisis Center at 240-777- 4000, they are available 24 hours.
If you are in need of food, visit womenwhocareministries.org to find distribution locations for pick up.

For the latest MCPS coronavirus updates go to:
https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/coronavirus/

A full list of Montgomery County COVID-19 Resources can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

Comforting Conversations During The Quarantine

Family Conversations: Talking About Stress & Anxiety

The links listed below are tools to support caregivers who are helping their children navigate these challenging times.

Resource #1: Managing Stress and Anxiety
Use this resource to identify characteristics of stress and anxiety. Discuss strategies to cope.
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1FXru00oaIqxQS0DZxXUr0kv1v8xNke0YmIhm2Dg1gls/edit#slide=id.g7f8fd689df_0_527

Resource #2: A Family Conversation
A guide to help families talk about challenging times.
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1RGVec9Z5Fop5aF2LNWhFYtQacM7tEhypBvJt4RijPKs/edit#slide=id.g65743654d5_0_1

Resource #3: Stress Lesson Activities
Activities designed to help students and families manage stress.
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vbTBLpXTVaKmZ2c76P4afhxDuNDsxRXO/view

Family Violence Awareness and Prevention Campaign

Montgomery County has launched a new Family Violence Awareness and Prevention Campaign, designed to support and inform County residents who are experiencing family violence during the COVID-19 stay-at-home order. The Montgomery County Family Justice Center (FJC) remains open throughout the pandemic and continues to provide services. The FJC can be reached by telephone at 240-773-0444 or by email at safe@montgomerycountymd.gov. The Montgomery County Crisis Center is open 24/7 and can be reached at 240-777-4000.

SUPPORT SERVICES AND RESOURCES

Crisis Interventions	Contact Information	Supports
Montgomery County Department of Police (MCPD)	301-279-8000	Non-Emergency
Special Victims Investigations Division (SVID)	240-773-5400	Child sexual abuse, sexual assaults, exploitation, run-aways
Victims Assistance Unit (MCPD)	240-773-5626	Offers support and information victims of crimes and their family members
Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program (VASAP)	240-777-1355 weekdays 240-777-4357 crisis line	Assists victims of crimes such as rape/sexual assault, homicide, driving while intoxicated (DWI), carjacking, hate crimes, arson, larceny, robbery, auto theft and vandalism. The program provides information and referral, advocacy, crisis and ongoing counseling, support
Child Protective Services (CPS)	240-777-4417	Report suspected child abuse or neglect
Adult Protective Services (APS)	240-777-3000	Provides professional services to protect the health, safety, and welfare of endangered, vulnerable adults
Crisis Center	240-777-4000	Suicidal ideations, self-harm 24/7
Montgomery County Hotline	301-738-2255	Daily texting available from noon to midnight 24/7
Family Justice Center	240-773-0444	Feeling unsafe at home
National Runaway Safe Line	800-RUNAWAY (786-2929) www.1800runaway.org	Runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth safe and off the streets, provides education and solution interventions, support to at-risk youth and their families. 24/7
Interagency Commission on Homelessness (ICH)	240-777-1209	Support for homelessness residents
LGBTQ ORGANIZATIONS	**Contact Information**	**Supports**
SMYAL	202-546-5940 SMYAL.org	Daily support chat rooms M-F 11a.m.- 1:30 p.m.
Rainbow Youth Alliance	Rainbowyouthalliancemd.org	Virtual support groups every other Sunday, 3:45p.m.- 6:00 p.m.
Trevor Project National Helpline	866-488-7386 www.thetrevorproject.org	Hotline for LGBTQ+ youth, who may be in crisis, feeling suicidal, or needing a safe, judgment-free place to talk, provides local referrals, 24/7
Hate/Bias Incidents	**Contact Information**	**Supports**
Maryland Hate Crime Hotline	866-481-8361	Special interest groups and supports
Communities United Against Hate (CUAH)	www.cuahmcmd.org	
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)	888-649-5991	
The Black & Brown Coalition	www.mocoedequitynow@gmail.co	
Muslim Community Center	301-384-3454 info@mccmd.org	
Identity	301-963-5900	
Chinese American Parents Association	240-630-2272 www.capamc.org	
Anti-Defamation League (ADL)	202-452-8310	

Full list of Montgomery County COVID-19 Resources

https://montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS/RightNav/COVID19CommunityResources.html