

# BAKER PAW PRINTS

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## Dr. Worthington's Message

Dear Baker Middle School Families and Staff,  
Recent events over the past weeks call us to rise together again as a school community to support our students and their families for reasons that unfortunately are not new. Communities around our nation are experiencing unrest creating additional tension, fear, instability, and anger layering on to the pandemic crisis.

There is no time more important to remind ourselves of our school's Vision, Mission, and Core Values of Relationships, Equity, Excellence, Respect, and Learning that serve as our guiding light. Our remote setting challenges us to find creative and intentional ways to ensure that we elevate these truths in every interaction, every action, and every lesson as our students look to us for guidance and support in the last few days of this school year.

MCPS Resources to Enter the Conversation on Race and Culture with Your Children

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/14yalgxzO75YunL-KIC-5bDIYBMkULa5lo6T8zRZY\\_qo/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/14yalgxzO75YunL-KIC-5bDIYBMkULa5lo6T8zRZY_qo/edit)

MCPS Recommended Books to Support Conversations on Race, Racism, and Resistance  
<https://www.embracerace.org/resources/26-childrens-books-to-support-conversations-on-race-racism-resistance>

**Parents can contact their child's Counselor for additional and individual supports.**

Last week, students' personal belongings from their Hallway and PE Lockers were carefully bagged and tagged with individual student names on them. We will share details of dates and times of pick-up once they are made available to us. Stay tuned for a Connect Ed that will go out to families with directions on **Student Return/Retrieve Close Out via Parent Drive-Through Pick Up** at the school. I know we are all anxious for this to occur and for summer vacation to begin. Thank you for your abundance of patience.

Current 6th and 7th grade Baker students and 5th grade students from Clearspring, Damascus, Rockwell, and Woodfield voted and chose next year's motto — **If you believe, you can achieve!**

## This Week

A full instructional week

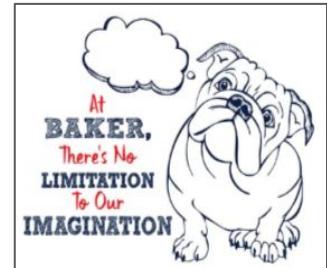
Monday, June 8 – Day 1

Tuesday, June 9 – Day 2

Wednesday, June 10 – Day 3

Thursday, June 11 – Day 4

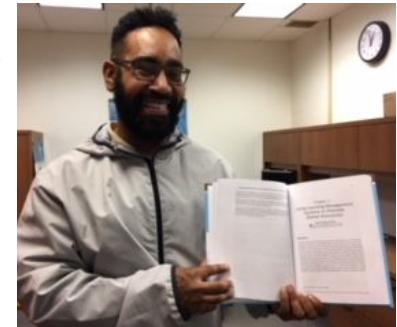
Friday, June 12 – Day 5



## Congratulations, Dr. Bradley!

Congratulations to Dr. Vaughn M. Bradley, for being a newly published author! His Chapter 6, **Using Learning Management Systems to Promote Online Instruction**, is included in the new

book, **Exploring Online Learning through Synchronous and Asynchronous Instructional Methods**. What a timely chapter and book! We are proud of you, Dr. Bradley!



**Community Update: Information on the District's Recovery Plan, Summer School and the Districtwide Boundary Analysis:**

**May 31, 2020**

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BAKER MS SCHEDULE — CONTINUITY OF LEARNING JUNE 8–JUNE 15				
MON — DAY 1	TUE — DAY 2	WED — DAY 3	THU — DAY 4	FRI — DAY 5
JUNE 8	JUNE 9	JUNE 10	JUNE 11	JUNE 12
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
<b>JUNE 15</b>	All Periods End-of-Year Wrap-Up			
Teachers will send all class content, instructions, guidance, and assignments to students via pre-recorded video, Google, or myMCPS, Screencastify, presentation or email, etc.	<b>MORNING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Special educator/case manager/paraeducator, counselors, and media specialist supports available.</li> <li>Related services as appropriate and agreed upon between parent and provider.</li> </ul> <b>AFTERNOON</b> <p>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.</p>			
Students can collaborate virtually such as if a teacher poses a question for a discussion thread.	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
Every week, each grade level will be monitoring student engagement. Parents will be contacted if a student has not been heard from by Thursday.	* Meal service for students from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.			

## A Message from the Nurse

This is an important message to all students and your families from Lynda Ralli School Community Health Nurse from Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services.

If you or someone in your home is sick with COVID-19 or has been with someone sick with COVID-19 or is sick with fever, cough, chills vomiting diarrhea rash or loss of taste and smell Please do the following:

- Stay Home! except to get medical care.
- Restrict outside activities.
- Do not go to work or public places
- Separate yourself from others in your home as much as possible
- Cover your cough /sneeze with your sleeve or a tissue
- Wash your hands often and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Wear a mask if possible
- Avoid sharing household items
- Clean all high touch areas such as doorknobs countertops, tabletops, phones, keyboards and tablets frequently
- Monitor for symptoms and seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening. Check the CDC website daily and if you are unable to do that please call DHHS COVID-19 call center between 8a-8p for questions or guidance at 240-777-1755

Following this advice is the BEST way to help stop the spread of this virus and speed up getting us back to our daily routines and Back to school!

We all miss you all and stay safe and healthy!!

## Un mensaje de la enfermera

Si usted o alguien en su casa está enfermo con el COVID 19, o si usted ha estado con alguien enfermo con COVID 19, o si tiene fiebre, tos, escalofríos, vómitos, diarrea, erupciones en la piel, o ha perdido el sabor o el olfato por favor haga lo siguiente:

- ¡Quédese en casa! excepto para recibir atención médica
- Límite las actividades fuera de casa
- No vaya al trabajo o lugares públicos
- En lo que más pueda, manténgase alejado de las otras personas en casa
- Cúbrase con un pañuelo desechable la nariz y la boca al toser o estornudar y luego bótelo en la basura.
- Lávese las manos frecuentemente con agua y jabón por al menos 20 segundos
- Si le es posible use una cubierta de tela para la cara, que cubra la nariz y la boca
- Evite compartir artículos personales con las demás personas como platos, cubiertos, etc.
- Limpie y desinfecte las superficies que se tocan con frecuencia como las manijas en las puertas, encimeras de la cocina, mesas, teléfonos, teclados, y tabletas
- Monitoree sus síntomas. Si sus síntomas empeoran, llame de inmediato a su proveedor de atención médica. Obtenga información actualizada visitando a diario la página de internet de los Centros para el Control y Prevención de Enfermedades, CDC. Si no le es posible, usted puede comunicarse con el centro de llamadas para el COVID 19 del Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos entre las 8:00 am y las 8:00 pm para pedir consejo o si tiene alguna pregunta. El número de teléfono es, (240) 777-1755

La mejor manera para detener el contagio del virus COVID 19 y acelerar el proceso de regresar a nuestras actividades diarias y a las escuelas es siguiendo estos consejos.

## Counseling News

Ms. Lori Headings, Resource Counselor, 7th Grade

Ms. Caleine Ahusma, 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 MIdde 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/johntbakerm/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:** An interactive map of food assistance providers and benefits application assistance sites in Montgomery County. Searchable by location, food assistance type, accessibility and many other special features. The information indicates where, when and how to access the resources. \*\*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 distribute weekend backpacks with groceries to families of MCPS students each Friday. Location of distribution sites and times are listed at the bottom of the webpage.

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.

### 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](http://womenwhocareministries.org) to find distribution locations for pick up.

### Comforting Conversations During The Quarantine

#### Resource #1: Managing Stress and Anxiety

Identify traits of stress/anxiety. Discuss coping strategies.

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1FXru00oalqxQS0DZxXUr0kv1v8xNke0Ymlhm2Dg1gls/edit#slide=id.g7f8fd689df\\_0\\_527](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1FXru00oalqxQS0DZxXUr0kv1v8xNke0Ymlhm2Dg1gls/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/1RGVec9Z5Fop5aF2LNWhFtQacM7tEhypBvJt4RijPKs/edit#slide=id.g65743654d5\\_0\\_1](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1RGVec9Z5Fop5aF2LNWhFtQacM7tEhypBvJt4RijPKs/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/1vbTBLpXTVaKmZ2c76P4afhxNDsxRXO/view>

Pick up/exchange Chromebooks/MiFi devices 10:00 a.m.–noon at 45 West Gude Dr. in Rockville Mon – Fri. 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@mcpssmd.org](mailto:myMCPS_Support@mcpssmd.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@mcpssmd.org](mailto:instructionalresources@mcpssmd.org).

Answers to FAQs can be found at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qqr0IVXpsaZ17trbl6iLM5VgVHtKlfM-53xkykgvClw/edit>

## 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](mailto:safe@montgomerycountymd.gov). The Montgomery County Crisis Center is open 24/7 and can be reached at 240-777-4000.



The Montgomery County Family Justice Center

240-773-0444

[safe@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:safe@montgomerycountymd.gov)

The Montgomery County Crisis Center

240-777-4000 (24 hours/horas)



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#### Warning signs of family violence

- ◆ Insults, demeans, or shames you with put-downs
- ◆ Controls every penny spent in the household
- ◆ Controls who you see, where you go, or what you do
- ◆ Intimidates you with guns, knives, or other weapons
- ◆ Threatens or causes physical harm

#### Signos de advertencia de violencia familiar

- ◆ Le humilla haciéndole sentir vergüenza o deshonra
- ◆ Controla como se gasta cada centavo en la familia
- ◆ Trata de controlar con qué personas usted se reúne, a dónde va o lo que hace
- ◆ Le intimida con armas de fuego, cuchillos u otro tipo de armas
- ◆ Amenaza o causa daño físico

## 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) <a href="http://www.1800runaway.org">www.1800runaway.org</a>	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 <a href="http://SMYAL.org">SMYAL.org</a>	Daily support chat rooms M-F 11a.m.- 1:30 p.m.
Rainbow Youth Alliance	<a href="http://Rainbowyouthalliancemd.org">Rainbowyouthalliancemd.org</a>	Virtual support groups every other Sunday, 3:45p.m.- 6:00 p.m.
Trevor Project National Helpline	866-488-7386 <a href="http://www.thetrevorproject.org">www.thetrevorproject.org</a>	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)	<a href="http://www.cuahmcmd.org">www.cuahmcmd.org</a>	
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)	888-649-5991	
The Black & Brown Coalition	<a href="mailto:www.mocoedequitynow@gmail.com">www.mocoedequitynow@gmail.com</a>	
Muslim Community Center	301-384-3454 <a href="mailto:info@mccmd.org">info@mccmd.org</a>	
Identity	301-963-5900	
Chinese American Parents Association	240-630-2272 <a href="http://www.capamc.org">www.capamc.org</a>	
Anti-Defamation League (ADL)	202-452-8310	

### Full list of Montgomery County COVID-19 Resources

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