



COMMUNITY RAMS NEWS

DODGE PARK ELEMENTARY

*We are Resilient Rams **ONE** Team, **ONE** Dream!*

April - June 2024

301-883-4220

3401 Hubbard Road, Landover, MD 20785

Dodge Park Elementary is a Community School that provides wraparound services and resources for our students, staff, families, and community.

From the Desk of Principal Moise

Greetings Parents and Guardians,

We are almost at the end of the school year. It is definitely crunch time. Students have been learning their various math, reading, science, and social studies skills using various methods of instruction and now they are ready to demonstrate what they have mastered.

In the upcoming days, starting April 11, students will begin taking a series of assessments to demonstrate their ability to apply their acquired knowledge.

Do encourage them to take the assessments seriously, especially the MCAP. It is very important that they practice their skills, go to sleep early, and get a good breakfast prior to these assessments.

Encourage students to come to school daily and on time so that they may get the best chance to be relaxed and ready to do a great job on their assessments.

We are RAMS

We are RAMS Proud. As we are coming closer to the warm weather, students get easily distracted, and off task. Our expectations remain to gleam a culture of excellence. We are counting on you parents and guardians to remind students of our RAMS expectations:

We are





Respectful

Achieving

Mindful of others and of our actions

Servant leaders

Dodge Park R.A.M.S. are...

	Everywhere	Classrooms	Lunchroom	Bus	Hallway	Playground
Respectful 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Listen actively - Use positive language - Honor personal space - Follow directions when given 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use accountable talk - Keep learning environment clean - Use materials appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintain a quiet volume - Wait patiently in line - Greet & Thank our staff - Deposit waste in the appropriate receptacle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greet & thank the bus driver - Stay seated - Speak quietly - Honor personal space - Arrive to bus stop on time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walk on the 3rd tile - Be silent in the quiet zone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leave mulch, rocks, and nature on the ground - Listen actively for directions and signals
Achievers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strive for excellence - Wear your uniform properly - Do your absolute best 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ask relevant questions - Actively participate in discussions - Set meaningful goals - Stand and deliver 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make healthy food choices - Notice when help is needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Get seated quickly and quietly - Use time wisely to read, complete homework, or discuss ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travel with purpose - Remember passes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Play safely - Line up quickly when the whistle is blown
Mindful of Actions & Others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be on time - Have necessary materials - Ask for help when needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have materials (backpack, homework, notebooks, pencils, etc) - Monitor your progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clean up your area - Preview the menu in advance - Monitor personal noise level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stand & wait in safe place - Board bus in a single file line - Walk safely to and from the bus - Monitor personal noise level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Face forward - Travel at a safe pace 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be ready to enter the quiet zone - Play fairly - Include others
Servant Leaders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set a positive example - Offer help when needed - Make positive contributions to the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourage others to participate and do their best - Collaborate well with others - Listen actively 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support others in cleaning the space - Offer help when able 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Respectfully remind others of the expectations - Offer help when able 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Silently remind others of the expectations - Show others the expectations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reach out to include others - Organize opportunities for group play

Attendance

Attendance to school is mandatory in our state. It is a factor that is impacting school ratings and quality. The teachers and I are asking that you support our efforts to have students learn all the areas of the curriculum. When students miss days from school, they miss lots of skills and it is hard for some to catch up. Some students are coming to school late every day and this is impacting their learning as well, because they miss out on their reading or math subjects. Ensure that students complete their class work and homework assignments each day. Thank you for making a great impact on our school culture by addressing the importance of attending school daily, learning by being fully engaged and achieving one's best in school.

Budget Survey

We are coming to the time of Budget season. We need your input. Please take time to complete the online survey to let us know how you would like us to use the funds allocated for next school year.

Your input matters to us and we would like to hear from you using the survey. Give us feedback about the existing programs that we have and let us know how we are meeting the needs of your students and your needs as well.

I have attached a link to the survey here.

[Parent Budget Survey](#)



MCAP TESTING FOR GRADES 3 - 6

Thursday, April 11th through Friday, May 3rd

[Parents you can help your children to prepare for the MCAP test by making sure they get a good night's rest and they come to school on time every day.]

PROMOTIONAL CELEBRATIONS

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten
Friday, June 7th - Time TBD

3rd and 4th Grades
Tuesday, June 11th - Time TBD

1st and 2nd Grades
Monday, June 10th - Time TBD

5th and 6th Grades
Wednesday, June 12th - Time TBD

DPES BEES

[Virtual Zoom links provided via Class Dojo]

Science Bee - Friday, May 17th
Spelling Bee - Tuesday, May 21st
Math Bee - Wednesday, May 22nd



Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Eid al-Fitr

Schools and Offices Closed

Friday, April 12, 2024

Meet and Chat

5th and 6th Grade Parent Transition Meeting and 2024-2025 Budget Review

2:15 – 3:15 pm (Virtual)

Thursday, April 18, 2024

3rd Quarter Report Cards Released

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Food Distribution

(No children will be allow to receive food boxes without an adult)

2:15 – 3:15 pm (In-Person)

Thursday, April 29, 2024

ADHD Parent Workshop/Parent Club Meeting

4:00 – 6:00 pm (In-Person)

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Primary Election Day

Schools and Offices Closed

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Food Distribution

(No children will be allow to receive food boxes without an adult)

2:15 – 3:15 pm (In-Person)

Thursday, May 23, 2024

International Night

Time TBD (in-Person)

Monday, May 27, 2024

Memorial Day

Schools and Offices Closed

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

DPES Spring Concert

Time TBD

IMPORTANT DATES



Thursday, June 13, 2024

3-Hours Early Dismissal for Students

10:45 Early Dismissal

Friday, June 14, 2024

Last Day for Students and End of Fourth Quarter - 3-Hours Early Dismissal for Students

10:45 Early Dismissal

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Juneteenth

Schools and Offices Closed

Thursday, June 20, 2024

Last Day for Teachers

Friday, June 21, 2024

4th Quarter Report Cards Released Online

Monday, July 8, 2024

4th Quarter Report Cards Mailed





IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

<p>Maryland law requires that all children between the ages of 5 and 18, who live in Maryland, attend school.</p>	<p>There are 2 types of absences (excused/lawful <i>and</i> unexcused/unlawful).</p>
<p>A student is chronically absent if the student has been enrolled in a school for at least 10 days and is absent 10% or more of the school days while enrolled at that school.</p>	<p>A student is habitually truant if the student has been enrolled in a school for 91 or more days in a school year and is unlawfully absent from school for a number of days or portion of days equal to or in excess of 20% of the school days within any marking period, semester, or year. <i>There may be legal consequences when a student is habitually truant.</i></p>
<p>Parents or guardians must notify the school in writing when their child is absent no later than 3 days after returning to school. The explanation must indicate the dates and reason for the absence(s). There is also an electronic absence reporting form that you can typically find on your child's school website.</p>	<p>The principal may require a physician's certificate from the parent/guardian of a student that is reported absent for illness at least three school days. If absences reach six days, a physician's certificate <i>will be required</i>.</p>
<p>Students who are removed from school by their parent(s)/guardian(s) for more than 10 consecutive days for extended travel and not enrolled in another school or educational program may be withdrawn, then re-enrolled upon their return. Parents should inform the school in advance if they plan to travel.</p>	<p>Students who are considered lawfully absent from school or a class will have the opportunity to make up assignments. The number of days allowed to make up missed work will be equivalent to the number of days of lawful absences. Students who are considered unlawfully absent from a school or a class will not have the opportunity to make up missed assignments.</p>
<p>After 10 school days of consecutive unlawful absences, in which the student's whereabouts are unknown, the school can withdraw the student from school.</p>	<p>Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.</p>
<p>Provide structures at home that support good attendance. (i.e. prepare for bedtime, develop a schedule, lay clothes out at night, use alarm clocks, etc.)</p>	<p>It is good practice to have your child at the bus stop 10 minutes before the scheduled time of arrival and 10 minutes after the scheduled time of arrival if necessary. If your child's bus does not arrive, you can call your zone's bus lot. Please also let the school know.</p>
<p>Parents/Guardians: Please check your email regularly. Teachers/Staff oftentimes communicate through email. Make sure the school has updated contact information (i.e. phone number, email and home address).</p>	<p>Attend regularly scheduled parent-teacher conferences.</p>

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL): Building Resilient Children by Dr. Gordon, School Psychologist



Goodbye Screen Time, Hello Outdoors!

It is Play Time! Research clearly supports the innumerable benefits of play for children and adults - yes adults too! These include fostering imagination, creativity, problem-solving ability, and above all emotional health. I'm sure you have seen that the neighborhood play so prevalent for many of us during our childhood years has changed as our children now reportedly spend an average of **4-6 hours** a day watching or using screens. So this spring break, immerse yourself in the pure joy of childhood play with your children without screens!



Have an Amazing Getaway!

No plane ride needed - it's all just a car or train ride away! Washington, D.C., with its rich history, offers a wide range of museums, which will open up their eyes to a fascinating world of culture! The International Spy Museum, National Air and Space Museum, National Museum of African History and Culture, KID Museum, the list goes on.



Get Your Roll On!

Whether you are wobbly on the turns or still graceful in executing the dance-like moves, grab a pair of roller skates, and join your child and some friends for a couple of hours of exhilarating fun at one of the local skating rinks! Don't like the crowds, perhaps a neighborhood parking lot could be your own private skating rink!



Join the Throwback Challenge!

What were your favorite childhood activities? Show your children how you enjoyed playing without screens through some of these popular games from our childhood. **Double Dutch-Jump in-** We may not have had the fancy ropes sold today, but we enjoyed countless hours of this game using clothesline rope! Experienced jumpers made the game even more challenging by hopping on one foot, bouncing a ball, and picking up and putting down a stone in between jumps; **Hopscotch** - No, not the coding app! Do you remember the game that required chalk, a flat stone, hopping around on one leg? Teach your children the traditional game or spice things up by exploring **one of these hopscotch variations; or Jacks** - amaze children with how much fun this fast-paced game can be! It is also a great game of physics and math!



Let it fly!

Missed the Cherry Blossom kite festival? No, Problem! Whether you purchase your kites or have fun with a DIY project, enthrall your children with the joy of kite flying, at any one of the many open spaces found here, such as the National!



Plan a Picnic!

Picnics are the perfect time to bond with your children and to let them feel loved and heard! Plus, there are the great benefits of a healthy boost of vitamin D and exploration of nature. So get the “basket” and “checkered tablecloth” and check out any of these local spots!

Special events!



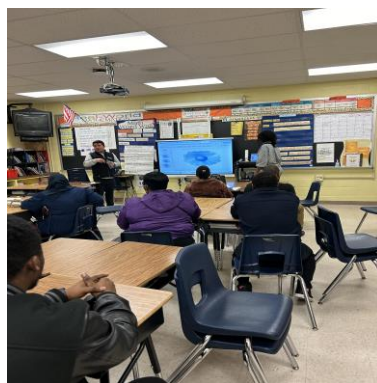
St. Joseph Catholic Church Uniform Donation



Dodge Park ES Community Coat Drive Event



Zumba Class for Students



Parents as Partners Workshop





MATH AND READING TIPS FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Free Educational Apps, Games, and Websites

You don't always have to pay big bucks for great educational games, apps, and websites: Lots of outstanding free options are only a click away. Since the subjects here range from reading to math skills, kids can find all sorts of fun practice for all kinds of topics. The best part is that kids can check them out and move on if a title isn't a great fit -- and it won't impact your wallet!

1. APP

Daily Vroom

Age 2+

Parents get great brain-building tips for little kids.

Devices: [iPhone](#) , [iPod Touch](#) , [iPad](#) , [Android](#) (2017)

2. Duolingo ABC - Learn to Read

Age 3+

Enjoyable drills thoroughly cover ABC basics, step by step.

Devices: [iPhone](#) , [iPod Touch](#) , [iPad](#) (2020)

3. Prodigy: Kids Math Game

Age 7+

Fantasy game helps kids become math wizards.

Devices: [iPhone](#), [iPod Touch](#), [iPad](#), [Android](#), [Chromebook](#) (2019)3.

4. WEBSITE

Design Squad Global

Age 8+

Fun PBS site introduces kids to engineering.

URL: <http://pbskids.org/designsquad> (2012)

These resources are either completely free or have substantial quality, free content for kids to explore. Next time your kids are looking for fun, try giving them one of the picks above. They'll learn while being entertained! And, you will get the chance to learn with them.



Summer days can be long and fun-filled from wake-up to bedtime, or they can be, well, just long. Here are 51 summer activities for kids that will keep them entertained and engaged outside, inside, and at the park.

Outdoor Summer Activities for Kids

Summer days are all about being outside. This summer, kids can work through the design process, get their energy out, or just enjoy being outside long into the night.

You can go simple, with half an orange and some birdseed, or get out the hammer and nails. Either way, making a bird feeder will engage kids through the design process. Once it's hung up, take photos of the birds you attract to learn about each one.

Bike Obstacle Course



With a few pool noodles, some cones, objects from around the house, and a stretch of sidewalk, you can make a bike obstacle course. Have your kids research and plan the course, then build it themselves. All the neighborhood kids will want to get in on the fun!

Sidewalk Chalk Jumping Maze



Create a 5x5 grid with numbers and a star in the center (like the photo above). Make sure the starting square is clear by writing it in a different color than the rest of the numbers. Then, fill in rest of the squares with numbers 1 through 4. To play, kids start on the “start” square. From there they jump the number of squares indicated by the square they are standing on. So, if they are standing on a number 2, they jump 2 squares in any direction. The goal is to land on the center star square.

Nature Scavenger Hunt



Help your kids see their backyard in a new light with a scavenger hunt. Make your own list of things they can find. Older kids will enjoy learning how to explore farther from home with a list of things they can find in your neighborhood.

Sidewalk Chalk Spelling Bee



Draw a grid with 26 boxes, one for each letter of the alphabet. Then, whisper or shout a word to your child and have them hop from letter to letter to spell it. This is a great game for kids throughout elementary school—younger kids can spell their names and simple words while older kids can spell longer words.

Make Your Own Giant Jenga Set



You'll need 2x4 boards cut into 48 10½ inch pieces. Then, sand them smooth, decorate the pieces however you want, stack, and play.

DIY Sandbox



Make your own sandbox with a bag of sand from the hardware store, a plastic storage bin, and toys. After your child is finished playing, close the lid to keep the sand safe.

Outdoor Movie Night



Hang up a white sheet for your projector, or bring a TV outside, and watch a movie under the stars.

Bubble Break



Bubbles are always a win. Create homemade bubble solution and use any combination of string, Hula-Hoops, and bubble wands to make bubbles.

Bubbly Ball Pit



Fill a baby pool with water and dish soap until you have a nice lather. Add balls or bath toys and you're set for an afternoon of fun.

Hold a Car Wash



There are a few ways to keep cool with a car wash. Either literally wash your car with buckets and soap or get creative and make a car wash for your child's play cars.

Make Sponge Water Bombs

Create reusable water bombs using cut-up sponges. Then, play everything from hot potato to catch with the sponge bombs.

Make a Boat



Make a boat out of paper, an empty juice box, and an empty milk carton. Then, sail the boat in a kiddie pool. Check out all the ways to create a boat at Kids Activities Blog.

Erupting Ice Cubes



Combine cornstarch, baking soda, water, and food coloring. Mix and put into ice cube trays. Freeze overnight. Use the chalk to draw on your sidewalk or driveway (wet the ground beforehand if you want). Once you're done drawing, spray vinegar on the chalk drawings to see it erupt.

Summer Activities for Kids

Some summer days were meant for indoor fun. Here are activities that keep kids entertained, though some require close supervision.

Family Game Night

Have kids organize and host a family game night. Older kids will enjoy organizing a menu and planning for which games to play. The whole family will enjoy stopping for a few hours of friendly competition.

DIY Kinetic Sand



Start with slime, end with kinetic sand. Mix a cup of sand into a half-cup of slime to start, then adjust, adding more sand or more slime, until you have just-right kinetic sand.

Pool Noodle Javelin



When it's too rainy to go to the pool, put pool noodles to use by decorating them and using them in games like a javelin throw. Cut one pool noodle into a circle and hang it from the ceiling. Use the other pool noodle as a javelin.

The Game of Ropes



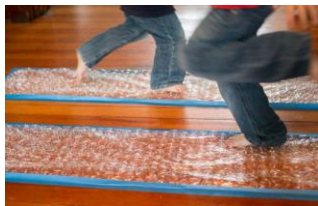
To play this game, tape a series of ribbons, strings, or ropes from wall to wall along a hallway. Then, kids have to try to pass through them without touching.

DIY Foam Paint



Mix up some foam paint by combining equal parts shaving cream and glue in a plastic bag. Add food coloring. Seal the bag and squish it together until all the ingredients are mixed. Use a firm material like cardboard to paint by squeezing the paint out of the bag.

Bubble Wrap Run



Roll out the bubble wrap and let your kids dance, jump, walk, and run across the wrap all afternoon.

Indoor Track and Field Day

Have your child jump as high as they can and record the highest spot they can reach. You can have them simply measure how high it was or have them determine how many inches, blocks, or LEGO bricks high they jumped. Do the same thing with indoor versions of the long jump, plank hold, wheelbarrow walk, and other events.

Make Popsicles



If you have a blender, extra fruit, some juice, and Popsicle molds, you can make fresh-fruit Popsicles that will travel to the pool, park, or beach. Make this activity even better by going berry picking beforehand and using fresh berries.

Make Your Own Play Dough



The recipe is simple:

- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup water
- ¼ cup salt
- 1 tbsp. vegetable oil
- 2 tsp. cream of tartar (optional)
- Kool-Aid packet, food coloring, or other add-ins (optional)

Combine everything in a saucepan, let it cool, and knead it until it's a dough consistency. Then, add glitter, figurines, or beads to create your child's personalized play dough.

Summer Activities for Kids Around Town

Keep these activities for when you want to get out of the house but still want to keep the kids learning and busy.

Have a Picnic

Sometimes a good old-fashioned picnic is the best way to keep kids entertained. Have them plan the menu (we recommend trying frozen PB&Js), then plan to spend the afternoon at the park as one of the fun summer activities for kids.

Nature Walk



Create a bracelet by turning tape inside out and wrapping it around your child's wrist. Then, find a local trail or walk and see what they can collect on their wrist. When you get home, break out a magnifying glass to get a closer look.

Play Classic Games

Got a bunch of kids and a wide-open space? Play classic games like Red Rover, Red Light/Green Light, and Mother May I.

Make Leaf Rubbings



Fall is known for leaves, but summer is the best time to collect leaves and use crayons and paper to do leaf rubbings. The leaves are at their healthiest now, so the rubbings will come out spectacular. After you've made leaf rubbings, see what other textures you can create while at the park.

Shadow Art



When the sun is just right, spread out paper or find a clear patch of sidewalk. Then, line up toys or other objects and trace the shadows to create shadow art.

BY [SAMANTHA CLEAVER, PHD, SPECIAL EDUCATION & READING INTERVENTION](#)

Parent Resources

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FOOD ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP):

- SNAP provides low-income individuals and families with grocery money that can be used at most grocery stores and farmers' markets.
- Apply for SNAP online at dhs.maryland.gov/benefits or by calling 1-800-332-6347.
- For application assistance and questions, call Maryland Hunger Solutions at 866-821-5552 or another SNAP Outreach Community Based Organizations listed at: bit.ly/SNAPpartnersPGC.
- For free legal help accessing SNAP benefits, call the Homeless Persons Representation Project hotline at 1-800-613-2518.

Women, Infants, & Children (WIC):

- WIC is a program that provides healthy food, nutrition education, and health services to new mothers, pregnant women, infants, and children.
- To apply, applicants must set up an appointment with a WIC office located in the county. For information on how to apply, visit MDWIC.org or call the Prince George's County Health Department at 301-856-9600; CCI Health Services Greenbelt at 301-856-9600; or Greater Baden Medical Center at 301-324-1874.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

- Free food pantries are available throughout Prince George's County for anyone in need. For weekly updates on charitable food and meal distributions, visit bit.ly/pgcfoodresources.
- You can find information on free & reduced-cost food pantries & resources in your area at findhelp.org.
- The Capital Area Food Bank operates a Hunger Lifeline. For more information on food distribution locations and meal services, visit capitalareafoodbank.org/find-food-assistance or call 202-644-9807.
- You can also call 2-1-1 for distributions near you.

SCHOOL MEALS

- Children from low-income families are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals during the school year. Families must apply. Applications are available at all public schools and can be submitted at any time and turned into any public school. Find more information at pgcps.org/offices/food-and-nutrition/free-and-reduced-meals.
- All children can receive free meals throughout the summer. For more information, meal service locations, and times, visit pgcps.org/offices/food-and-nutrition/summer-meals.

- Pandemic-EBT is a program that helps families purchase food while schooling is impacted due to COVID-19. For more information, visit dhs.maryland.gov/p-ebt/.

HOME FOOD & MEAL DELIVERIES

- Meal delivery services are available for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Meals are provided by the Prince George's County Department of Family Services, Senior Nutrition Program. For more information, visit princegeorgescountymd.gov/1723/Nutrition-Services or call 301-265-8475.
- Meals-on-Wheels provides meals to seniors. For more information or to enroll call 410-558-0827 or apply online at mealsonwheelsmd.org/client-application.
- For more information on other resources, please call 2-1-1.

Do you need emergency food assistance?
Call 2-1-1 and ask for a
food distribution site near

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- ✓ **The Community Food Distributions** and further food assistance resources are also available on the FEC's website (in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)).
- ✓ **In-School Dental Care at NO COST to you.** This service will be provided by Oral Health Impact Project (OHIP). Please contact Ms. Abdulhad at 301-883-4220 for further information and application.
- ✓ **Before and After School Care** is provided to students who do not ride the school bus. For more information, please contact us at 301-883-4220.
- ✓ **Math and Reading After School Tutoring** - To Be Announced, check with your child's homeroom teacher for information.
- ✓ **English Classes for Parents:** For more information, please contact Mr. Huerta at 301-883-4220.
- ✓ **SHABACH! Community Giveaway** for coats, clothing, and surprises. **This event is "BY INVITATION ONLY," so you must register. Those who are in need must call 240-532-7003 to register.** Please help us to spread the word about this event to those who are in need. **REMEMBER YOU MUST REGISTER.**

1. Department of Social Services

425 Brightseat Road, Landover, MD 20785 20737 – 301-909-6300

Summary of Services: Offers provide emergency funds for everything from back rent to water or heating bills. (i.e., Burial Assistance, Child Care Scholarship (CCS), Earned Income Tax Credit, Emergency Assistance, Energy Assistance, Homelessness Prevention Program, Medical Assistance, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Cash Assistance, Temporary Disability Assistance, Transportation Assistance, Weathering Tough Times).

2. Community Ministry of Prince George

311 68th Place, Seat Pleasant, MD 20743 – 301-499-2319

Summary of Services: Offers financial assistance for utility bills, free food, information, and education programs to residents of Prince George's County. For example, they can refer people to Maryland pro bono mortgage programs.

3. Financial Empowerment Center

301 Largo Road, Largo, MD 20774 – 301-546-5296

Summary of Services: Offers direct access to high-quality financial services and guidance in a welcoming, professional environment at no cost.

4. Sowing Empowerment and Economic Development, SEED

6201 Riverdale Road, Suite 200, Riverdale, MD 20737 – 301-458-9808

Summary of Services: SEED offers a bilingual pre-purchase and post-education housing counseling program committed to increasing homeownership and decreasing foreclosures while providing financial education.

5. Salvation Army, Prince George's County

4825 Edmonston Road, Hyattsville, MD 20737 – 301-277-6103

Summary of Services: Offers Fuel fund - Help with heating bills and provide fuel.

Emergency food - Groceries, food, and other household products, utility bills Assistance for water bills, electric, and other energy expenses. School aid - Clothes, shoes, backpacks, and other free supplies for children.



All volunteers must complete a volunteer application, be fingerprinted and background checked and complete Safe School courses. If you are interested or want additional information, please contact Ms. Boston, Parent Engagement Assistant (PEA), at Carolyn.boston@pgcps.org or call 301-883-4220.

Fingerprinting and Background Check Locations

Sasscer Administration Building – BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
 14201 School Lane, Room #128
 Upper Marlboro, MD 20774
 410-707-1657 / 410-962-1188 Ext. 49
Online Scheduler for Prince George's County Public Schools BITHGROUP Technologies Inc. (scheduling.com)

Fingerprinting and Child Protective Services (CPS) Clearance \$62.25

For all PGCPS employees, volunteers assisting on campus more than once each school year with students and/or chaperoning on field trips, and independent contractors. Fee may be waived if volunteer parent or guardian has a child in the Free and Reduced Meal Program (FARM). Parent or guardian must bring a copy of the FARM letter to the fingerprint office to qualify for the free fingerprint.

Commercial Background Check \$15

(online only at www.myschoolbucks.com) – Only referees, athletic officials and independent contractors who do not have unsupervised access to students may utilize the Commercial Background Check.

Special thanks to all our DPES Community Partners!

- First Baptist Church of Glenarden
- First Good Samaritan Baptist Church
- 100 Black Men of Prince George's
- Project Bridges
- Leveling the Playing Field
- Fort Washington Boating Association
- Love A.M.E. Church
- Giant Foods
- Shabach Ministries
- St. Joseph Catholic Church
- Journey's Inc.
- Evictions Prevention Project
- Solutions in Hometown Connections
- Organization of Hope
- Kappa Alpha Psi - Sandy Spring Alumni
- Mil-Net, Inc.
- Brighter Bites
- Benjamin Moore Paint Company
- Wegmans
- Staples
- Custom Ink
- Positive Promotions
- Metro Landover Bus Division
- Park and Planning
- Fire and EMS Department
- Coalition for Public Safety Training in School, Inc.
- Interdenominational Church Ushers' Association of Washington, DC & Vicinity, Inc.
- Helping Hands Ministry

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING DODGE PARK ES PARENT GROUP, PLEASE CONTACT MS. BOSTON AT 301-883-4220