



# MAGOTHY RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL'S PARENT WEEKLY UPDATE



## MRMS SPOTLIGHT



Karen West via Capital Gazette

Congratulations to Olivia West! This amazing Eighth grader has been recognized as Maryland's Middle School Level State Honoree for the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring students in grades 5-12 for outstanding volunteer service. For her project, Olivia West organized the planting of native grasses at Lake Claire Beach to help prevent sand erosion, contain the spread of invasive species and reduce storm runoff pollution in the Magothy River.

Dear Families,

Mrs. Denney would like to acknowledge that 64 students earned an incentive from the Skipjacks Team. For one month, they had to turn in all homework and assignments – no zeros. They received a homework pass for each class as their reward! Way to go!

The Assistant Principals are asking parents to please remind your child(ren) to report to the correct bus stop assigned by the transportation office, and to remain seated during the entire bus ride. Students cannot eat, drink, or play music loudly on the bus. Thank you for helping the drivers bring our kids to and from school safely.

If your child(ren) need Spring sporting gear, please use the attached Modell's Coupon. You will save money on your purchase while supporting the MRMS PTSO!

Please mark your calendar for the following upcoming family friendly events:

1. Honk Jr.: March 27 7PM & March 28 2PM
2. We plan to host our Annual Student-Led Conferences on March 10, 2020. Remember, schools are closed for students so they may accompany their parents. We also plan to have Parent-Teacher Updates in the AM, which will allow parents the opportunity to touch base with teachers. You can access the Sign-Up Genius here: <https://www.aacps.org/Page/8420>

Yearbook  
<http://yearbooks.classic-photo.com/MagothyRiverMiddle/home3/Bookstore.jsp>

Sincerely,  
Dr. Nuria E. Williams

## Week of 3/9 – 3/13

<b>Mon 3/9</b> <b>Homeroom:</b>	<b>A – Day</b> <b>Circle/Interims/Tracker</b>
<b>Tues 3/10</b> <b>Homeroom:</b>	<b>No School</b> <b>Student Led Conferences</b>
<b>Wed 3/11</b> <b>Homeroom:</b>	<b>A – Day</b> <b>MCAP Prep</b>
<b>Thurs 3/12</b> <b>Homeroom:</b>	<b>B – Day</b> <b>Social Interaction 2</b>
<b>Fri 3/13</b> <b>Homeroom:</b>	<b>A – Day</b> <b>D.E.A.R.</b>



On March 3rd Team Marlin played along with Cape St. Claire's Faculty and Staff against the Harlem Wizards as a fundraiser. Our Broadneck Peninsula educators are not just incredibly smart but athletic as well! Thank you to all the families who attended such a fun event.

Pictured: L-R Mr. Gourley, Mr. Cooper, Mrs. Ebersberger, Mr. Godfrey, Mr. Bigsby, Ms. McCallister, Ms. Biggus, Cpl. Jenkins, Dr. Williams, and Ms. Zogg.

## Mariners: February Student of the Month Winners!!!



- Sydney Lawrence
- Reese Fewster
- Mac Bennett
- Liam Matthews



# PTSO Fundraiser Running from 2/21/20 to 3/19/20

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**15% OFF** *Print & Bring in this Coupon to Receive:*  
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**EARN A CASH DONATION FOR YOUR TEAM, SCHOOL OR ORGANIZATION!**

**YOUR TEAM RECEIVES 5% Of Purchases Made with this Coupon**

**EARN MVP AWARDS While Supporting Your Team!**

Other restrictions: One Purchase per Week. See store for details.

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dc mid va      dc mid va      dc mid va

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# **Magothy River Middle School Theatrical Productions**

*presents*



*A Musical Retelling of 'The Ugly Duckling'*

**MARCH 27 at 7pm**

**MARCH 28 at 2pm**

**Tickets: \$10 per person**

*Contact Ms. Allwang for more information: [aallwang@aacps.org](mailto:aallwang@aacps.org)*

Music by George Stiles • Book and Lyrics by Anthony Dreves

Like beautiful gardens?

Want to help brighten up the school?

Do you need volunteer hours?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, please consider joining the school clean up day!

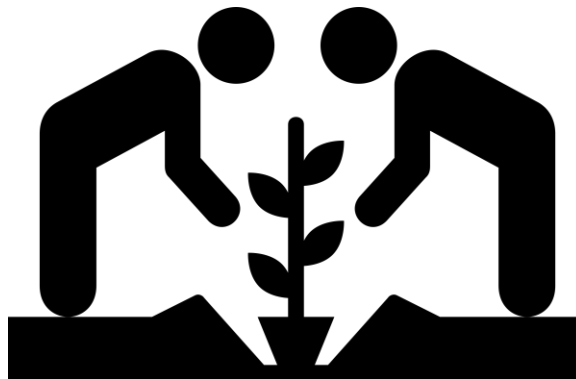
Date: Saturday, March 28, 2020

Time: 9 am – 12 noon

What: Help weed to clean up and beautify the MRMS garden beds

**\*\* Please bring a bottle of water, gloves and gardening tool(s) with your name on them.**

Together, we can make a difference to improve our school environment.



March 4, 2020

## Dance Concert 2<sup>nd</sup> reminder

Dear Dance Parents,

**The MRMS Spring Dance concert is on Tuesday, May 26 and Wednesday, May 27 from 7:00-8:00 PM at BHS.** On the first week of school, you signed a contract in the syllabus stating that you would put the dates on the family calendar once they were available. In October, you signed a letter stating the dates of the concert. The dance concert is a required AACPS assessment for dance classes. Your child's specific concert date is listed below.

All students will be bused to BHS by Fay's Bus company at 3:45 on the concert date(s). Students will prepare costumes, hair, make-up, and eat a meal at our school during 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> period prior to boarding the buses for the required dress rehearsal on the BHS stage. More details will follow as we get closer to the concert.

Tickets will be sold for specific seats starting on May 12 at [www.tututix.com](http://www.tututix.com) for \$5 plus a processing fee. Volunteers are needed at our school, on buses, and at the dress rehearsal on both evenings. If you can volunteer, please be sure that your background check and video viewing are up to date with the office.

Students will be graded on both their audience behavior and their professionalism on stage. We will spend lots of time discussing and practicing these expectations in class. *\*As stated in the syllabus, you must be an active class participant with good behavior in order to participate in the concert.*

### Concert Evenings:

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance and Dance Company will perform in BOTH evenings.**

#### Tuesday, May 26

7<sup>th</sup> grade dance/1A (To Be Loved)  
7<sup>th</sup> Dance for Athletes/5A (Dance Monkey)  
6<sup>th</sup> Dance for Athletes/4B (Break My Stride)  
(Celebrate)

#### Wednesday, May 27

7<sup>th</sup> grade dance/1B (Mercy)  
7<sup>th</sup> Dance for Athletes/5B (African)  
6<sup>th</sup> Dance for Athletes/5B

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance/2A

***Every effort was made to place students who take both Dance and Dance for Athletes in the same evening. This was not possible in all cases due to class schedule.***

Thank you for your support of the dance program!

Sincerely,

Melissa Saint Amour

**Please sign and return the form below.**

I \_\_\_\_\_ understand that my child, \_\_\_\_\_, will use Fay's Bus Company for the required dress rehearsal at BHS on Tuesday, May 26 and/or Wednesday, May 27.

# *Officer Nominations*



## Now accepting nominations for 2020-2022 Magothy River Middle School PTSO Board Positions

If you are interested in any of the below open positions,  
please email Ashlee Mitchell at [president@mrmsptso.org](mailto:president@mrmsptso.org)

Elections for the following positions will take place during  
the May 20, 2020 PTSO Meeting:

**President**  
**Vice President – Fundraising**  
**Treasurer**

An individual must be the parent or legal guardian of a currently enrolled  
student of Magothy River Middle School during 2020-2022.





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**LEARN OUTSIDE**

# Student Leadership Summer Expeditions



Hike, fish, splash, and paddle in the most beautiful and inspiring natural areas of the Chesapeake Bay watershed, all while learning how to be an effective advocate for the world around you!



## Maryland 2020 Expeditions *Explore to Learn. Learn to Lead.*

### June 22-26: Baltimore and the Bay

Issues of human health, environmental justice, and cutting-edge conservation intertwine in Baltimore City. Explore [urban wilderness](#), sustainable city-planning, and interview environmental leaders. Discover ways we can promote clean water in our communities and create a sustainable future for all!

### July 18-25 Masterclass: Saving Our National Treasure

Open to students from MD, PA, & VA

Join a multistate coalition of student leaders as we discover the importance of working together to Save the Bay! As we examine the [Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint](#), you will create your own unique Clean Water Blueprint for your home community.

### August 3-7: Agriculture, Aquaculture, Our Culture

Travel to [Port Isobel](#), CBF's Island Environmental Education Center, off the coast of Tangier Island for hands-on investigations in the heart of the Chesapeake Bay! Examine issues of biodiversity and sustainability while exploring our beautiful watershed's farms, forests, and oyster reefs.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Student applicants must be

- Entering 9th-12th grades for the 2020-2021 academic year
- Active in either student government, FFA chapter, school eco-club, or environmental organization

**COST:** \$100 per student

**APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Apply online through March 2020 at

[cbf.org/SLsummer-apply](http://cbf.org/SLsummer-apply)

**QUESTIONS?** Contact us at

[SLCoordinator@cbf.org](mailto:SLCoordinator@cbf.org)

For more information, visit  
[cbf.org/SLsummer](http://cbf.org/SLsummer).



## **NEWS FROM THE HEALTH ROOM**

Please consider protecting your student and family members with a flu vaccine this season. There is still time to obtain this vaccine, as the flu season can last until April. The attached guidelines review symptoms indicating when to keep your child home from school. Please notify the Health Room of any communicable illnesses such as flu or strep. (All information will be kept confidential but will allow us to monitor illness within our school and to notify staff or parents of students at increased risk).

Please remind your child about the importance (and safety!) of dressing appropriately for cold weather, especially at the bus stop. Appropriate footwear is also important to prevent falling on icy or wet surfaces. Please notify the Health Room of any injury that requires your child to use a cast, splint or crutches, so that we can plan for safe mobility during the school day, as well as emergency exits.

**\*\*\*Parents of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students: Plan ahead now to obtain required Tdap booster (tetanus/pertussis) and meningitis (MCV4) immunizations for your child. Proof of these vaccinations must be submitted to the Health Room in order for your student to enter 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Please send documentation to the Health Room as soon as these vaccinations are obtained.**

**Vision and Hearing screening** will be held at MRMS on **Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>** for **all 8<sup>th</sup>** grade students and students **new** to Anne Arundel County schools. If your child wears eyeglasses, contact lenses, or hearing aid devices, please remind them to wear these items to the screening. If you have concerns regarding your child's vision or hearing, please contact the Health Room directly.

Parents, if your child has health needs during the school day please contact the Health Room (410-431-8873). **All** medications require a school medication form completed by both the parent and the physician. **All medication must be brought to the Health Room by an adult.** **Do not send any medication to school with your child.** A physician's self-carry order **and** Health Room approval are required before a student may self-carry emergency medication in school.

Please contact the Health Room for any questions or concerns –

Jane Lefavor, RN and Kim Biggs, Health Assistant  
410-431-8873



## Healthy Habits = Healthy Children

Healthy habits that decrease the spread of germs and help keep children and families well:

- 1. Handwashing** is one of the best ways to keep from getting sick
  - Wet hands with running water.
  - Add soap & rub hands together for 20 seconds.
  - Rinse.
  - Dry hands with clean paper towel.
  - If soap & water aren't available, use an alcohol based hand sanitizer.
- 2. Cover that sneeze and cough** - Coughing and sneezing spread germs. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or the inside of your elbow to prevent spreading germs to your hands.
- 3. Get Moving** - Exercise helps the body fight off simple illnesses. Include active play in your child's schedule.
- 4. Sleep** - Getting the right amount of sleep will help fight off colds and infections.
- 5. Healthy Eating** - Good nutrition is vital for good health. Provide a variety of foods, including plenty of vegetables, fruits and whole grains at meal and snack times.
- 6. Keep your Child Home when Sick** - Children should stay home until they feel better



### When Do I Keep My Child Home From School?

(Although no comprehensive list is possible, the following conditions may be appropriate reasons to keep a student home from school)

Temperature 100° or greater	Suspected fracture
Vomiting, diarrhea	Severe pain
Shortness of breath, wheezing	Undiagnosed rash
Abdominal pain	Productive cough and fever
Red, draining eyes	Suspected communicable disease
Chest pain	Head injury
Earache	Adverse medication effect
Nuisance condition not currently treated e.g., ringworm, scabies, head lice	

**Anne Arundel County Department of Health  
School Health Services**