



1801 Sulgrave Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21209



Upper Building: 410-396-6354
Lower Building: 443-642-2900

Summer 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! Here are updates and events that you will want to prepare for, as we welcome ALL students for in-person learning on **Monday, August 30, 2021**.

NEW BELL SCHEDULE:

The bell schedule is determined by Baltimore City Public Schools. Our bell schedule has changed and will be the same for both buildings: **8:45am – 3:25pm**.

New Staff:

We would like to welcome 2 new staff members:

- Dr. Sedrick Smith is joining us as a Resident Principal. He comes to us from Baltimore City High School where he spent 16 years, in a variety of capacities. He brings a wealth of information and will be a valuable part of the administrative team.
- Ms. Amber Wade is joining us as an early childhood teacher. She is a veteran teacher with 14 years of teaching experience.

Save the Date Items (masks required for all events):

*** *Munchkin Mania with the Principals***

Saturday, August 14th 10:00-11:00am

This is a meet and greet to allow new families the opportunity to meet the Principal, Resident Principal, Assistant Principals, and other students from the school. All families are welcome to attend. This event will be held at the Outdoor Classroom (across from the upper building at 1801 Sulgrave Ave).

*** *New Family and 6th Grade Orientation***

Tuesday, August 24th 6:00-7:00pm

This is an in-person orientation for new families and rising 6th grade students and their parent(s)/guardian(s). Masks are required for everyone aged 2 or older.

*** *Sneak a Peek at Your Seat***

Thursday, August 26th 4:00-6:00pm

This is an informal opportunity for your child to see their classroom, to walk through the school building, and to meet their teacher before the first day of school. Feel free to bring your school supplies to drop off in the classroom during this event. As a reminder, masks are required for everyone aged 2 or older.

*** *Back to School Night***

Tuesday, September 21st - More Information to follow

This will be an evening event. Masks are required for everyone aged 2 or older.

School Uniforms:

There will be no specific uniform requirements for students. All students will be expected to adhere to the Baltimore City Public School's Dress Code found on the website: <https://www.baltimorecityschools.org/code-conduct>.

Masks:

ALL students, staff, and visitors (aged 2 or older) to the building will be required to wear a mask.

First Day Entry Procedures (Monday, August 30, 2021, ONLY!):

2nd-8th grade students: Students (and any accompanying parent(s)/guardian(s)) will meet at the Outdoor Classroom, across the street from the Upper Building at 1801 Sulgrave. The teachers will be organized by grade level to ensure students are able to find their homeroom teacher and class. At 9:00, students in grades 2 & 3 will walk with their teachers to the Lower Building; students in grades 4 through 8 will enter the Upper Building with their teachers. For COVID safety, we ask that parents say goodbye to their students at the Outdoor Classroom. As a reminder, the building will be open for adult visitors and walkthroughs at the Sneak-a-Peek and Back to School Night events.

Kindergarten & 1st grade students: Only students in Kindergarten and 1st grade will report to the Lower Building on the first day of school. Students (and any accompanying parent(s)/guardian(s)) will be directed to their classrooms upon building entry. For COVID safety, all parent(s)/guardian(s) are kindly requested to say goodbye to their children at or before 9:00am, to accommodate and ease the entry process for students in grades 2 and 3.

Entry Procedures for On-Time Arrivals (Tuesday, August 31, and all days after)***Lower Building (K-3rd grade):***

- Carpool – Enter parking lot/carpool loop from Smith Ave and remain in your vehicle. Students will be assisted by school staff and will enter via Door A. Any parent/guardian that would like to enter the building during student entry will need to park on the street and walk to Door B. Please do not enter the parking lot area during student entry if you plan to get out of your vehicle. If you arrive at or after 9:00am, please follow the Entry Procedures for Late Arrivals.
- Walkers – Enter via door B (near main office – center of building). If you arrive at or after 9:00am, please follow the Entry Procedures for Late Arrivals.
- Bus riders – a staff member will meet the students at the bus and escort them inside the building.

Upper Building (4th-8th grade):

- All students will enter via Door C (closest to corner of Sulgrave and Locklea) at 8:45am. If you arrive at or after 9:00am, please follow the Entry Procedures for Late Arrivals. Please note, student supervision begins at 8:45am. If you need Before Care for your child(ren), please reach out to Mr. Day (information below).

Entry Procedures for Late Arrivals – at/after 9:00am (beginning Tuesday, August 31, and for all days school days after)***Lower Building (K-3rd grade):***

- All students should be escorted by a parent/guardian to Door B (center of the building, by the office).
- Parents/guardians should remit paperwork to excuse an absence or tardy to Mrs. Byrne in the office, upon arrival.

Upper Building (4th-8th grade):

- All students will enter via Door A (at the Main Office). Students do not need to be escorted by a parent/guardian, but parents are welcome to escort their child(ren).
- Students, or parents/guardians, should remit paperwork to excuse and absence or tardy to Ms. Sam in the office, upon arrival and signing in.

Dismissal Procedures:

Lower Building (K-3rd grade):

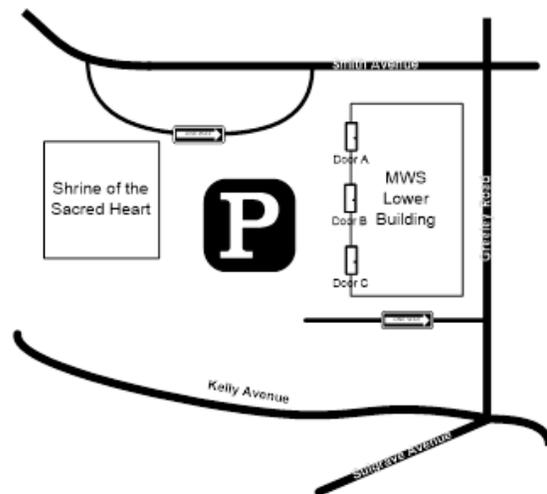
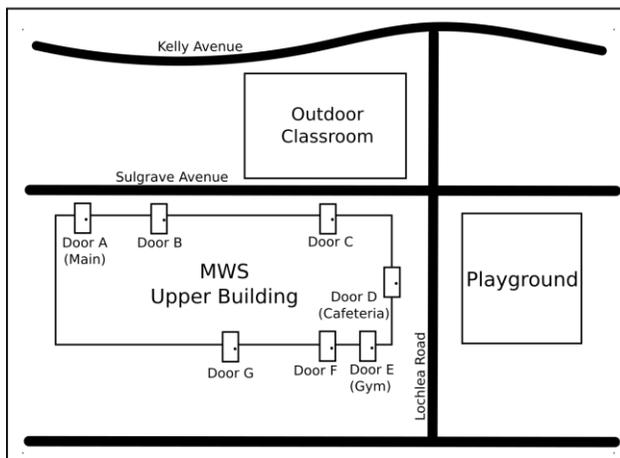
- Carpool – enter carpool loop & students will be brought out by school staff
- Bus riders – a staff member will escort the students to the bus
- Walkers – will exit via door B (near main office – center of building)

Upper Building (4th-8th grade):

- 4th - 5th grade students that ride yellow bus will be escorted to the bus stop
- 6th - 8th grade MTA riders will be released to walk to bus stops via door C
- All walkers and car riders will be released via door C. All students should be picked up or clear of school property by 3:35pm, unless staying for an authorized school activity or UEC After Care.

School Maps – Upper Building Lower Building

The Mount Washington School #223 Upper Building Campus



Before & After School Care:

Any family interested in before or after school care should contact Mr. Matthew Day from UEC – United Education Corp, at matt@uecprograms.com.

Attendance/Early Dismissal:

Educating a child is a big job, and we need your help to do it well. Please be sure your child comes to school each day well-rested and ready to learn. **Attendance and arriving on time are important** – we don't want our students to miss any instructional time, so please make sure your child is here on time every day (8:45am).

There will be **no early dismissal of students** after 3:00pm except for medical appointments or in an emergency. Early dismissal will impact the grade for the subject the child is missing. Any student that frequently misses days, arrives late, and/or is picked up early will be referred to the Office of Student Placement and/or the Office of Truancy.

PTO/ Parent Involvement

We hope you'll be an active partner with us this upcoming year, whether you choose to join our school's parent-teacher organization (PTO), volunteer at the school, or take part in special events. We welcome your involvement in our school.

School Supply List

The school supply list is enclosed with this letter. If you have any questions regarding the materials or your access to them, please contact the school.

ClassDojo à Bloomz

We are upgrading our school communication platform from ClassDojo to Bloomz. Bloomz, like ClassDojo, includes both a web-based platform and an App, available to free download in the Apple and Google Play stores. Invitations to your child's Bloomz account will go out electronically (to the email address you provided the school upon registration) between August 16 and 23, 2021. We will also send home connection information with students on the first day of school, for parents that are not yet connected to Bloomz. Both platforms will contain general school information through the end of August. Class-specific information and the school calendar will be available ONLY in Bloomz. The school's use of ClassDojo will end in September.

Computers

Any student that was provided a school computer for virtual learning will need to bring the computer back to school for in-class usage. If your child was using a personal computer, please do not bring it into the school. We will provide school-based technology.

Visitor Policy

As we continue to navigate the COVID pandemic, visitors will not be allowed into the classroom without a previously scheduled appointment with the teacher. All visitors aged 2 and older will need to wear a mask and remain in the lobby/office areas for service.

Volunteer Opportunities

We value parent and community support. Volunteer opportunities will be available, and we encourage families to participate. Please reach out to your child's teacher directly to schedule a time to support in the classrooms as well as look for PTO activities and school events in Bloomz.

Transportation

K-5 families that would like to use yellow bus transportation are asked to complete the following survey as soon as possible, so that we can ensure your child is set up for transportation on the first day of school: <https://forms.gle/DPu7SzKDoxVuTHKn8>.

I also encourage you to stay in touch with your child's teacher(s), and with me, if you have any questions during the school year. Working together, I know we can make this a great year at The Mount Washington School (MWS), and I look forward to partnering with you to help your child learn and grow!

Sincerely,



Sara Long, Principal
Encl: School Supply List



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2021-2022 School Supplies List, by Grade

<p>KINDERGARTEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 pack of black dry erase markers & eraser • 2 PLASTIC folders -3 prongs & 2 pockets inside • 1 pencil case/box • 1 pair of scissors • 12 pencils (traditional yellow please) • 8-10 glue sticks • 1 box of jumbo crayons • 1 pack large washable colored markers • 1 pack of colored pencils • 3 draw and write primary writing journals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 regular composition notebook • 1 set of headphones clearly labeled with your child's name • 2 boxes of tissue • 2 rolls of paper towels • 1 box of baby wipes • 1 container of disinfectant wipes • 1 large or 3 reg size sanitizer • 1 box of gallon sized ziplock bags • 1 box of quart sized ziplock bags • 1 change of clothes labeled in a bag (top, bottoms, underwear, socks) 	<p>1ST GRADE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 composition notebooks • 1 2-pocket folders • 1 pair of scissors • Pencil case (must fit in desk) • 1 pair headphones/earbuds • 1 bottles of glue • 2 glue sticks • 1 box of crayons (no more than 24) • 2 boxes of #2 pencils ∅ • 1 pack black dry erase markers • 1 pack of construction paper • 1 box of tissues • 1 roll of paper towels • 1 container of cleaning wipes
<p>2ND GRADE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 composition notebooks (wide ruled) • 5-6 pocket folders • 1 pack washable markers • 24-36 Pencils • 1 pack of colored pencils or crayons • 1 pair scissors (rounded tip) • 2 highlighters • 8 to 10 dry erase markers with an eraser • 1 supply (pencil) box/pouch • Headphones/earbuds • Elmers Glue • 4-6 Glue sticks • 2 rolls of paper towels • 1 box of tissue • Hand sanitizer • 1 pack of disinfecting wipes 	<p>3RD GRADE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 composition notebooks • 24-36 pencils with erasers • 3-4 ink pens • Coloring supplies (crayons, markers, OR colored pencils) • Scissors • 3 highlighters • 3-4 black/blue dry erase markers • Headphones/earbuds • 3-4 Glue sticks • 4 PLASTIC, 3-prong, 2 pocket folders (one labeled "Music" and one yellow (if possible)) • Pencil box (must fix in desk) • Hand sanitizer • Disinfecting wipes

<p>4TH GRADE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Composition notebooks (8) • Construction paper • Crayons/ color pencils • Dry erase markers • Glue sticks • Highlighters • Pencils • Pocket folders with prongs (6) • Sheet protectors (to make dry erase boards) • Scissors • Loose leaf paper (3 ring binders are optional) • Mouse • Headphones/earbuds • One 3-prong, 2 pocket folder (labeled “Music”) 	<p>5TH GRADE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colored Pencils (1 box) • Composition Notebooks (7) • Construction Paper • Glue Sticks • Highlighters • Line Paper • Pencils • Scissors • Headphones/earbuds • Elmers Glue • One 3-prong, 2 pocket folder (labeled “Music”)
<p>4/5TH GRADE HONORS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 composition books • 1 – 2in binder • Pack of divider tabs (5 tab) • Lined paper for binder • 1 -2 pocket folder (plastic preferred) • Soft pencil case (with 3 holes for binder) • 12 sharpened pencils • 2 marking pens (red, green, or purple) • 2 highlighters • Glues sticks • Scissors • Pencil sharpener • 12 inch ruler • 12 or 24 pack colored pencils • Headphones or earbuds • Computer mouse (if not comfortable with laptop built in mouse) • Small pack of multicolored construction paper • Box of tissue 	
<p>6TH – 8TH GRADE</p> <p>General Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1, 2-inch binder, dividers (minimum of 8) • least 200 sheets of lined paper • Soft zipper pencil case • pencils • erasers • black, blue, and red pens • highlighters 1 • pair of earbuds/headphones • Box of tissue <p>Math</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 folder with pockets & prongs • 1 graph-ruled composition book • 1 notebook with perforated edges • 1 pack of 3 x 5 index cards (lined) • 1 pack of dry-erase markers • 1 protractor and compass • 1, 12-inch ruler • TI-15 Explorer Elementary Calculator • 1 pack of pencils • 1 pack of colored pencils <p>Social Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pencils • Highlighters • One pack of colored pencils OR markers OR crayons • One pack of paper (lined or blank) <p>Music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One 3-prong, 2 pocket folder (labeled “Music”) <p>Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 folder with pockets • 1-2 spiral or composition book • Blue or black pens, highlighter • Disinfectant wipes and 1- roll paper towel <p>Language Arts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 marble composition book • 1 folder with pockets • 1, 1-inch binder • 1 packet of dividers (minimum of 5) • 1 packet of highlighters to be shared <p>Spanish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 notebook with perforated edges • 1 folder with pockets & prongs <p>Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 graph-ruled composition book • 1 roll of paper towels • 1 container of disinfectant wipes <p>PE/Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 gray “MWS tigers” tee-shirt (OR PLAIN GRAY TEE-SHIRT) • 1 pair plain black, grey, navy athletic pants/shorts (NO LEGGINGS) • 1 pair of athletic shoes 1 folder <p>Art</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sketchbook 	