

# DRAGON TALES

DUFIEF ELEMENTARY'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

DUFIEF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
**Kindergarten Registration**  
Will your child be 5 years old by  
September 1, 2024?

**NEW TO MCPS?**  
CREATE A PARENTVUE ACCOUNT

**ALREADY AN MCPS FAMILY?**  
LOG IN TO PARENTVUE

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION  
240-740-1600

DuFief ES Kindergarten  
Registration opens up on  
Monday, March 18, 2024.



Kindergarten registration is also open for the 2024-2025 school year. Children who will be 5 by Sept. 1, 2024 are eligible. Based on community feedback, current kindergarten classes will not be canceled to hold orientations this year.

Registration will be online through [the ParentVUE portal](#). If families are new to MCPS, they will need to create a ParentVue account [here](#). For more information about eligibility and the registration process, they can visit the MCPS [Kindergarten Enrollment](#) web page.

## KINDERGARTEN, HERE I COME!

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be holding our **Kindergarten, Here I Come!** event. This in-person event will be held on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> between 9am and 11am and will give our incoming students an opportunity to meet our kindergarten teachers, meet other incoming kindergarten students and engage in a short learning activity to help transition them to kindergarten. Families will be able to take a brief tour of the school, meet DuFief staff and receive information for the upcoming school year. Please contact our main office at 240-740-1600 to select a 30-minute time slot.

## GET YOUR DUFIEF YEARBOOK

**BUY YOUR**  
*Yearbook*

Our annual DuFief Elementary yearbook is now on sale! You can preorder your yearbook online only, through May 9th. Here's the link to get yours:

[https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/view\\_account.asp?yearbook\\_id=71459](https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/view_account.asp?yearbook_id=71459)

## APRIL 2024

<b>APRIL 1</b> Schools and Offices Closed
<b>APRIL 2</b> PTA Meeting
<b>APRIL 9</b> End of Marking Period 3
<b>APRIL 10</b> Professional Day-No School for Students
<b>APRIL 11</b> PTA Science Fair/6:30-8:00pm/Gym
<b>APRIL 22</b> Student Asynchronous Learning Make-Up Day
<b>APRIL 22</b> Kindergarten, Here I Come! (Incoming Kindergarteners)
<b>APRIL 24</b> PTA Sponsored Staff Breakfast

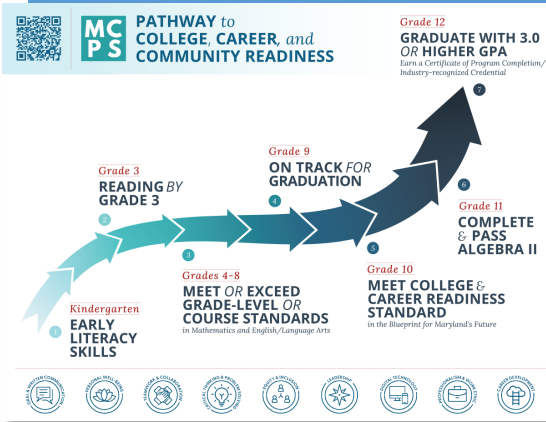
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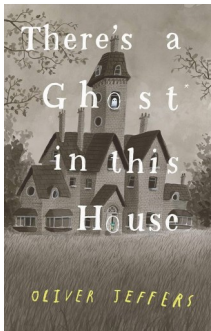
## THE IMPORTANCE OF READING BY THIRD GRADE



Fifty years of national research has indicated that a student's ability to read by the end of third grade is paramount to future success. Reading by Grade 3 is the second milestone on the MCPS Pathway to College, Career, and Community Readiness. [Watch the video](#) and learn more about steps parents can take to help their children at home.

### MEDIA MINUTE

This month in Media students have been hearing stories about people overcoming challenges and stories from other cultures. 5th grade has had Common Sense Media lessons on understanding advertising techniques and learning how to evaluate websites. Ask your 5th grader to identify how businesses are trying to sell you things! In 1st grade we



read *Don't Throw it to Mo!* by David Adler and learned that it's okay to make mistakes! We then practiced our throwing and catching skills with beanbags. It's okay if you drop it! The big winner of our March Madness reading bracket was *There's a Ghost in This House* by Oliver Jeffers. The kids had a great time reading many different books and voting on their favorites!



## MCPS CONNECTIONS

### Come Out to the Next Youth Climate Summit April 10

MCPS is hosting the 3rd annual Youth Climate Summit from 8:30 a.m.–3:35 p.m. on **Saturday, April 13** at Tilden Middle School for middle and high school students. [Read more.](#)

### To The Point: The Blueprint for Maryland's Future

[Watch the latest episode of To the Point](#) to learn about the Blueprint for Maryland's Future and how it plans to positively impact MCPS and school systems across Maryland. Janine Bacquie, MCPS director of the Division of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, is the show's featured guest. The Blueprint is landmark education legislation designed to transform public schools in the state of Maryland over a 10-year period. The Blueprint has designated five focus areas, or pillars, which are: Early Childhood Education, High-Quality and Diverse Teachers, College and Career Readiness, More Resources to Ensure All Students Are Successful, and Governance and Accountability.

### Update On Districtwide Approach to Educating, Preventing and Addressing Hate-Bias

MCPS convened an action team to work with internal and external stakeholders to develop a Districtwide Approach to Educating, Preventing and Addressing Hate-Bias to build on the district's foundation to combat incidents of hate-bias. This framework and group's work will be shared with the Board of Education on Tuesday, March 19. [Click here](#) to watch a video message.