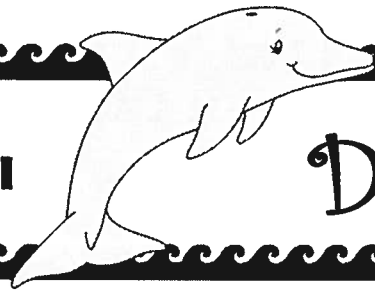


Mary H. Matula Elementary School

February 23, 2023



Dolphins' Cove

Light the Night Fundraiser

Matula's K-Kids have formed a fundraising team for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Light The Night. Register today to join our team or make a donation and help fund cancer cures! As of today, we have raised over \$700. Our goal is to raise \$800 by March 7th. If you would like to help, the link to donate is below.

<https://pages.lls.org/ltn/nca/WashDC22/maryhmatulaelementaryschool>.

Funds raised through Light The Night allow LLS to fund treatments for patients who are suffering from all forms of blood cancers. Since 2017, LLS has helped advance 85% of the blood cancer treatment options approved by the FDA. Help defeat the darkness of cancer. Join us in bringing light to the darkness of cancer!

Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey

Each year the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) surveys parents of children receiving special education services in the State. The purpose of the survey - The Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey - is to hear from parents about how well they think their child's school is partnering with them and promoting parent involvement in their child's education.

Please see the attached flyers with information on completing the survey. Our parents' voices matter!

The due date for school spirit wear orders has been extended to Friday, March 3, 2023!

Congratulations, Nick Falkler!

Recently, Nick Falkler, Matula first grader, participated in The Arc Maryland "Together We're Better" Artwork Contest. Nick's artwork earned third place honors! Along with the recognition, Nick received a \$100 check for our school. Your school community is proud of you!

Calendar of Events

February 25 - Unified Basketball Game - 2:40 PM at St. Charles High School

February 27 - Interim Reports Posted

February 27-March 3 - Reading Spirit Week - See attached flyer

March 3 - Read Across America Day

March 9 - 2-Hour Early Dismissal Day

March 16 - SOAR CBI Trip - Mrs. Dunn's and Ms. Jones' Classes Attending

March 20 - PTO Meeting - 7:00 PM

March 27 - End of 3rd Marking Period

March 28 - Beginning of 4th Marking Period

March 29 - 3rd Grade Field Trip

Celebrate your love for reading by participating in our daily spirit week activities next week! Get ready to Read With A Buddy on Monday - don't forget to bring a special stuffed animal

Matula Elementary Celebrates Reading!



To promote a love for reading, students can participate in literacy related spirit days, culminating with our Read Across Matula celebration on Friday, March 3rd.



Monday, February 27th Read with a Buddy

Books are even better when you read them with a friend.
Sharing the adventure from the beginning to the end.
Today you can bring a buddy, a stuffed animal soft and sweet.
Reading with your cuddly friend will make story time complete.



Tuesday, February 28th Head Over Heels for Reading



If you love reading from your head to your toes,
You should follow these steps so that everybody knows:
Wear a silly hat or a crazy hair-do,
Plus some funky socks, to let your style shine through!



Wednesday, March 1st Read Me

Words! Words! All around!
Words to read can always be found.
Words in a text, like in your favorite book
Bring it to school so we can take a look.

Today's a word day, oh yes indeed.
You should wear a shirt that makes someone read.

Thursday, March 2nd Reading Makes Life Colorful

Reading takes us places that we've never been before.
Authors use their words to paint and let our minds explore.
To celebrate the many colors that stories help us feel,
Wear some colorful attire, (looking like a crayon box is quite ideal!)



Friday, March 3rd Get Comfy and Read!

Hip, Hip Hooray! Today's the day.
We'll celebrate reading in a really fun way!
Wear some cuddly jammies and grab a fun, new book.
We can't wait to see your comfy, cozy look.
We will show that reading is fun- for that there is no doubt!
We will even end the day with an awesome reading campout.



PARENTS:



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Please Take 5 Minutes to Complete the Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey

As the parent or guardian of a child receiving special education services in Maryland, you should have received a copy of the Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey in the mail. By completing the survey, you can tell us how your child's school partners with you. Your feedback will help guide efforts to improve special education and related services in your local school system.

We want to hear from you.

OPTION 1:

Complete the hard copy survey that was recently sent to you and return it in the postage-paid envelope by May 19, 2023, or

OPTION 2:

Complete the survey online at **www.mdparentsurvey.com**.

Questions?

Please contact Kenneth Hudock, MSDE, at **410-767-7770** or **Kenneth.Hudock@maryland.gov**.

The Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey

Frequently Asked Questions



What is the purpose of the Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey?

- The purpose of this Survey is to determine how well your child's school is partnering with you and promoting parent involvement in your child's education.
- States must collect this data as part of their State Performance Plans, as required under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Who completes the Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey?

- Parents or guardians of children ages 3 to 21 who are receiving special education and related services through their local school system.
- Parents or guardians of children ages 3 to 21 who are receiving special education and related services who are placed in a nonpublic special education facility by the child's local school system.

What's in it for me?

- This is your opportunity to provide direct feedback to your local school system or public agency
- Survey results will be available to the public and used to highlight strengths and identify possible areas for improvement in engaging and involving parents in the special education process (<http://mdideareport.org>)

How do I complete the Survey? How can I make sure that my answers are counted?

- Complete one Survey for each child receiving special education services.
- Complete the Survey EITHER on paper OR online at <https://www.mdparentsurvey.com>.
- If you wish to complete the Survey online and do not have Internet access at home, check with your local school or library.

How do I return the paper Survey?

- Return the completed Survey in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope by May 19, 2023
- If you lose the postage-paid envelope, please mail the completed Survey to:

Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey

ATTENTION: Joyce Shelton

530 Gaither Road, Suite 500

Rockville, Maryland 20850

Do I have to participate? If I choose not to participate, will it negatively affect my child's services?

- Participation is completely voluntary; however, we encourage you to participate to make your opinions and experiences known.
- Your child's services will not be negatively affected in any way.

Who will have access to the Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey results?

- The State-level report will be published on the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) website (www.marylandpublicschools.org).
- A summary of the Survey results regarding parent involvement in special education will be provided to each local school system

Thank you for completing the Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey
Your feedback is extremely important to your local school system and MSDE!

For additional information, please contact Mr. Kenneth Hudock at MSDE at 410-767-7770 or Kenneth.Hudock@maryland.gov.

PADRES:



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Tómese cinco minutos para completar la encuesta de participación de los padres en la educación especial de Maryland

Como padre o tutor legal de un niño que recibe los servicios de educación especial en Maryland, usted debió haber recibido por correo una copia de la encuesta de participación de los padres en la educación especial de Maryland. Al completar la encuesta, usted nos puede decir cómo es la relación entre la escuela de su hijo y usted. Su opinión ayudará a enfocar los esfuerzos para mejorar la educación especial y los servicios fines en el sistema escolar de su localidad.

Queremos escuchar su opinión.

OPCIÓN 1:

Complete la encuesta impresa que le enviamos recientemente y devuélvala en el sobre pre-estampado antes del 19 de mayo de 2023, o

OPCIÓN 2:

Complete la encuesta por internet en **www.mdparentsurvey.com**.

¿Preguntas?

Comuníquese con Kenneth Hudock, de MSDE, llamando al **410-767-7770** o escribiendo a **Kenneth.Hudock@maryland.gov**.

Encuesta sobre la Participación de los Padres en la Educación Especial de Maryland

Preguntas más frecuentes



¿Cuál es el propósito de la Encuesta sobre la Participación de los Padres en la Educación Especial de Maryland?

- El propósito de esta encuesta es determinar qué tan bien la escuela de su hijo está involucrando y promoviendo la participación de los padres de familia en la educación de sus hijos.
- Los estados deben recopilar esta información como parte de su Plan de Rendimiento Estatal, según lo requiere la Ley para la Educación de los Individuos con Discapacidades (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, IDEA por sus siglas en inglés).

¿Quién completa la Encuesta sobre la Participación de los Padres en la Educación Especial de Maryland?

- Los padres o guardianes de niños entre 3 y 21 años de edad que reciben servicios de educación especial y otros servicios relacionados por medio de su sistema escolar local.
- Los padres o guardianes de niños entre 3 y 21 años de edad que reciben servicios de educación especial y otros servicios relacionados y que el sistema escolar local del niño los ha colocado en un centro de educación especial no público.

¿Cómo me beneficia el completar la encuesta?

- Esta es su oportunidad para hacer llegar comentarios directamente a su sistema de educación local o agencia pública.
- Los resultados de la encuesta estarán disponibles al público y se utilizarán para resaltar los puntos fuertes e identificar las posibles áreas de mejora en la participación e inclusión de los padres en el proceso de educación especial (<http://mdideareport.org>)

¿Cómo completo la encuesta? ¿Cómo puedo asegurarme de que mis respuestas cuenten?

- Complete una encuesta por cada hijo que recibe los servicios de la educación especial.
- Complete la encuesta ya sea en papel o por Internet en <https://www.mdparentsurvey.com>.
- Si desea completar la encuesta en línea pero no tiene acceso a la Internet en su hogar, consulte a su escuela local o biblioteca pública.

¿Cómo devuelvo la encuesta en papel?

- Devuelva la encuesta completada en el sobre adjunto con estampilla prepagada antes del 19 de mayo del 2023.
- Si pierde el sobre con estampilla prepagada, envíe por correo la encuesta completada a nombre de:

Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey
ATTENTION: Joyce Shelton
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Rockville, Maryland 20850

¿Estoy obligado a participar? ¿El no participar afectará de manera negativa los servicios que recibe mi hijo?

- Su participación es completamente voluntaria; sin embargo, le alentamos a que participe para que sus opiniones y experiencias sean escuchadas.
- Los servicios que recibe su hijo no se verán afectados de manera alguna.

¿Quién tendrá acceso a los resultados de la Encuesta sobre la Participación de los Padres en la Educación Especial de Maryland?

- El informe a nivel estatal será publicado en el sitio web (www.marylandpublicschools.org) del Departamento de Educación del Estado de Maryland (MSDE, por sus siglas en inglés).
- cada uno de los sistemas escolares locales se le dará un resumen de los resultados de la encuesta sobre la participación de los padres en la educación especial.

Gracias por completar la Encuesta sobre la Participación de los Padres en la Educación Especial de Maryland. Su participación es muy importante para el sistema de educación local y el MSDE!

Para información adicional, comuníquese con Mr. Kenneth Hudock, MSDE, llamando al 410-767-7770, o enviando correo electrónico Kenneth.Hudock@maryland.gov.