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April 20, 2025

Good evening, Burtonsville Families!

Mark your calendars:

4/14-21 - Spring Break - No School
4/22 - School resumes
4/22 - MD School Survey - Grade 5

4/23 - MCAP, Grades 3 & 4 (ELA)
4/24 - Take Your Child to Work Day
4/25 - MCAP, Grades 3 & 4 (ELA)

 **MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (MCAP)**  - Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will take the MCAP assessment for **English/Language Arts and Mathematics** April 23rd - May 16th (see dates below). Practice tests are available [here](#) for students to familiarize themselves with the items and formats used for the different MCAP assessments. Read [here](#) for testing resources and to learn more information on MCAP.

English/Language Arts:

Grades 3 & 4 - April 23, 25, 30, May 2
Grade 5 - April 8 and 9, May 12 and 13


Mathematics:

Grade 5 - May 14 and 16
Grades 3 & 4 - May 5 and 7

How to help your child/Reminders:

- Get a good night's rest the night before
- Eat a healthy breakfast at home or plan to eat the school-provided breakfast
- Be on time on the day of testing - Students who arrive at school late will not be allowed into the classroom during a testing session and will be required to test on a make-up day.
- **NO CELL PHONES/WATCHES/Bluetooth Headphones** - Personal mobile devices, such as cell phones/watches/tablets or Bluetooth-enabled headphones, are NOT permitted during the assessment administration. Use of these items during testing is a violation of test security and is strictly prohibited.

 **Music Concert at BES** - Grade 1: Tuesday, April 29th in the All Purpose Room at 6:30 PM

 **Kindergarten Enrollment** - If you have a child who will be five by September 1, 2025, [Kindergarten registration](#) for the 2025-2026 school year is open online through the ParentVUE portal. Burtonsville ES will host a **Future Kindergartener Playdate** from **10:00 AM - 12:00 PM on May 1, 2025**. See our [event flyer](#) for details.

A Message from our PTA...

★ **Chipotle PTA Fundraiser Night** is Wednesday, April 30, from 5–9 p.m. at 15701 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866. Bring the flyer, mention BES, or use the promo code ZBVJETJ for online checkout. Please see the [attached flyer](#) for details.

★ **PTA Board Elections for the upcoming term** will take place during our May 6 PTA Meeting. To learn more about the available positions and nomination procedures, please visit www.burtonsvillepta.org/board-elections.

★ **BES Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week** begins May 5th! It's a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and show gratitude for the hard work and dedication of the BES staff, who make a positive impact on the lives of all our students. For inspiration, please visit www.burtonsvillepta.org/staff-favorites.

★ **Cultural Night is Friday, May 16, from 5:00–7:00 p.m.** Come share your culture through fun facts, performances, music, and more! We're looking for volunteers to host a culture-themed table, perform, or help out at the event. To sign up and learn more, visit www.burtonsvillepta.org/event-details/cultural-night-2025. Please RSVP by Friday, May 9.

★ Please check out the [attached Newsletter](#) from the Staff/Student Appreciation Committee to see what's been going on.

MCPS News...

Montgomery County Schools - Due to inclement weather earlier this year, the 2024–2025 school year will be extended to Tuesday, June 17, with Friday, June 13, Monday, June 16, and Tuesday, June 17 all being early release days for students. [Read this community message](#) emailed to families on Wednesday, April 9, for the details.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD! YOUR OPINION MATTERS! - Parents or guardians of children receiving **special education and related services** were mailed the Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey from the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services in February 2025.

Parents are asked to **complete the survey** and return it in the postage-paid envelope by **May 30, 2025**. The survey may also be completed **online**. Please look for details in your

survey packet. Your feedback will help guide efforts to improve special education and related services in your local school system.

Your voice can make a real difference for your child and many other children across the state of Maryland. To learn more, please visit <https://www.mdparentsurvey.com>.

Transportation: [MCPS Department of Transportation](#) | West Farm Upper Bus Depot: 240-740-7361 | Transportation Updates: [Route Status](#) | BES Bus Routes: [Arrival](#) | [Departure](#)

Food & Nutrition: - School menus are available on **MealViewer** - [here](#).

Yours in Service,

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