

# DRAGON NEWS

A newsletter from Principal Collins and the DES PTA

December 2015

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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Winter break is fast approaching and although it has been unusually warm we will begin to have colder days. I hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving break from school and time with family and friends! December is a very exciting time for students and adults alike and I know that this positive energy will keep us energized as we conclude our final weeks of the 2015 calendar year. It is my wish that everyone in our community has an outstanding holiday season and a Happy New Year!

### Winter Recess

I would like to remind parents to send coats and/or jackets with your children to school. Students will go outside for recess on any day in which the wind chill is 32 degrees or higher, precipitation permitting. Please make sure that children come dressed for the weather and prepared for conditions on the playground. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact me.

### Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)

Last spring students in third, fourth and fifth grade completed the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers

(PARCC) assessment. This standardized assessment replaced the Maryland School Assessment (MSA) which was taken in prior years. The PARCC assessment is a much more comprehensive and demanding test and newspaper reports have detailed how student performance results locally and nationwide have fallen from previously administered assessments. As this was the first time that students took the PARCC assessments, this fact could have easily been predicted.

The results of the PARCC assessment are just one measure of student performance and we should never look at a student's progress on one measure alone, most especially an assessment that was administered for the first time. I ask that as parents review the scores of their child(ren) on the PARCC that they use them as one snapshot of their child's progress, in addition to report card data, MAP-R and MAP-P/M data, and reading level data.

As of the date of this newsletter, parents should have received their individual score reports. Please be on the look-out for these score reports in your mailboxes and if the data leaves you with any questions, please feel free to contact me.

*~ Bill Collins, Principal*

## MCPS WEATHER CLOSING NEWS AND NOTES

### How is the decision made to close schools during bad weather?

Information about the weather is gathered from many sources, including The National Weather Service, Accu-Weather, the news media and by actual inspection of roads, school driveways, and sidewalks throughout the county.

Weather conditions in surrounding counties are also gathered and factored into forecasting conditions for Montgomery County students and considered for those students attending non-public schools in other areas. Information from these various sources is factored into the decision.

Weather conditions or continuing impact from severe weather or other events such as a widespread power outage, may cause a delayed opening, early closing or closing for the day. The most severe conditions within the county are used as the basis for the decision-making criteria. A uniform procedure to close all schools is maintained so that the school system can respond quickly to emergency conditions and protect the safety and well-being of students and staff who attend both public and non-public schools and receive transportation services from Montgomery County.

### Schools closed or delayed opening:

For early morning decisions, road inspection begins at 3:00 a.m. so that a decision can be announced by 5:00 a.m. through MCPS emergency information sources and

media, such as radio, TV and websites.

### Early dismissal:

All announcements will be made by 11:00 a.m.

### The weather may be bad elsewhere in the county, but fine where I live. Why aren't the nearby schools in our zone open?

The decision to close schools because of weather (or other widespread situation impacting safety) is always for the entire system.

MCPS buses transport 96,000 students every day, and of these, 16,000 students are transported to schools beyond their home school attendance area. To close by cluster or zone would mean students living in a less affected area might be unable to attend their school and vice-versa. This creates unequal access to the instructional programs and making sure each student receives the required days of instruction becomes difficult.

School must be accessible for all students to be given the ability to participate in instructional programs. In the case of non-public school closings for schools located outside of Montgomery County, the Department of Transportation works with schools on an individual basis to assure each student receives the required days of instruction. However, in the interest of the safety of all students and staff, whenever Montgomery County Schools are closed all transportation services to public



and non-public schools are cancelled.

### What about after-school and/or weekend activities?

After school activity cancellations will be announced in the same manner as regular school closings. The county's Interagency Coordinating Board for the use of public facilities makes weekend closing decisions. They can be contacted at 240-777-2706, or visit the Montgomery County website at

[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cupf/info-cupf/emergency.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cupf/info-cupf/emergency.html)

for information about cancellation of after-school or weekend activities.

Learn more about school closure, delayed opening and early dismissal at these websites:

[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/closings/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/closings/)

[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/sources.aspx](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/sources.aspx)

### Damascus Elementary School PTA Board

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*Happy  
Holidays*

Twass the weeks before Christmas,  
And what can we say,  
DES has been busy,  
Including the PTA.

We picked out our pumpkins  
At the friendly Char-lene Farm,  
The corn maze was tough,  
But no one was harmed.

Our DES Halloween  
Was as fun as can be,  
There were Spice Girls and Minions  
And a Mr. Collins to see.

November was awesome,  
With our second Read-A-Thon,  
We passed last year's goal,  
Now Mr. Collins' hair is GONE!

We welcomed many grandparents  
Late in November,  
This day with their grandkids  
Is one they always remember.

Our students like shopping,  
Not unlike ourselves,  
They bought holiday gifts,  
With help from PTA elves.

As we break for the season,  
May it be filled with great cheer,  
Have a safe and happy holiday,  
We will see you next year!

*~ Melissa North  
PTA President*

### READING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Read-A-Thon has ended but keep reading! A letter and calendar were sent home last week with details about the monthly reading incentive program. Students who read 350 minutes during the month and turn in the calendar earn a coupon for a free personal sized pizza from Pizza Hut. They will also be entered to win a free pizza lunch at school donated by Weis! Turn in three out of the four months calendars and be able to attend our end of the year Reading Incentive Party!

Please contact Tara Owens at [tara.owens@ymail.com](mailto:tara.owens@ymail.com) with any questions.

### GET CAUGHT READING!

We know our DES students are great readers. Mr. Collins has the new hairstyle to prove it!

Send us pictures of where (and with whom) you like to read. You can email your pictures as attachments directly to Diane Loomis at [diane@loomisdesign.com](mailto:diane@loomisdesign.com) and we will include them in a future newsletter.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

### DECEMBER

- Dec. 1-31: Spirit Month at Music Café
- Dec. 14: Winter Cluster Concert at Baker MS
- Dec. 15: Afterschool Group Piano
- Dec. 18: Parents Helping Teachers Group, 9:30 – 11:30am
- Dec. 24 – 31: NO SCHOOL – Winter Break

### JANUARY

- Jan. 1: NO SCHOOL – New Year’s Day Holiday
- Jan. 4: First day back from Winter Break
- Jan. 4: Vision and Hearing Re-screening
- Jan. 5: After-school Group Piano
- Jan. 6: Kidsco Gym Games Club, 8:00-9:10am
- Jan. 8: Kidsco DIY Pinterest Club, 8:00-9:00am
- Jan. 8: Parents Helping Teachers Group, 9:30 – 11:30am
- Jan. 11: Winter Concert for Band and Chorus

- Jan. 12: After-school Group Piano
- Jan. 13: Kidsco Gym Games Club, 8:00-9:10am
- Jan. 14: PARCC Parent Meeting, 6:30pm
- Jan. 15: Kidsco DIY Pinterest Club, 8:00-9:00am
- Jan. 18: NO SCHOOL – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan. 22: Parents Helping Teachers Group, 9:30 – 11:30am
- Jan. 22: Bingo Night
- Jan. 22: 2nd Marking Period Ends
- Jan. 25: NO SCHOOL – Professional Day for Teachers



## STAY CONNECTED

Are you receiving emails from the PTA? If not, email Laurie Murtaugh at [laurie.murtaugh@verizon.net](mailto:laurie.murtaugh@verizon.net) to be added to the list to stay up-to-date about upcoming events and activities.

Did you know your Damascus Elementary School PTA has a Facebook page? "Like" us on Facebook to stay up-to-date on PTA news and activities.



<https://www.facebook.com/damascusPTA>

## FAMILY SPIRIT NIGHTS

Thank you to all the families that participated in the October and November Spirit Nights! Don't forget to take some time out of your hectic month to participate in our Spirit Month at the Music Café!

Gather together with friends and family all month long at the Music Café and raise money for Damascus Elementary School!

Every time you dine at the Music Café in the month of December mention Damascus Elementary School and they will donate a percentage of your bill to our school.

What a great way to relax during this hectic month and support our school and local business!

## December (all month long!)

Music Café

26528 Ridge Road, Damascus



## PARENTS HELPING TEACHERS WORKGROUP

Thanks to Jen Jacobsen, Roberta Sherwood, Theresa Tenzer, Alejandra Herrera, Christi Hayes, Karen Reyes, and Christine Derby for helping out at the Parents Helping Teachers Workgroup on Thursday, November 6th.

Thanks to Jen Jacobsen, Roberta Sherwood, Theresa Tenzer, Blanca Lovo, Nora Hernandez, Nancy Bailey, Christine Derby and Gerry Choulas for helping out on Thursday, November 20th.

Thanks to Nora Hernandez, Nancy Bailey, Karen Reyes, Veronique Cuthbert, Theresa Tenzer, Roberta Sherwood and Christine Derby for helping the workgroup on December 4th.

Since so many parents and caregivers have shared their time to help out we were able to complete many work requests for the teachers and staff.

Upcoming workgroups are scheduled for the following Fridays from 9:30-11:30 am:

**December 18**

**January 8**

**January 22**

We meet at the front office, will train you on anything you need to know, and look forward to meeting new moms, dads, and grandparents in our school.

We wish all families a Happy Holiday and thanks again for all the help you give to the school.

*~ Gerry McBrinn-Choulas  
Co-chair*

**Don't Forget!**

All volunteers and visitors to Damascus Elementary School are required to be scanned in. Please don't forget to bring a Photo ID (driver's license) when visiting the building. Thank you!

## VOLUNTEER NEWS

During October and November, 200 volunteers gave more than 900 hours of their time. Thank you so much for all of your hard work!

Thank you to all who volunteered their time and talents to make the **Halloween parties** a huge success and wonderful memory. The **Fall Fest** celebration was also an amazing evening.

Thank you to all who have helped with the **Parents Helping Teachers** workgroup. We have prepared an amazing amount of classroom materials for our teachers.

Thank you to Tania, Nicole, and Melissa who were awesome help-

ers for **picture day**, especially on short notice. And thanks also to Karen, Roberta, Mollada, Beth, Milton, Colleen, Jen, Heather, Sherry, and Christine who helped during **breakfast and lunch** during the school day.

Thank you to the **Read-A-Thon** team for an incredible event that made reading magical! This event alone required hundreds of hours of volunteer time.

Thank you to all who made our **Grandparents Day** such a special memory for students and grandparents alike! Thank you to Silvia, Jennie, Beth, Diane, Sherry, Christine, Josh, Melissa, Laurie,

Tara, Kristin, and especially Lori who organized the event.

Finally, not all volunteer hours happen at school. Thank you to Kelly, Melody, and the more than 20 bakers who made our **staff dessert raffle** a sweet success.

Thank you so much for all that you do to make our school an amazing place. It makes a huge difference! If you volunteer in any way that benefits our school, let me know so it can be reported in our totals.

*~Christine Derby, Chair  
derbyjc@bellatlantic.net*

## CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Breakfast and Lunch Helpers

This is an ongoing opportunity. We need helpers each school day, one for breakfast (9:10-9:40 am) and one for lunch (11:40 am-12:10 pm). You can sign up online at:

**[bit.ly/DESmealhelpers](http://bit.ly/DESmealhelpers)**

or by contacting Christine Derby at [derbyjc@bellatlantic.net](mailto:derbyjc@bellatlantic.net).

### Parents Helping Teachers

This is a workgroup to help teachers prepare classroom materials by copying, cutting, and laminating. We meet Fridays from 9:30-11:30 am, and we always welcome new helpers. The next meetings are December 18, January 8, and January 22.

### Book Fair February 1-5

More information on page 9.

### Open Committee Chair Positions

Chairing a committee is a great way to get involved and the PTA board is here to help! Contact Melissa North at [desptamail@gmail.com](mailto:desptamail@gmail.com) if you have questions and for more information.

**Kindergarten Orientation:** Work with the kindergarten teachers to plan the kindergarten orientation events held in May. The previous committee chair is more than happy to lend a hand to help and share her advice.

**Staff Raffle:** Work with the staff to plan activities and organize a raffle to raise funds for our school.

**Grandparents Day:** Held the day before Thanksgiving, duties include providing refreshments and helping volunteers direct grandparents through the school. The outgoing chair has offered to guide the new chair in this role.

## VOLUNTEER CORNER

We had so many wonderful parents who shared their time and talents to help make our school a better place.

Thank you to Christine Derby for continually recruiting volunteers for the many events our PTA holds.

Thank you to Lori Gibson who again made Grandparents Day another huge success. She runs this event like a well-oiled machine. We will miss her next year when she will no longer have a child at DES. We also want to thank Josh Derby, Christine Derby, Beth Walter, Sherry Butt, Laurie Murtaugh, Melissa North, Tara Owens, Silvia Rodrigues, Jennie Larche, Kristin Peake and Diane Loomis, who assisted by checking in and directing the many grandparents who came to spend the morning with their DES students. Thanks to Kidsco for helping with parking issues at Grandparents Day. They sent two buses to transport our grandparents from the Weis parking lot to the school in style!

Another thank you to Kelly Jonas, Melody Brown, Alexis Peterson, and Sheila Roark for having snacks available to our staff during Parent/Teacher conferences. The staff also appreciated the baked goods raffle right before Thanksgiving. An additional thank you to everyone who donated baked goods for the raffle.

Thank you to Diane Loomis who is our own PTA elf. She works behind the scenes updating our school sign, website, and birthday bulletin board. Diane also made

online payments for the Read-A-Thon a reality.

Thank you to Laurie Murtaugh, Tara Owens, and Kristin Peake for putting together the student directory.

Thank you to Kristin Peake for organizing our Tom and Rays and Café Rio spirit nights. How nice to take the night off of cooking while supporting our school.

A HUGE thank you to the Read-A-Thon team who pulled off an amazing reading program. Chrystie Kurz, Tara Owens, Melissa North, and their fearless leader, Laurie Murtaugh put in countless hours organizing the program, tallying minutes, and distributing incentives. A special thanks to Laurie Murtaugh who developed this locally recognized program that is our largest fundraiser, brings our school community together, and gets our students excited about reading.

We also want to thank Mr. Wainwright, Mr. Collins, and the rest of the DES staff who have supported this program by providing input, taking part in the school incentives, and helping our students to succeed.

Thanks to Mollada Sweet and Suzie Thompson who gave our

DES students the chance to shop for the holidays and surprise their family and friends with gifts. They could not have done it without their elves: Jen Jacobson, Nora Hernandez, Roberta Sherwood, Stephanie Desmond, Karen Reyes, Christine Derby, Veronique Cuthbert, Tara Owens, Kerry Potcner, Laurie Murtaugh, and Melissa North.

Thank you to all of the parents who take time out of their day to volunteer in the school and in the classroom.

Another thank you to Diane Loomis who also creates our wonderful newsletter each month to keep DES families informed about what's happening at DES.

To Damascus Enterprises, our sincere thanks. You do such an amazing job keeping our school grounds looking sharp.

Would you like to find out about ways to volunteer in our school? Contact Christine Derby at [derbyjc@bellatlantic.net](mailto:derbyjc@bellatlantic.net) and she can let you know the ways for you to get involved that fit with your schedule.

*~ Melissa North  
PTA President*



## READ-A-THON UPDATE

We just wrapped up our second annual Read-A-Thon and it was an enormous success! Our 350 students read 166,539 minutes and raised \$8,768 in just 14 days!

The teachers and staff got involved and made it even more fun. Classes would stop by to see the bulletin board every day to see which classes had the highest minutes for the day. We set reading goals for the school to encourage the students to get excited about reading and they rose to the occasion.

When the kids read 50,000 minutes, they earned a pajama day. The next goal was 75,000 minutes and as a reward, Mr. Collins spent several days in the classroom as a student for the day. When the students read 100,000 minutes, the teachers and staff had a crazy hair day and dyed their hair green. To reward students for reading 125,000 minutes, Mr. Wainwright and Mr. Collins raced each other on scooters and the kids LOVED it!

The students not only beat the final goal of 150,000 minutes – they blew it out of the water and as a reward, Mr. Collins agreed to have his head shaved during a school assembly – he is such a good sport!

The PTA also raffled off two Chromebooks and two Kindles to the top readers and fundraisers in each class, as well as other prizes to reward our readers and fundraisers. The top two readers and fundraisers in each class were awarded the opportunity to go on a walking field trip to Burger King

for an ice cream cone to reward them for their hard work. A HUGE thank you to Ed Trybus who will coordinate a police and fire truck escort to shut down a lane of Rt. 27 so our students can safely walk to and from Burger King. For many students (and parents like me), that will be one of the highlights of our year.

We are already starting to plan for the Read-A-Thon for next year and we welcome any ideas from the students about prizes that can top what we have done in the past. Truly – we are running out of ideas! Please ask your children to brainstorm some prize ideas and email their suggestions to [laurie.murtaugh@verizon.net](mailto:laurie.murtaugh@verizon.net). We can't wait to find out what the kids come up with!

Thank you to all of the parents, family members and friends for supporting the Read-A-Thon. We have been so fortunate to find such a wonderful fundraiser that raises necessary funds for our school and encourages kids to read. All contributions are tax deductible, so if you need a charitable receipt, please email your request to [laurie.murtaugh@verizon.net](mailto:laurie.murtaugh@verizon.net).

Due to the success of the Read-A-Thon, Dragon Donations and the Silent Auction, we don't have to do any other fundraising—no catalog wrapping paper sales! The best part is that 100% of the proceeds raised directly benefit our school and students. We are not splitting the profits with another company and only receiving a small percentage for all of our hard work.

Thank you again for supporting the Read-A-Thon!

~ The Read-A-Thon Team

Laurie Murtaugh  
Robb Wainwright  
Christie Kurz  
Tara Owens  
Melissa North  
Diane Loomis





Send your box tops and labels into your child's classroom. At the end of each month the class in each grade that collects the most will receive a treat!

## PAINLESS FUNDRAISING

Many companies and stores offer money and credits for supplies and equipment to schools based on the purchases of customers. THAT'S RIGHT, you can help OUR SCHOOL support OUR KIDS just by doing your regular household shopping – at no additional cost to you!

Box Tops for Education

Labels for Education

Coke Rewards Points

Ink and Toner Cartridges

Amazon Smile

Giant

Safeway

Harris Teeter

Find more information on the PTA website at:

[www.damascuspta.com/fundraising/](http://www.damascuspta.com/fundraising/)

## FEELIN' GROOVY BOOK FAIR

**February 1– 5**

A far-out celebration of reading with hundreds of fun, engaging, affordable books for kids to discover.

Join our volunteer team to:

- Bring creative flair to signs and decorations
- Be a part of our popular Family Nights
- Help serve food and refreshments
- Organize merchandise displays

- Offer a helping hand – set up or pack up
- Help shoppers of all ages find their perfect book

To volunteer contact Kristin Peake at [peakebling@gmail.com](mailto:peakebling@gmail.com) or 301-922-0396.

We are so grateful for your support!



## Sock Hop and Silent Auction

The DES Sock Hop and Silent Auction will be held on Friday, March 18th. This has been a fantastic event for our students and families as well as a tremendous fundraising opportunity for the PTA. We are always looking for donated items from families and businesses to help make the Silent Auction a success. Please contact Beth Walter at [bwalter425@comcast.net](mailto:bwalter425@comcast.net) if you are interested in donating an item. Look for more information on classroom baskets in early February. Thank you for your support.

Have an item for the next newsletter? Send it to [diane@loomisdesign.com](mailto:diane@loomisdesign.com) by January 10.

# BUDGET 101

[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/budget-101/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/budget-101/)



Montgomery County Public Schools has a \$2.3 billion operating budget for Fiscal Year 2016 to fund the operations of 202 schools and provide for the educational needs of 156,447 students. We created Budget 101 to provide an overview of what's in the MCPS operating budget. This site will show you where our funding comes from, how it's spent, and how we staff individual schools to ensure we are meeting the needs of every student.



## THE WEBSITE FEATURES INFORMATION TO EXPLAIN THE FOLLOWING

THE MCPS OPERATING BUDGET IS DRIVEN BY SEVERAL FACTORS — the MCPS Strategic Priorities, enrollment growth, and the growing needs of our students

### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Strengthen the Foundation for Academic Success
- Focus on Accountability and Results
- Enhance our Culture of Collaboration and Respect
- Focus on Human Capital Management
- Strengthen Partnerships and Engagement

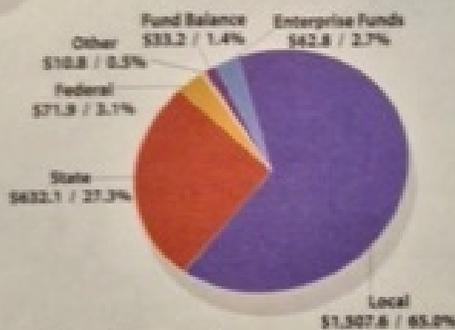
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### GROWING NEEDS

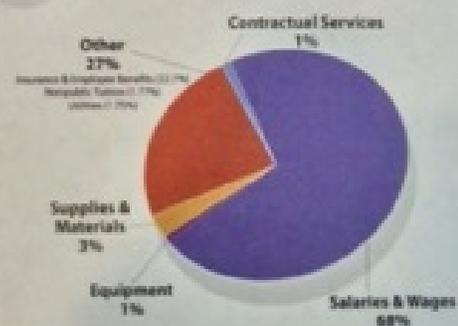


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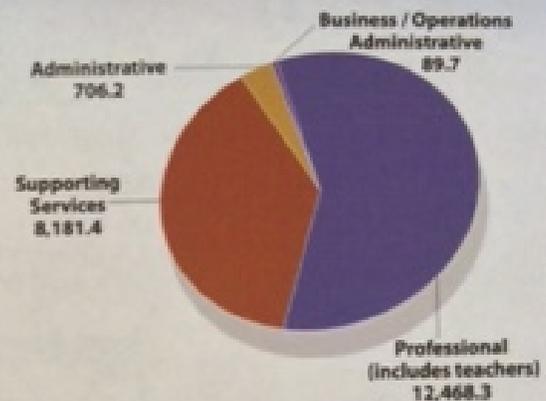
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### WHERE THE MONEY GOES...



## OUR WORKFORCE

Ninety percent of the MCPS budget is its people and the vast majority of staff work in schools. Staff is allocated to schools based on system formulas, the needs of the students, and whether schools have special programs in their buildings.



## HOW RESOURCES ARE ALLOCATED TO SCHOOLS



### ENROLLMENT

First, we allocate staff based on enrollment. It means that a school of 600 in Silver Spring gets the same base of staff as a school of 600 in Damascus or Rockville or Germantown. For instance, every school gets a principal. Every middle school gets an assistant principal, as well, but middle schools that have 650 or more students get a second assistant principal. In elementary schools, staffing for teachers is based on guidelines for class sizes. For Grades 1 through 3, schools are allocated teachers to keep class sizes at 28 or less. So, if a school has 100 first graders, it will receive four teachers. If enrollment increases to 120 first graders, the school will receive five teachers.



### NEED

Next, we differentiate allocations based on the needs of the students the school serves. Schools that have more students who are economically disadvantaged receive extra staff to lower class sizes and provide additional support and interventions. For instance, in our higher-poverty elementary schools, we try to keep the average class size for kindergarten and Grades 1 and 2 at 18 students or lower. So, based on enrollment, these schools get additional allocations. If a school has a higher population of English language learners, they will receive additional staff to provide English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) services. However, the process provides flexibility to principals to allow them to address the specific needs of their school community.



### PROGRAMS

MCPS also allocates staff and resources based on programs. If a school has a magnet, a special education center, or some other type of program, additional staff is provided. It's important to note that special education staffing is allocated differently and is based on the needs outlined in each student's Individualized Education Program (IEP).

## EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITY WITH KNOWLEDGE

Parents and community members are encouraged to use Budget 101 to discuss education funding in our county and the need for future investments in education. Budget 101 and the MCPS Neighbor-to-Neighbor web-based tool offer opportunities for our community members to give us feedback on the budget and discuss ways to advocate for our children.



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