

Wyngate Elementary School

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Wyngate News

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Dear Wyngate Families:

I want to take this time to thank you for your continued support of our staff and school. Without you, we wouldn't be able to provide the high quality education for all 726 of our children. This past week was a good reminder of that with much activity during the Scholastic Book Fair and our *One Author, One School* event. In addition, we saw strong turn out for Wednesday's information packed PTA meeting. Whether you are staying here or traveling for the Winter Break, I wish you relaxation and enjoyment with family and friends! Thank you for all you do for our students, staff, and the larger Wyngate community.

Maryland Report Card

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) has released a new accountability report card for every school in the state of Maryland. The Maryland Report Card for Wyngate Elementary School can be found at this link <http://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/Graphs/#/ReportCards/ReportCardSchool/3/17/6/15/0422/>

The Maryland Report Card is designed to measure school success in several ways, including state test results in English Language Arts and math; postsecondary readiness; progress of English learners in achieving English language proficiency; graduation rate; and students with access to and earning credit for a well-rounded curriculum.

Below are a few resources to help you understand the Maryland Report Card:

[MCPS Video – Understanding the Maryland Report Card](#)

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- [MSDE Report Card Overview](#)
 - [MD Report Card – Local Interpretation Guide](#)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

As Superintendent of Schools Jack Smith noted in his [message to the community on November 30](#), while the Maryland Report Card does provide important information about our schools, it only provides a limited view into the progress of our more than 163,000 students.

To better understand how our schools are serving all of our students, MCPS has developed an [Equity Accountability Model](#) that provides a more detailed and focused report of school success. The Equity Accountability Model uses [multiple and frequent measures](#) of students' progress to determine if a school is meeting the needs of ALL students with a special emphasis on reducing and eliminating disparities in student achievement. Data for the MCPS Equity Accountability Model will be published in January.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

Travis J. Wiebe

Principal

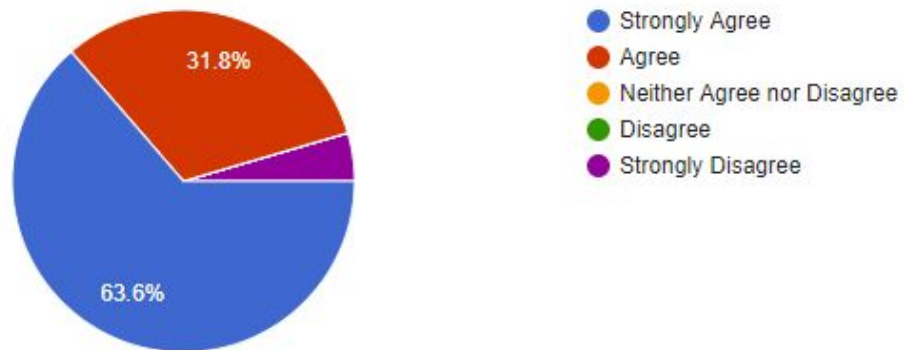


Conference Survey Results

Thank you to those of you who took some time to complete our conference survey. I have shared high level results of the survey below.

Overall, I was satisfied with the information shared by the classroom teacher during the conference.

22 responses



Thank you!

Thank you to the PTA and Wyngate Foundation for a very successful One Author, One School event with Kazu Kabuishi and an awesome Scholastic Book Fair week. A very special thank you to Susannah Files and Ashley Schneider for their countless hours of behind the scenes work to make both events so



successful.




Upcoming Dates

December

- 10 - Spirit Day - Sports Day!
- 19 - Grade 2 Gingerbread Houses (2:00 pm)
- **24 - Jan 1 (Winter Break - Schools Closed)**

January

- 12 - PTA Bingo Night (6:30 in APR)
 - 15 - PTA - iParent 101 with Dr. Adam Pletter (7:00 pm in Media Center)
 - 17 - Winter Concert (7:00 pm in APR)
 - **21 - Schools Closed - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**
 - 23 - Kindergarten Coffee (10:00 am in Media Center)
 - **25 - Early Dismissal - Teacher Planning (Students dismissed at 12:55 pm)**
 - **28 - Schools Closed (Professional Day for teachers)**
 - 30 - Kindergarten Coffee (10:00 am in Media Center)
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Wyngate Reminders

Kindergarten Coffees

It is the time of year when we begin to recruit next year's class of Wyngate Wildcats. Children who will be five years old by September 1, 2019 are eligible to enroll in kindergarten. We will host two kindergarten coffees on the following dates/times:

- **January 23, 2019 – 10:00 – 11:00 am**
- **January 30, 2019 – 10:00 – 11:00 am**

Please join us for an informational gathering and brief tour of kindergarten classrooms. There will be an opportunity to meet the principal and school counselor and to learn about the kindergarten program. There will be time for a brief question and answer session. In an effort to minimize interruptions to the instructional program, this program will be for parents/guardians only. Incoming kindergarten students will attend orientation in May.

Please use the link below to sign up to attend one of the coffees. If you have neighbors within the Wyngate boundaries, please share this information with them. Thank you for your support!

[Kindergarten Coffee Sign Up](#)

MCPS/Wyngate Mobile Device Expectations

You may have seen an article in the Washington Post titled, [Schools and cellphones: In elementary schools? At lunch?](#) This references the change in the [MCPS policy](#) for student use of mobile devices in schools, which was implemented last year. The following are changes that impact elementary schools:

1. Students no longer require permission from the school principal to carry a cell phone in school. **However, at the elementary level, phones must remain off and in the back pack during the school day.**

2. In grades 3-5, the MCPS policy states that mobile phones may be used for instructional purposes as determined by the classroom teacher. **As a school, we utilize Chromebooks to access the internet at school and have no plans to utilize mobile devices at this time.**

MCPS Information


What Does Your School of the Future Look Like? (English and Spanish)

The physical classroom and school environment affects teaching and learning and MCPS wants to know how students use those spaces on a daily basis. Students in all grade levels are invited to participate in a survey for them to share their feedback.

Parents/guardians of elementary students are encouraged to talk with their children about their learning environments and help them complete this survey: docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSerCMOXTGuVCeThRki6Dz7I4m2eVha_A5Ba_MSNmiurPUkv-w/viewform.

Middle and high school students may share their feedback here: docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfAH-vCIE-36XnLccMmss3MaB0GPtMRF1u3nBujxaewr4Dg/viewform.

MCPS will collect survey results through the beginning of January and the information will be used to support continuous improvement of its educational facilities. After results have been collected, students will have the opportunity to participate in a contest to envision the future of schools and help influence future design. More information about the contest will be provided in the coming weeks.



¿Cómo Te Parece Que Debería Ser Tu Escuela del Futuro?

La apariencia física del salón de clase y el ambiente escolar afectan a la enseñanza y al aprendizaje y MCPS desea saber cómo los estudiantes usan esos espacios diariamente. Los estudiantes de todos los niveles de grados académicos están invitados a participar en una encuesta creada para que ellos compartan su opinión.

Se alienta a los padres/guardianes de los estudiantes de las escuelas elementales a que hablen con sus hijos sobre sus entornos de aprendizaje y que les ayuden a completar esta encuesta:

docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSerCMOXTGuVCeThRki6Dz7I4m2eVha_A5Ba_MSNmiurPUkv-w/viewform.

Los estudiantes de las escuelas de enseñanza media y las escuelas secundarias pueden compartir su opinión aquí:

docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfAH-vCIE-36XnLccMmss3MaB0GPtMRF1u3nBujsxaewr4Dg/viewform.

MCPS recogerá los resultados de la encuesta hasta principios de enero, y la información se utilizará para apoyar el mejoramiento continuo de sus instalaciones educacionales. Una vez que se hayan recopilado los resultados, los estudiantes tendrán la oportunidad de participar en un concurso para imaginar el futuro de las escuelas y ayudar a influenciar diseños futuros. En las próximas semanas se proveerá más información sobre el concurso.

Comment Sought on Four Board of Education Policies (English and Spanish)

The Montgomery County Board of Education is seeking comment from parents and members of the community on four policies—Policy BBB, *Ethics*; Policy BFA, *Policysetting*;

Policy IGK, *Career and Technology Education*; and Policy KEA, *Political Campaigns and Political Materials*. Visit

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/policy-for-public-comment.aspx to read the draft policies and to offer comment.

Public comments on Policy KEA, *Civic Engagement, Political Campaigns, and Political Materials* are due by Sunday, December 16. Comments on Policy BBB, *Ethics*; Policy BFA, *Policysetting*; and Policy IGK, *Career and Technology Education* must be submitted by January 13, 2019.

Se Solicitan Comentarios sobre Cuatro Políticas del Consejo de Educación

El Consejo de Educación del Condado de Montgomery está solicitando comentarios de los padres y miembros de la comunidad sobre cuatro políticas—la Política BBB, *Ética*; la Política BFA, *Establecimiento de Políticas*; la Política IGK, *Educación Profesional y Tecnológica*; y la Política KEA, *Participación Cívica, Campañas Políticas y Materiales Políticos*. Visite www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/policy-for-public-comment.aspx para leer el borrador de las políticas y para aportar su comentario.

El plazo límite para los comentarios del público sobre la Política KEA, *Participación Cívica, Campañas Políticas y Materiales Políticos*, es el domingo, 16 de diciembre. Los comentarios sobre la Política BBB, *Ética*; la Política BFA, *Establecimiento de Políticas*; y la política IGK, *Educación Profesional y Tecnológica*, deben ser presentados a más tardar el 13 de enero, 2019.

Winter Coat Drive Under Way (English and Spanish)

The Prekindergarten/Head Start Programs is seeking donations to provide students with new winter coats. They are collecting coats for boys and girls in sizes 5, 6, and 7, along with other winter wear, such as hats and gloves. Monetary donations are welcome. Donations can be sent to Rocking Horse Road Center, 4910 Macon Road, Room 141, Rockville, Maryland 20852. For more information, please contact Lisa Conlon, social services specialist, at 240-740-4530.

Está en Marcha la Campaña de Recolección de Abrigos de Invierno

Los programas de Prekindergarten/Head Start están pidiendo donaciones para proporcionar nuevos abrigos de invierno a los alumnos. Están recolectando abrigos para niños y niñas de tallas 5, 6 y 7, además de otras prendas de invierno, tales como sombreros/gorros y guantes. Se aceptan donaciones monetarias. Las donaciones pueden ser enviadas a Rocking Horse Road Center, 4910 Macon Road, Room 141, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Para más información, por favor llame a Lisa Conlon, especialista en servicios sociales, teléfono 240-740-4530.