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<u>April is</u> <u>National Poetry Month</u>

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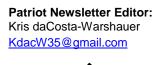
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# Principal's Message

Dear GES Families,

I know all of our participants had a wonderful time at last month's **International Night**. The diversity of our school community is one of the reasons our school is so celebrated. It was great to see our students in dress from their home countries, taste foods from lands near and far, see cultural dances and music from the Seneca Valley High School band. Thanks to our PTA and all of our family and staff participants for sharing an important piece of yourselves (your culture) with us!

We have numerous **staff updates** to share.

- We congratulate Andrea Pham, SLP in PEP 5 Hour, on her pregnancy. This will be the first child for Andrea and her husband!
  - We recently submitted a nomination for Mrs. Atanda to be recognized as MCPS Counselor of the Year due to her exceptional service toward our school community. No matter the final outcome of the award committee, <u>we</u> <u>know</u> we have the best school counselor in MCPS!

- We will add a third PEP class at GES next school year. With that increased allocation in PEP, we also saw an increase in our PEP Parent Educator staffing.
- This is the time of year that MCPS staff make employment decisions about the upcoming school year. A MCPS job fair was held two weeks ago for staff to interview for positions at other locations when the school system. We also have staff who have made other choices for next year. Those updates are listed in the chart table on the next page.

Every four years the MCPS **Board of Education visits the Northwest Cluster** to learn more about our schools and hear about issues important to our families. This year the meeting will be held in the Media Center of Northwest High School on **April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**. Everyone is welcome to attend; brief presentations from our schools will be followed by a Question & Answer session with the Board. Before the meeting at 6:00 pm

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# **Dates to Remember**

April 5 <sup>th</sup>	GES School Spirit Day
April 1-12	Pennies for Patients
April 10	Be a Hero Hat Day (\$1 fee)
April 12	PBIS Patriot Breakfast (Minehan, Kissal & Marino's classes only)
April 16	Career Day
April 17-22	Spring Break (no school)
April 25	Take Your Child to Work Day
April 26	Kindergarten Orientation (no school for current K students only)
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Meeting, 7:15 - 8:15 pm

Principal's Message continued ...

in Room 100, the MCPS Chief Operating Officer (or designee) will be holding a feedback session about the proposed county-wide boundary analysis. This is an opportunity to provide feedback about creating balanced student populations and addressing aging buildings and overcrowding in the future. Please note, neither discussion will focus on the current Upcounty Boundary Study as this will be addressed at meetings on April 8th, 9th and 11th.

As you may remember, GES established a partnership with Black Rock Center for the Arts earlier this school year. We are excited to receive another free performance as a result of that partnership. Next Friday on April 12th, Black Rock Center for the Arts is providing our early childhood classes (K-2) with a free performance of Squirrel Stole My Underpants. It will take place from 10-10:45 in the APR. Here's a short clip:

https://www.blackrockcenter.org/event/squirrel-stole-myunderpants/?utm\_source=General+Interest&utm\_campaign=26d4ebc64e-EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN\_2019\_04\_02\_10\_14&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_6d51ee3bc4-26d4ebc64e-22502819&mc\_cid=26d4ebc64e&mc\_eid=fadf2ddade

GES Staff Departing at the End of This Year	Staff Coming to GES in 2019-20		
<u>Grade 1</u> : -Carissa Horvath will teach at Farmland ES. -Tanya Rockovich will take child care leave for 2019-20.	Samantha Fox and Meghan Evans will teach grade 1.		
<u>Grade 4</u> : Cristina Kahn will teach at Greenwood ES.	Hannah Srour will teach grade 3.		
SCB: Jessica Gray will teach at Drew ES.	DeAanna Mathous will teach SCB.		
HSM: Adriane Brown is retiring.	Janine Howard will teach HSM part-time. We'll share her with Strawberry Knolls. <u>New/Additional Positons at GES</u> : -Amanda Leizer will teach a new PEP Classic/Classic class next year. -Angela DeJuis will teach a math intervention to targeted students for an hour 3 times per week. We share her with nearby McNair ES. -Susan Schindler will join Gerry Reed as a second part-time PEP Parent Educator.		

I am signing off for now. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone (301-353-8050) or email (<u>Amy\_D\_Bryan@mcpsmd.org</u>). Our Principal Intern Carolynn Walsleben is also available if you wish to contact her (<u>Carolynn\_Walsleben@mcpsmd.org</u>).

Take care,

Amy D. Bryan GES Principal

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#### Save-the-date on your calendars:



## **Additional School News**

**Nut Allergies:** As previously shared, we have a number of students across the school who are **allergic to nuts and nut products**. This includes cupcakes and treats that were made in environments where nuts have touched the surfaces. This can cause great medical harm to our students who have these allergies. We as a caring school community must be more cognizant of the items we are exposing our vulnerable students to.

**Career Day:** Friendly reminder... we are looking forward to our annual Career Day here at GES. **Please join us on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.** The staff and students enjoy having GES families present at Career Day. Montgomery County Judge Robert Greenberg will be presenting at GES from 11 am – 12 Noon. Any questions, please contact Jennifer Atanda, School Counselor, Jennifer\_T\_Atanda@mcpsmd.org, 301-353-8050.

**PEP PILOT news**: We are happy to announce that we will be accepting applications for our Preschool Education Program (PEP) for the 2019-2020 school year. PEP PILOT provides a two-day per week early childhood setting for children with and without disabilities. Classes are Tuesday/Thursday or Wednesday/Friday for 2.5 hours per day. The cost is \$150 per semester or \$300 per year. Applications will be accepted during the month of April and assignments will be made in May via random lottery (however, priority is given to children that reside in the local school boundary). Your child must be 3 years old on or before September 10th. You will be contacted in early May if you are awarded placement in the program.

Applications are available in the GES office now. You can also email Gerry Reed, PEP Parent Educator, at <u>Gerry D Reed@mcpsmd.org</u> and request an application via email. Please return your application **before** April 30<sup>th</sup> to the main office at Germantown ES.



# Spotlight on New Staff

## Brittany Tarpley, GES Building Service worker

Childhood: Germantown, MD

First education-related job experience: Worked at a medical orthopedic practice in Rockville and Germantown, MD. Made casts and worked directly with the physicians.

Joined MCPS: 2017

MCPS experiences: attended MCPS from Kindergarten through twelfth grade. Graduated from Germantown Elementary School!

Personal info: my son Brycen is 10 months old.

Ms. Tarpley shares "I am excited to be back at GES!"

#### Volunteering with GES: Required Procedure for Volunteers

On June 29, 2015, the Montgomery County Board of Education approved significant changes to the policy regarding Child Abuse and Neglect. The policy guides MCPS procedures and protocols for recognizing, reporting, and preventing suspected child abuse and neglect of students. If you wish to volunteer at Germantown Elementary School or any MCPS school this school year, MCPS is requiring all volunteers to complete an online course regarding Child Abuse and Neglect. This will take about a half hour to complete. Once completed you will receive a confirmation by email. Please print your confirmation and bring it to the office; they will keep this record on file.

If you completed your training in the 2018-2019 school year, you will need to renew your training in 2022. You do NOT need to do it again this year. If you have any questions, please call the office at 301-353-8050.

Everything you need to know about the volunteer training on recognizing and reporting child abuse & neglect: <u>http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/childabuseandneglect/</u>

#### Updates on MCPS school clusters:

Meeting Dates for the **Seneca Valley Cluster Boundary Study** with Clarksburg & Northwest are scheduled for next week.

- Mon. April 8 @ NWHS Auditorium 7:00 p.m.
- Tues. April 9 @ SVHS Auditorium @ 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. April 11 @ Clarksburg HS Cafeteria @ 7:00 p.m.

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#### Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program:

Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) is a measure of Math and English/ Language Arts to determine whether students are on track to be successful in college and careers. Testing will take place in the morning and afternoon. Please see the chart for your child's testing times and plan accordingly. The evening before testing a child should get a good night's rest and then a nutritious breakfast the morning of testing. Thanks for your on-going assistance and support! The following will be the testing schedule for GES:



Monday, April	Tuesday, April	Wednesday, May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday, May	Friday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>
29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>30</b> <sup>th</sup>		2 <sup>nd</sup>	
		3rd & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math		
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• 9:45	• 9:45		• 9:45	
		5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math		
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Monday, May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday, May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday, May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>
	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reading			
	• 9:45	• 9:45	• 9:45	• 9:45
	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reading			
	• 12:30	• 12:30	• 12:30	• 12:30

#### Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program Schedule: Grades 3-5

2/26/19

The Patriot – April 3, 2019

## Patriot Student of the Month

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## (March 2019)

	Third Grade	
Dayza	Mrs. Brown	Isabella
Alex	Mrs. Lea	Erfaan
Manning		
	Fourth Grade	
	Mrs. Kahn	Niresa
Emma	Mr. Kaigler EJ	
Jaylynn		
Mikael	Fifth Grade	
	Mrs. Boucher	Camila
	Ms. Marino	Amirhossain
Mousa		
Zoe	Patrol of the Month	Jaslene
Aden	Peacemaker Month	Azriel
Bradley	<u>SCB</u> Ms. Gray	Libby
	Alex Manning Emma Jaylynn Mikael Mousa Zoe Aden	DayzaMrs. BrownAlexMrs. LeaManningFourth GradeManningFourth GradeImmaMrs. KahnEmmaMr. KaiglerJaylynnImmaMikaelFifth GradeMrs. BoucherMrs. BoucherImmaMrs. BoucherImmaMrs. MarinoMousaImmaZoePatrol of the MonthAdenPeacemaker Month



# **PTA News**

Dear Patriots Family,



Friday Night: Movie, Munch, Mingle

On April 26, 2019 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., the GES PTA will host the first Family Movie Night! This exciting event brings the big screen to our students and families at no cost for entry! Snacks will be available for purchase. Given the limited seating, we limit attendance to students and immediate family members of students. To reserve your spots, please get your tickets on Eventbrite.

\*Our selected movie will be announced on the PTA website at ges-pta.org and via our GES PTA App downloadable on iPhone and Android.

Many thanks to our all-star PTA volunteer, **Renee W.**, who organized this year's International Night! Ongoing gratitude to our treasurer, **Heidi C.**, who makes sure that all of the PTA events are adequately funded, and who ensures that the PTA contributes funds towards the school's events as needed. Our tech gurus, **Nigel** and **Becky**, continue to keep our App and website updated – thank you very much! Many thanks to **Danielle** and **Meghan** for keeping the school outdoor sign updated.

Most important news, our school GES may not have a functioning PTA next year without the roles of President and Treasurer being filled. This means that many of the events that the PTA hosts throughout the school year, including Muffins for Mom, Donuts for Dads, International Night, Harvest Dance, and many other events will be cancelled indefinitely. If you wish to volunteer with the PTA Board and take up on the role as President or Treasurer, please do not hesitate to contact me at LLydiarose@aol.com.



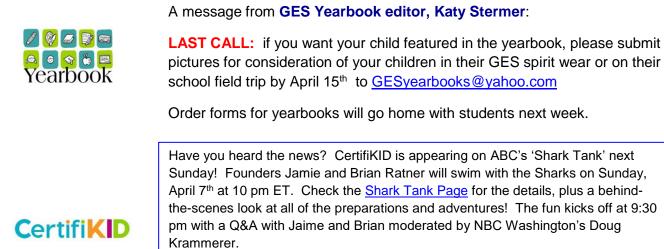
## Other positions available:

- Membership Chair
- Yearbook
- Hospitality
- ICB bookings

- Cultural Arts
- Spirit Wear
- Box Tops



**PARENTS!** We want your nominations for PTA positions and committee chairs! If interested in any positions, please join us at the next **PTA Meeting.** It will take place on **Tuesday, May at 7:00 PM in the GES Media Center**. Currently, Bar-T has been offering free childcare for parents who wish to attend PTA meetings. We are beyond grateful for Bar-T for their support while **YOU**, parents, can participate with us during the PTA meetings each month. We need your support and are open to hearing new ideas for GES community and the PTA.



# Spring is here. Time to get out and play. <u>CertifiKID</u> has fun family deals that saves up to 67% off amusement parks, indoor play, family outings, etc.

Enter promo code **PATRIOTS** at checkout. With your purchase of \$20 or more, CertifiKID will donate \$5 to our PTA! PTA gets credit for your purchase. A few more certificates (paid vouchers) are needed to count towards the minimum total GES needs to receive the monetary benefit for school fundraising before the end of this school year. We appreciate your support through CertifiKID.

Sincerely yours,

Lydía Rose, GES PTA President

LLydiarose@aol.com

"Let's make a difference one child at a time."



#### **MCPS Communications:**

#### Poster Contest Open to Staff and Students (English and Spanish)

Get ready to let your creativity flow! The School Energy and Recycling Team (SERT) is holding its annual poster contest for elementary, middle and high school students and staff.

The Watt's Up poster contest is open to staff and students in Grades K–12, and creations should encourage others to conserve energy and to recycle responsibly. This year's theme is "SERT In Our School." Show everyone what your school does to be "green." Entries are due by Monday, April 1.

Winning entries may be used in future MCPS and local government educational or promotional campaigns. Send entries to Watt's Up? Contest, Montgomery County Public Schools, 45 West Gude Drive, Suite 4000, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

#### More information is available at

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/departments/facilities/greenschoolsfocus/Watts\_Up\_Contest\_Inf o.pdf.

#### Concurso de Afiche Abierto para el Personal y para los Estudiantes

¡Prepárense para dejar fluir su creatividad! El Equipo de Energía y Reciclaje Escolar (School Energy and Recycling Team–SERT) está realizando su concurso anual de afiches para los estudiantes y el personal de las escuelas elementales, escuelas de enseñanza media y escuelas secundarias.

El concurso de afiches Watt's Up? está abierto para el personal y los estudiantes de los Grados K–12, y las creaciones deberán motivar a otros a conservar energía y reciclar responsablemente. El tema de este año es "SERT En Nuestras Escuelas" (SERT In Our Schools). Muestren a todos lo que su escuela está haciendo para favorecer al medioambiente y ser "verdes". El plazo límite para las inscripciones es el lunes, 1ro. de abril.

Los trabajos ganadores podrían ser utilizados en futuras campañas educativas o publicitarias de MCPS y de agencias gubernamentales locales. Envíen las inscripciones para el Concurso Watt's Up? a: Montgomery County Public Schools, 45 West Gude Drive, Suite 4000, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

Hay más información disponible en

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/departments/facilities/greenschoolsfocus/Watts\_Up\_Contest\_Inf o.pdf.

#### Elementary Class Size Data Dashboard Now Available (English and Spanish)

The Class Size Data Dashboard reports teacher-to-student ratios for elementary homeroom classrooms for Grades K–5. Dashboard data will be updated each quarter and this dashboard currently includes reporting data for three quarters. View the dashboard at

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/sharedaccountability/enrollment/.

#### Ya Está Disponible el Tablero de Datos sobre el Tamaño de las Clases en las Escuelas Elementales

El Tablero de Datos sobre el Tamaño de las Clases reporta las proporciones de maestro/a por estudiantes del aula de base (homeroom) para los Grados K–5 en las escuelas elementales. La información del Tablero de Datos será actualizada cada trimestre y este tablero actualmente reporta los datos de tres trimestres. Vea el tablero de datos en www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/sharedaccountability/enrollment/

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#### Update on the Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget Recommendation for MCPS (English and Spanish)

County Executive Marc Elrich released his Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget recommendation on March 15. The recommendation includes \$2.6 billion for Montgomery County Public Schools. The county executive's recommendation includes a \$2.5 million increase above the minimum funding Maintenance of Effort, however, the recommendation is \$14.5 million less than the Board of Education's request. Visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/press/index.aspx?pagetype=showrelease&id=8304&type=&startYear=&pageNu mber=&mode to read the joint statement from Board President Shebra L. Evans and Superintendent of Schools Jack R. Smith. The county executive's recommended budget will now go to the Montgomery County Council for review. The Council will hold public hearings on the budget in April and will take action on the budget in May. Stay informed on the budget by visiting www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/.

#### Actualización sobre la Recomendación para el Presupuesto Operativo del Año Fiscal 2020 para MCPS

El 15 de marzo, el Ejecutivo del Condado Marc Elrich publicó su recomendación para el Presupuesto Operativo del Año Fiscal 2020. La recomendación incluye \$2.6 mil millones para Montgomery County Public Schools. La recomendación del ejecutivo del condado incluye un aumento del \$2.5 millones por encima del financiamiento mínimo de Mantenimiento de Esfuerzo; sin embargo, la recomendación es \$14.5 millones menos de lo que el Consejo de Educación solicitó. Visite

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/press/index.aspx?pagetype=showrelease&id=8304&type=&startYear=&pageNu mber=&mode para leer el comunicado conjunto de la Presidenta del Consejo Shebra L. Evans y del Superintendente de Escuelas Jack R. Smith. El presupuesto recomendado por el ejecutivo del condado ahora irá al Concejo del Condado de Montgomery para su revisión. El Concejo del Condado tendrá audiencias públicas sobre el presupuesto del condado en abril y tomará su decisión sobre el presupuesto en mayo. Manténgase informado sobre el presupuesto visitando www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/.

#### Restorative Justice Workshop Set for April 2 (English and Spanish)

Parents, guardians, and community members are invited to attend a workshop on Tuesday, April 2 at A. Mario Loiederman Middle School from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. to learn more about the district's restorative justice vision and how this social justice platform allows students to actively engage and problem-solve physical, psychological, social, and disciplinary issues that affect their lives and the community at large. RSVP at docs.google.com/forms/d/1WfjOKCki49fhD4z5Vg9Pkb0noUO4-fYnq9UG7RZY0SU/edit.

#### Taller sobre Justicia Restaurativa Programado para el 2 de Abril

Se invita a los padres, guardianes y miembros de la comunidad a que asistan a un taller el día martes, 2 de abril, de 6:30 a 8:00 p.m., en A. Mario Loiederman Middle School, para conocer más acerca de la visión del distrito escolar sobre la justicia restaurativa y cómo esta plataforma de justicia social permite a los estudiantes participar activamente y resolver problemas físicos, psicológicos, sociales y disciplinarios que afectan a sus vidas y a la comunidad en general. Confirme su asistencia en <u>docs.google.com/forms/d/1WfjOKCki49fhD4z5Vg9Pkb0noUO4-fYnq9UG7RZY0SU/edit</u>.

#### Annual Nancy Dworkin Awards for Outstanding Service to Youth Seeks Nominations (English and Spanish)

The Montgomery County Commission on Children and Youth is seeking nominations for the 33rd Annual Nancy Dworkin Awards for Outstanding Service to Youth. The awards recognize individuals and organizations that have made a difference in the lives of children and youth in Montgomery County.

Nominations must be received by Tuesday, April 2.

#### **Award Categories:**

- Youth a child or young person, 21 years of age and younger, who has performed a service for children and youth.
- Service Provider an individual (e.g. teacher, counselor, police officer, fire fighter) who provides services to children and youth.
- Volunteer an individual who provides volunteer services to children and youth.
- **Organization** an organization that is in the business of providing services to children and youth.
- **Business** a for-profit business in the county that provides an outstanding volunteer service for children and youth.

The award is named in memory of Nancy Dworkin, past chair of the Commission, who died in 1987. Nominations may be made by anyone who knows of the nominee's service.

Nominations should be sent by email to <u>erin.stillwell@montgomerycountymd.gov</u>.

For a copy of the nomination guidelines, please go to <u>bit.ly/2u9j2cG</u>. For more information, please contact Erin Stillwell at 240-777-1716 or via e-mail at <u>erin.stillwell@montgomerycountymd.gov</u>.

#### Premios Anuales Nancy Dworkin por Servicio Ilustre a la Juventud Solicita Nominaciones

La Comisión sobre Niños y Jóvenes del Condado de Montgomery (Montgomery County Commission on Children and Youth) solicita nominaciones para los Trigésimo Terceros Premios Anuales Nancy Dworkin por Servicio Ilustre a la Juventud. Los premios reconocen a personas y organizaciones que han marcado una diferencia en las vidas de niños y jóvenes en el Condado de Montgomery.

Las nominaciones deben ser recibidas a más tardar el martes, 2 de abril.

## **Categorías de Premios:**

- Joven—un niño/a o persona joven, hasta los 21 años edad, que haya realizado un servicio a favor de niños o jóvenes.
- **Proveedor del Servicios**—una persona (por ejemplo un maestro/a, consejero/a escolar, oficial de policía, bombero/a), que provee servicios a niños y jóvenes.
- Voluntario—una persona que presta servicios voluntarios a niños y jóvenes.
- Organización—una organización cuya labor implica proveer servicios a niños y jóvenes.
- **Empresa**—una empresa del condado con fines lucrativos que provee servicio voluntario sobresaliente para niños y jóvenes.

El premio es en nombre a la memoria de Nancy Dworkin, antigua presidenta de la Comisión, quien falleció en el año 1987. Las nominaciones pueden ser efectuadas por cualquier persona que tenga conocimiento del servicio realizado por el nominado/a.

Las nominaciones deberán ser enviadas por correo electrónico dirigido a <u>erin.stillwell</u> <u>@montgomerycountymd.gov</u>.

Para obtener una copia de las normas de nominación, por favor ingrese a <u>bit.ly/2u9j2cG</u>. Para más información, por favor contáctese con Erin Stillwell, llamando al 240-777-1716, o por correo electrónico dirigido a <u>erin.stillwell@montgomerycountymd.gov</u>.

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