



### CROSSING GUARD REQUEST UPDATE

As most school families know, two of our students were involved in an accident several weeks ago when they were struck by a car at the intersection of Shirley Avenue and Reisterstown Road. One student returned to school the next day with very minor injuries, while the other remains out of school while he recuperates from surgery following a serious break. (We are still receiving cards, letters, and pictures for the injured student in the main office, which we will deliver periodically)

**At the end of last week, we received the good news that we will be receiving a crossing guard!** We are thankful to the Department of Transportation for their partnership, and for Councilwoman Middleton's advocacy for our school. We are also thankful for the parents, students, and staff who wrote letters and made phone calls to the Councilwoman and other public officials in support of this additional safety measure near our school.

The crossing guard, Mr. Bruce, started this morning at the intersection of Shirley and Reisterstown Rd. While this will not change the very frightening accident that happened several weeks ago, it will prevent similar situations from happening in the future. We are grateful for our whole school community mobilizing around this important effort, and proud of our success.

### Changes to the 2017-18 school year calendar

At its meeting on February 13, the Board of School Commissioners approved changes to the 2017-18 calendar to make up days that all schools have been closed due to weather-related issues. These changes include the following:

- **The last day of school will be Friday, June 15.**
- **March 16 will be a half-day of instruction for students**, with afternoon professional learning for teachers.
- Pending approval by the Maryland State Board of Education, **spring break will be shortened by one day, with schools and offices open on Monday, April 2.** (The State Board is anticipated to consider this request at its meeting on February 27.) If approved, schools will be closed from Monday, March 26, through Friday, March 30; the district office will be closed from March 28 to 30.

For more information, visit the district's website. Updates regarding the potential change to spring break will be shared once it is known whether the requested waiver has been granted.



## **WE ARE MAKING NEXT YEAR'S SCHOOL BUDGET & YOUR INPUT MATTERS!**

As we begin to create the 2018-2019 school budget, we will have public discussion and receive input and feedback at the following times:

**Monday 2/26/18** Board of Directors meeting, **6:00 – 8:30pm**

**Wednesday 2/28/18** “Bagels and Budget” conversation with Ms. Canino and Ms. Mathena, **8:45am to 9:45am** in the Library

Our initial submission to the school district happens on Friday 3/2, and these two forums will influence that submission. We will review the information we submitted and discuss next steps at the following Board of Directors meeting on **Monday 3/12/18, 6:00 – 8:30pm**. Contact Ms. Canino at 443-642-3602 with questions!

### **A Look at the Next Two Weeks**

<u><b>25</b></u>	<u><b>26</b></u> CCPCS Board Mtg 6:00-8:30pm	<u><b>27</b></u>	<u><b>28</b></u> Bagels and Budget 8:45am to 9:45am Early Dismissal 12:45pm	<u><b>1</b></u>	<u><b>2</b></u>	<u><b>3</b></u>
<u><b>4</b></u>	<u><b>5</b></u>	<u><b>6</b></u> Literacy Night 5:30pm	<u><b>7</b></u> Early Dismissal 12:45pm	<u><b>8</b></u> STEM Night with Futuremakers 6:00pm	<u><b>9</b></u>	<u><b>10</b></u>

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