

MCPS Coronavirus Info at <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/coronavirus/>

Dr. Worthington's Message

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2020 Parent/Guardian Virtual Learning Preference Survey

Parents are asked to complete the Family Preference Survey to indicate whether their child(ren) will remain exclusively in a *virtual learning environment* or engage in a *combination of in-person and virtual instruction* during the second semester. Both options would allow students to participate in in-person athletics and extracurricular activities. Parents will also be asked to indicate if their child needs MCPS-provided transportation. We want to reiterate that families do have the choice to remain in a fully virtual model if they are uncomfortable with sending their child(ren) back to a school building. Please note that once you've made your selection, changes may be made only under unique circumstances. Additionally, any family that does not make a selection will automatically default to the virtual-only experience in order to ensure we consider and plan for maximum staffing and space use. The survey closes on **December 3**. Families will receive details on next steps and school-specific information in January. The survey, as well as the **Family Guide to Help Determine Learning Preferences** can be found at <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/reopening/family-preference-survey.aspx>

Last week, we held our first-ever **Virtual Flag-Raising Ceremony**. Many thanks to **Mr. Wilkie, Ms. Kamuf, Mr. Kamuf, Ms. Liuzzi, Ms. Pique, Ms. Sanya**, and the **student musicians** who helped keep this Baker tradition going. To view the video of the ceremony, copy and paste to your browser:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=znYEOlddk-4>

Baker students provided feedback on the successes and challenges of virtual learning by completing the **Student Voice Survey About Virtual Learning**. A presentation of the results is available at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1c6v9_o65EJJ5icYFIHtlyJDST4KfTwgk/view

American Education Week is this week, November 16–20, 2020.

This is a time to recognize and honor the team of people who work in our nation's public schools, everyone from the bus driver and classroom teacher to the cafeteria worker and administrative staff, plus countless others. In previous years, Baker students had the opportunity to write notes to staff which would be collected and presented to the teachers. This year, students can still write a note of appreciation — just virtually. Baker teachers and staff would love to hear from you about how they encourage you to **believe you can achieve**.

Parent Conferences, which will be held on **November 23 and 24, are by invitation, only**. If it was deemed that a conference would be beneficial to your child's progress, your child's Team Leader will have contacted you to schedule a conference time. At any other time during the year, you may initiate a conference by contacting your child's teacher, team leader, counselor, or grade-level administrator.



LOOKING AHEAD ...



- Monday, November 16 — Day 1**
Meal pick-up, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 17 — Day 2**
Meal pick-up, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 18 — Day 3**
Meal pick-up, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Parenting Support for Frazzled Parents & Caregivers (see page 4)
- Thursday, November 19 — Day 4**
No meal pick-up
- Friday, November 20 — Day 5**
Meal pick-up, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Monday, November 23 — Day 1**
Half Day
Parent Conferences
- Tuesday, November 24 — Day 2**
Half Day
Parent Conferences
Report cards available in ParentVUE
- Wednesday, November 25 — Day 3**
Half Day
- Thursday-Friday, November 26-27**
Thanksgiving Holiday and Break



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During Fall Recovery, Baker students, staff, and families are adjusting to the virtual-only learning environment that requires adjusting to new patterns and habits. During this time, teachers will continue to implement due dates/deadlines. Teachers will accept assignments that are submitted after the deadline even if the missing assignment/task is indicated with a zero or Z. Work turned in after the deadline may be lowered no more than one letter grade or 10% of the grade based on teacher discretion.

Wednesday, December 23: Virtual Check-ins

The Baker MS Instructional Calendar has been updated to reflect a recently announced change for Wednesday, December 23. Virtual Check-ins will be held on this day which is different than what was previously scheduled. Please reference the Baker Instructional Calendar. Updated calendar pages are at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cLpkf3balwqBikSpqZIVMb06J_0dU8RqY01oUGftek/edit?usp=sharing and updated calendar pages for MP2 can be found in this newsletter.

Parent and Student Grade Access

Over the last several weeks, parents and students have expressed confusion and concern when assignments and grades do not align between myMCPS Classroom (Canvas) and Synergy's ParentVUE and StudentVUE platforms. Assignment grades and course grades may differ between the systems for several reasons including but not exclusive to:

- Teachers entering assignments and grades directly to Synergy; these would not be reflected in Canvas.
- Teachers updating assignment scores in Synergy after syncing from Canvas.
- Excluding assignments in Canvas from the final grade yet including it as part of the final grade in Synergy.
- A lack of weights for assignment groups in Canvas that are necessary to mirror assignment category weights in Synergy, the official system of record.

Parents and students should go to Synergy ParentVUE and StudentVUE for questions regarding official assignment and course grades. Students can still access assignment grades via the Assignments link.

Tech Support for Students

If a student is having technical difficulties, please review linked technology support resource for students. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZbaxOCb6Y_u7A8B27TbT-QZAbDyOXkbKiF7EmugZMnc/edit?usp=sharing

Technical Support for Families

Families requiring technical support, should contact the MCPS Community Help Desk by phone (240-740-7020) or by email (CommunityTechSupport@mcpsmd.org).

Synergy ParentVUE

MCPS conducted a series of technology webinars for parents to learn about the new parent portal (ParentVUE) and other digital tools their children will be using this fall (myMCPS Classroom, Kami, Zoom). View the recordings at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLgLV4LUSPzBakhl--IXM51wL_fHzITuPp.

Parent Support Website

If parents can only see some children but not all in their ParentVUE account, parents should complete this form <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc3RJam5F13jdbhxmSttrSLB-ybJ3Gwp4sB8dPAwqj1VjnzNg/viewform>

Audio, Video, and Conferencing Permission Form

If a parent/guardian has not had a chance to complete the Audio, Video, and Conferencing Permission form, please complete the linked form. <https://forms.gle/1cgZdkxck7gQiTV18> If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's grade level administrator.

Appropriate Use of Technology [Virtual Classroom Reminder]

There has been an uptick of inappropriate behavior on our Zoom virtual classrooms. Specifically, we have noticed inappropriate images in the background of students' screens, as well as inappropriate and offensive student profile pictures. Students must always use good judgment when expressing themselves or their personal beliefs while using their MCPS assigned accounts. Any questionable images or concerns should always be brought to the attention of school administration. As a reminder, Board of Education Policies and Regulations designed for "brick and mortar" classrooms apply in full effect while in virtual learning environment. This includes policies on bullying, sexual harassment, incidents of hate-bias, and consequences through the Student Code of Conduct.

MiFi Hotspots and Chromebooks

- Students/families that need a hotspot can go to 45 West Gude Drive between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to pick one up.
- One MiFi can support up to five students.
- Students who do not have an MCPS Chromebook should go to their home school for the initial assignment of a device.
- Swaps will no longer be done at the school. If families have hardware problems, they should go to 45 West Gude Drive.

Repairs

- Broken Chromebooks should be brought to 45 West Gude Dr.
- Quick troubleshooting will be done to see if devices can continue being used. If not, contact info will be collected from the family and a swap will be made with an Acer C740.
- The broken Chromebook will be triaged and a determination will be made if the damage was due to a hardware failure or misuse. Once the repair is complete, if applicable, an obligation will be issued. Families will pay the obligation on SFO. Once paid the [repaired] device can be picked up.
- Families pick up the repaired device at 45 West Gude Drive.

MCPS TECHNOLOGY DISTRIBUTION: STUDENT & STAFF

HOURS: M-F from 9am - 4pm

LOCATION: 45 W. Gude Drive, Rockville MD

- Look for the front entrance overhang that faces Gude Drive
- The single line forms along the sidewalk and up the left side of the steps
- Come prepared with staff or student ID number
- Plan to park and walk up
- Please wear a mask
- NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

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Resources for Students

- **Safe Schools Maryland Tip Line** is an anonymous reporting system used to report threats to the safety and/or well-being of students. Call 1-833-MD-B-SAFE or download the app. <https://schoolsafety.maryland.gov/pages/tipline.aspx>
- Contact the **Montgomery County Hotline** at 240-777-4357 or 301-738-2255 (**EveryMind**). A trained staff member or volunteer will provide supportive listening and information, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Students may text the EveryMind hotline telephone number every day, between noon and midnight.
- Students may contact the **Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program (VASAP)** for support. VASAP provides information, referrals and advocacy, as well as crisis and ongoing counseling for victims of sexual assault. <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs-program/bhcs/vasap/vasapindex.html>

Intramurals Full-Body Workout

For Marking Period 2, the Intramurals program is bringing you an opportunity to participate in a full-body workout after school. This will be a fun, safe, and structured full-body workout using aerobics and dances that promote the physical, mental, and social development of every student. Please contact Ms. Hardy at [Norka C Hardy@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Norka_C_Hardy@mcpsmd.org) if you are interested.



Baker's Virtual Soccer Season

Baker Athletics is excited to announce that registration for the Virtual Soccer season is now open and will close on November 20. You can access the registration on the Athletics tab from our Baker Website. If your 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student is interested, please register them ASAP. We look forward to a great virtual season. — Scott Frye, Athletic Coordinator



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Montgomery County Holiday Giving Project

The Holiday Giving Project (HGP) of Montgomery County has provided Thanksgiving meal and December holiday assistance to families in need for over 30 years. A network of social workers, school counselors, and other human service professionals refer families and individuals in need of assistance. Local non-profits, faith-based organizations, service organizations, and other government agencies serve Holiday Giving recipients, as donations are available.

If you and your family are in need and would like to be referred to possibly receive assistance for the Winter holiday season (the Thanksgiving deadline has passed), please complete the **Holiday Giving Project Referral Form**. This information is required to make a referral to The Holiday Giving Project. **Please understand that referrals are not guaranteed.**

The links for the **Holiday Giving Project Referral Form** are shown below and can also be found on the Counseling Page on Baker Middle School's website.

English: <https://forms.gle/qdjNpLVFpohQsVGP7>

Spanish: <https://forms.gle/Tsyo6viStWzWUZYM7>

Please contact your counselor at the emails listed below regarding any questions with the referral process.

Grade 8: **Lori Headdings** lori_a_headdings@mcpsmd.org

Grade 7: **Lindsey Buffum** lindsey_c_buffum@mcpsmd.org

Grade 6: **Corinne Whited** corinne_e_whited@mcpsmd.org

ESOL/LFI/SCB and any Spanish speaking families (habla español): **Mary Slotkowski** mary_h_slotkowski@mcpsmd.org

Thank you from the Baker Counseling Department

MCPS Meals Service Programs

Montgomery County Public Schools is providing curbside meal service at 74 school sites. Breakfast and lunch meals will be provided from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (double meals) and Friday (no meal service on Thursday). The district is increasing to a triple meal service on Fridays, beginning Sept. 18, to help address food insecurity for MCPS students over the weekend. The USDA has granted waivers which again permit meal distribution to all youth 18 and under. MCPS students over 18 will need to provide a student id to pick up meals. Student names will be required for meal pick up. All sites are outside, and we ask that you wear a facemask and practice physical/social distancing as you pick up meals. Menu information is available on the main Menu webpage <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/food-and-nutrition/menus/>. Allergens, nutrients and other information can be found on the Wellness & Nutrition webpage <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/food-and-nutrition/wellness-and-nutrition-information/>.

Families are encouraged to visit Montgomery County's COVID-19 Food Resource page for additional resources. <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/reopening/meals/>

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Hallie Wells MS, Rocky Hill MS & Baker MS Counseling Offices Present....

Parenting Support for Frazzled Parents & Caregivers!

- ★ Are you struggling to manage your child's school & your job?
 - ★ Do you often ask yourself, "How do parents DO this?"
 - ★ Do you have an amazing strategy that works for your child and you're dying to share it with other parents?

Join us for 3 discussion sessions! We'd love to hear from you about your challenges and successes during Virtual Learning. Together, we can help each other!



**Wednesday, November 18th
Wednesday, December 2nd
Wednesday, December 16th
1:00 p.m.**

Google Meet Joining Info:

<https://meet.google.com/oav-arjn-trf>

Or dial: +1 419-702-0794 PIN: 664 818 044#

Hallie Wells, Rocky Hill, & Baker MS counselors will be on hand to encourage discussion, provide feedback, & look for solutions.

Questions?

Email Catherine Reddington, Resource Counselor at Hallie Wells MS:

Catherine_M_Reddington@mcpsmd.org

Quarter 2					
R&R= reteach and reassess		Period 8 = Student Advisory/Homeroom		IW & AS= Independent Work & Academic Support	
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November 9-13	No School	Day 2 Pd 5 9:00-10:00 Pd 6 10:15-11:15 Pd 7 12:30-1:30 Pd 8 1:40-2:40 IW & AS: 2:45-3:15	Day 1 Pd 1 9:00-10:00 Pd 2 10:15-11:15 Pd 3 12:30-1:30 Pd 4 1:40-2:40 R&R 2:45-3:15	Day 4 Pd 1 9:00-10:00 Pd 2 10:15-11:15 Pd 3 12:30-1:30 Pd 4 1:40-2:40 R&R 2:45-3:15	Day 5 Pd 5 9:00-10:00 Pd 6 10:15-11:15 Pd 7 12:30-1:30 Pd 8 1:40-2:40 IW & AS: 2:45-3:15
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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Vaccinations Requirements

- All students entering Grade 7 or Kindergarten, or who are new to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), must provide documentation of vaccinations.
- Vaccination records are being verified remotely by Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) staff member.
 - Families may email their child's vaccination records to SHSIZ@montgomerycountymd.gov and copy the school's registrar or attendance secretary.
 - DHHS free back-to-school vaccination clinic schedule: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HCTK2DHCqbtrM7LeUxEIzRVjaL0DZ5CG?usp=sharing>
- Student and Family Support and Engagement staff members are collaborating with the Student Well-being Teams to reach out to families and students about the importance of vaccinations and the state requirements.
 - Students will need to be vaccinated and have those certificates verified in order to return to in-person instruction when MCPS makes that transition.
 - During a healthcare pandemic, vaccinations against typical childhood illnesses are extremely important to help protect students from getting sick.

Student Service Learning (SSL) Information

Looking for information about Student Service Learning (SSL)? Check out the new page in the Baker MS myMCPS Classroom/Canvas course tile.

Because parents do not have an MCPS Google account, they will need to log into their Synergy ParentVUE account, click on the Parent Resources folder in the left nav bar, and then click on the link to myMCPS Classroom from there. Open the Baker MS course, and look for the SSL button on the homepage.

If students are logged into their MCPS Google account, the link below should take them directly to the SSL page. <https://mcpsmd.instructure.com/courses/145294/pages/SSL%20information?titleize=0>

Looking for pre-approved opportunities (in-person and virtual/remote)? Click on the links below.

- <https://bit.ly/SSLOpportunities> – all nonprofit-hosted opportunities
- <https://bit.ly/VirtualSSL2020> – all nonprofit-hosted virtual/remote opportunities

Be sure you check if an activity is approved prior to completing your service to ensure you will be able to get SSL credit. Once you have completed the service, complete a [Student Service Learning Activity Verification Form](#). All sections of the form must be completed before you submit the form using the link on the new myMCPS Classroom SSL page.

Questions? — contact Becky_L_Nelson@mcpsmd.org

Message from the Baker Middle School PTA

President — Aimee Ibacache

Treasurer — Kim Kamensky

Vice President & NAACP Representative — Donald Whitfield

Please join the Baker Middle School PTA! Your membership contributions help us run many programs. PTA Memberships are the single largest fundraiser for the school and all proceeds, after PTA state/national dues, go directly back to the students here at Baker! The PTA uses its resources to support the classrooms, various school needs, and the needs of the community. Attached please find a copy of our PTA membership form on the last page of this newsletter.

We also have many volunteer opportunities throughout the year and are always in need of help. Please consider donating your time. Your support helps us continue our important work, including enrichment activities and social events at Baker.

Chair Positions — We have many positions open that need to be filled. For more information, please reach out to Aimee Ibacache at aimee1000@yahoo.com.

PTA Meeting Calendar — all meetings will be held virtually until it is safe to meet in person again.

- **Tuesday, February 9, 2021**
6:00-7:00 p.m. — 8th Grade Planning Committee
7:00-8:00 p.m. — PTA Meeting
- **Tuesday, March 9, 2021**
6:00-7:00 p.m. — 8th Grade Planning Committee
7:00-8:00 p.m. — PTA Meeting
- **Tuesday, April 13, 2021**
6:00-7:00 p.m. — 8th Grade Planning Committee
7:00-8:00 p.m. — PTA Meeting
- **Tuesday, May 11, 2021**
6:00-7:00 p.m. — 8th Grade Planning Committee
7:00-8:00 p.m. — PTA Meeting

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BAKER MS PTA MEMBERSHIP AND DIRECTORY INFORMATION 2020-2021

FAMILY DETAILS

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Information

Mother First Name:	Father First Name:
Mother Last Name:	Father Last Name:
Mother E-Mail:	Father E-Mail:
Mother Phone:	Father Phone:

Student(s) Information

First Name:	Last Name:	Grade:
First Name:	Last Name:	Grade:
First Name:	Last Name:	Grade:

Primary Household Information

Address:		
City/State:	ZIP	Home Phone:

PTA/SCHOOL DIRECTORY LISTING

WE WILL USE A-Z DIRECTORY, AN ONLINE DIRECTORY SYSTEM THAT WILL ASK FAMILIES TO UPDATE AND VERIFY THEIR OWN LISTINGS FOR THE BAKER DIRECTORY. YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL WITH A LINK TO THE SITE AND A PASSWORD FOR EACH FAMILY.

If you do not have online access or email please indicate below whether and to what extent the information on this form may be printed in the school directory.

- Yes, please include **ALL** the information above in the directory.
- Yes, please include my listing in the directory, but **EXCLUDE** the following items:
- No, I don't want to have any information included in the directory.

FREE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL!

COLLECT BOX TOPS - IT DOESN'T STOP IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - SEND TO THE BAKER OFFICE

PTA MEMBERSHIP FEES

<input type="checkbox"/>	Benefits include (1) voting adult member, ACCESS to online directory with A-Z directory	\$ 15
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tax-deductible donation to our PTA. Thanks!	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25 donation per 8 th grade student for promotion and dance	\$
ONLY PTA MEMBERS RECEIVE A-Z APP ACCESS		TOTAL: \$

Return this application with your check made out to **Baker MS PTA** to the Front Office or mail it to school:

Baker Middle School, c/o Baker PTA Membership, 25400 Oak Dr, Damascus, MD 20872

Questions? Please contact our PTA Membership, Aimee Ibacache @ aimee1000@yahoo.com

Date Form Received:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____
DATE ENTERED IN A-Z:	<input type="checkbox"/> PAYPAL ONLINE	INITIAL _____

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Expanding Opportunity and Unleashing Potential

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

November 6, 2020

Dear Staff, Parents, and Guardians:

We are pleased to inform you of an opportunity to purchase a piano for your family. Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has an agreement with Schaeffer's Piano Company Inc., to provide MCPS with new grand, upright, and digital pianos to be used in schools. Schaeffer's Piano Co. Inc., located in Rockville, Maryland, is the area's oldest piano store. This agreement also provides MCPS families and staff an opportunity to purchase these and other pianos for considerably reduced prices at an annual piano sales event.

This year's liquidation sales event will take place the week of Friday, November 13, 2020, through Friday, November 20, 2020, at 105 North Stonestreet Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850. In order to provide a safe and healthy environment and to ensure that proper distancing can be maintained, this year's sale will be by appointment only with a limited number of appointment times available. All pianos will carry a 15-year transferable warranty. Each piano will come with a bench and one free in-house tuning.

For additional information, you may visit the Schaeffer's Piano Company Inc., website at www.schaefferspiano.com. To make an appointment for November 13 through 20, call the Schaeffer's Piano Company appointment desk at 301-424-1147.

Friday, November 13, 2020
through Friday, November 20, 2020

Call 301-424-1147 to schedule an appointment

We are grateful to be working with Schaeffer's Piano Company Inc., to support our school music programs and help MCPS keep new and well-maintained instruments in our schools each year. If you have any questions, please contact Schaeffer's Piano Company Inc., at 301-424-1144.

Sincerely,



Essie McGuire
Associate Superintendent of Operations

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EDUCATIONAL EQUITY & ENRICHMENT HUB



CHILD CARE & DISTANCE LEARNING SUPPORT

WHO

- FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K-5 WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE AND REDUCED MEALS (FARMS)
- FOR STUDENTS WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION OPTIONS AND/OR IN NEED OF INTERNET ACCESS
- FOR FAMILIES WHO HAVE TRANSPORTATION TO THE SCHOOL AND WILL COMMIT TO ATTENDING EVERY DAY

WHAT

- STAFF WILL SUPERVISE AND PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR DISTANCE LEARNING
- ENGAGING ACTIVITIES WHEN CHILDREN ARE NOT IN CLASS
- SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN TO LEARN AND GROW

WHERE

- **LOCATED IN MCPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:** SEE WEBSITE BELOW TO FIND A LOCATION
- **HOURS:** MONDAY - FRIDAY FROM 8:30AM - 5:30PM
- **CLASS SIZE:** 13 CHILDREN WITH 2 STAFF MEMBERS
- **TUITION CONTRIBUTION:** \$50/MONTH PER CHILD. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY, GO TO

WWW.EQUITYHUBS.ORG

SOLICITE AHORA PARA EL
**LA EQUIDAD Y EL
ENREQUISIMIENTO EDUCATIVO**

CUIDAD DE NIÑOS Y APOYO AL APRENDIZAJE A DISTANCIA

¿QUIÉN?

- PARA ESTUDIANTES EN LOS GRADOS K-5 QUE SON ELEGIBLES PARA COMIDAS GRATIS Y REDUCIDAS (FARMS)
- PARA ESTUDIANTES SIN OPCIONES DE SUPERVISIÓN PARA ADULTOS Y / O QUE NECESITEN ACCESO A INTERNET
- PARA FAMILIAS QUE TIENEN TRANSPORTE A LA ESCUELA Y SE COMPROMETAN A ASISTIR TODOS LOS DÍAS

¿QUÉ?

- EL PERSONAL SUPERVISARÁ Y PROPORCIONARÁ APOYO A LA EDUCACIÓN A DISTANCIA
- ACTIVIDADES INVOLUCRANTES CUANDO LOS NIÑOS NO ESTÁN EN CLASE
- ENTORNO SEGURO PARA QUE LOS NIÑOS APRENDAN Y CREZCAN

¿DÓNDE?

- **UBICADO EN ESCUELAS PRIMARIAS DE MCPS:** VEA EL SITIO WEB A CONTINUACIÓN PARA ENCONTRAR UNA UBICACIÓN
- **HORARIO:** LUNES - VIERNES DE 8:30AM - 5:30PM
- **TAMAÑO DE LA CLASE:** 13 NIÑOS CON 2 MIEMBROS
- **DEL PERSONAL CONTRIBUCIÓN DE MATRÍCULA:** \$50 / MES POR NIÑO. Hay ayuda financiera disponible.

PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN Y PARA APLICAR, VAYA A

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