



Wyngate Elementary School Welcome Back!

2019-2020



August 2019

Dear Wyngate Students and Families,

I hope that you continue to enjoy your summer with family and friends! We have been busy preparing for your arrival. I am so excited to welcome everyone back to Wyngate in August and to continue our collaborative efforts to ensure each and every child is prepared to thrive in his or her future.

Below are the results of the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) [Equity Accountability Model](#) for 2018-19. As you will note, we scored in the highest level for all categories. This is a testament to the work of the entire Wyngate staff and your collaboration as families. Our special education and ESOL students also made significant gains. I expect that these results will continue and that we will work to ensure that ALL students receive high quality, rigorous instruction tailored to their academic and social emotional needs.

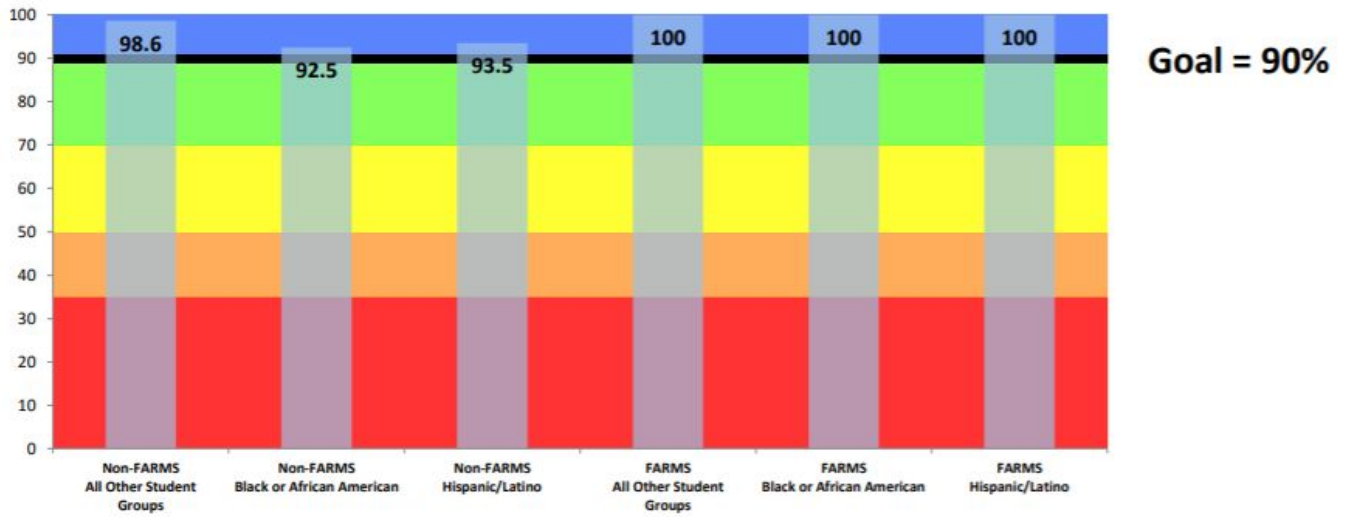
MCPS Equity Accountability: Achievement Component
Wyngate Elementary School (422)

	Focus Groups						Focus Score
	Non-FARMS All Other Student Groups	Non-FARMS Black or African-American	Non-FARMS Hispanic/Latino	FARMS All Other Student Groups	FARMS Black or African-American	FARMS Hispanic/Latino	
Literacy Score	4	4	4	4	4	4	4.0
Literacy Percentages	98.6	92.5*	93.5	100.0*	100.0*	100.0*	
Mathematics Score	4	4	4	4	4	4	4.0
Mathematics Percentages	97.6	95.0*	96.8	100.0*	100.0*	100.0*	

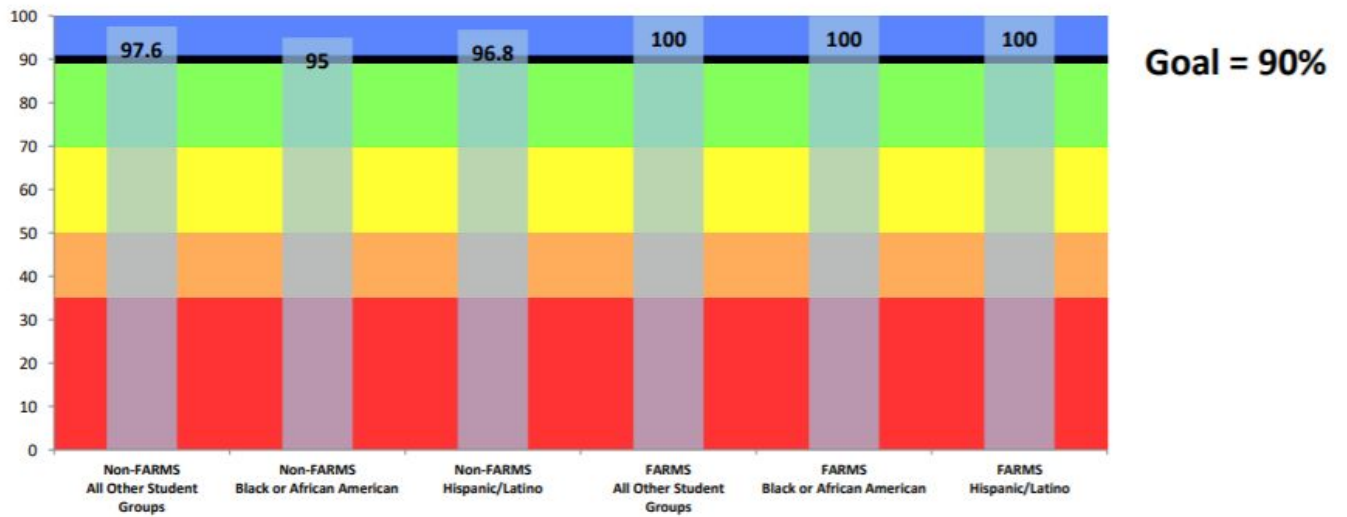
* The minimum cell size for Academic Achievement component data reporting is 10. If the cell size of any individual **non-FARMS** focus group is less than 10, then the percent shown is the summation of the performance of the **two non-FARMS** focus groups. If the cell size of any individual **FARMS** focus group is less than 10, then the percent shown is the summation of performance of the **three FARMS** focus groups. If the cell size of the summation of the performance of the focus groups is less than 5 or if there are no students in the individual focus group, then no data is reported.

Key to EOL Assigned Values	
4	≥90% of FOCUS students met measures
3	70-89% of FOCUS students met measures
2	50-69% of FOCUS students met measures
1	35-49% of FOCUS students met measures
0	0-34% of FOCUS students met measures

Literacy



Mathematics





We are excited to debut our new Maker Space this school year, which most students had a brief introduction to during Specials Week last year. The staff has been planning and we look forward to creating and learning together! Below are the Deeper Learning Competencies that we will work with over the course of the next several years. Look for more information coming soon!

Deeper Learning Competencies



CONTENT MASTERY

Students apply knowledge to real world situations.



CRITICAL THINKING & PROBLEM SOLVING

Students consider a variety of approaches to produce innovative solutions.



COLLABORATION

Students work with their peers, assume leadership roles, resolve conflicts, and manage projects.



EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

Students demonstrate skills in active listening, clear writing, and persuasive presentation.



SELF DIRECTED LEARNING

Students use teacher feedback to monitor and direct their own learning, both in and out of the classroom.



ACADEMIC MINDSET

Students feel a sense of belonging and motivation to persist through their school work.

The Building Services staff led by Ms. Ogburn and Ms. Bush have been working very hard to make our building beautiful. I know you will join me in thanking them for their hard work.

Continue to enjoy the your summer break. We look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, August 29 for our Open House activities! And, if you haven't already, follow

me on Twitter [@WyngateES](#). I'll continue to post information and photos of exciting activities periodically.

Sincerely,

Travis J. Wiebe
Principal

P.S. If you know of any families who are new to the neighborhood, please encourage them to register as soon as possible. Information about enrollment can be located [here](#). Please feel free to encourage them to contact the main office at 240-740-1080.

Welcome Message From Anita Chan, Assistant Principal

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. My name is Anita Chan and I am honored to be joining Wyngate as the assistant principal this year. I welcome the opportunity to serve the wildcat community and work collaboratively with our outstanding staff, dedicated parents, and involved community members to support all of our students in becoming their absolute best.

I started my teaching career in MCPS as a third, fourth and fifth grade teacher. In 2012, I moved to Fulton County, Georgia where I was an ESOL teacher, STEM facilitator, and assistant principal. Most recently, I returned to MCPS as the staff development teacher at Rock Creek Forest Elementary. I have a B.A. in Elementary Education and a B.S. in Sociology from the University of Maryland, a M.A. in Educational Studies from Johns Hopkins University, and an Ed.S. in Educational Leadership from Kennesaw State University.

I am looking forward to a phenomenal year at Wyngate and meeting everyone soon. Please come by and introduce yourself, my door is always open. (Twitter: [Wyngate_AP](#))

Back to School Ready

The following [article](#) is a great resource as you begin to prepare your children to return to school. It broadens the concept of school readiness. I hope that you will take the time to read it and put into practice some of the recommendations.

"The very best thing you can do to set your child up for success is to approach the new school year as an exciting beginning. Use your conversations and actions to model this mindset with your child."

Erin Gohl | Columnist

Sneak a Peek Day - August 29!

- Each year, we host an Open House day for students and families with a variety of events. This year we will continue this tradition on **Thursday, August 29, 2019**. Please see below for detailed information on this exciting day!

Time	Event	Location
9:30-10:30 am	Kindergarten Orientation (parents/guardians ONLY. Students should remain at home for this meeting.)	All Purpose Room
12:00 pm	Class Lists Posted	Wyngate Website
12:30 - 1:00 pm	New Student Orientation (for parents/guardians and new Wyngate students joining grades 1-5)	All Purpose Room
1:00 - 2:00 pm	Open House - Meet the Teachers and Visit Classrooms (all students and their parents/guardians)	Classrooms

[Sneak a Peek Day Flyer](#)

New Mathematics Curriculum

We are excited to be implementing Eureka Math this school year! The letter linked below provides additional information about Eureka and the implementation. Additional information, including a parent night will be forthcoming.

[Introducing Eureka Math](#)

Staffing Updates

Each year, for a variety of reasons, we have changes in our staff.

We are wishing the following staff members well as they transition from Wyngate to new adventures!

Staff Member	Role	Next Steps
Andrea Cameron	Grade 5 Teacher	Grade 5 Teacher, Matsunaga ES
Carrie Conley	Assistant Principal	ESOL Teacher, Arcola ES
Rovena Katsafanas	Paraeducator/Lunch Recess Team	Special Education Paraeducator, Churchill HS
Christie Puckett	Grade 2 Teacher	Grade 2 Teacher, Drew ES
Elizabeth Smith	Grade 1 Teacher	Grade 2 Teacher, Forest Knolls ES

We are pleased to welcome the following staff members to Wyngate!

Staff Member	Role	Previous Experience
Anita Chan	Assistant Principal	Staff Development Teacher, Rock Creek Forest ES
Michelle Cullather	Staff Development Teacher	Staff Development Teacher, Rock Creek Valley ES
Phil D'Agnese	Part-Time Counselor	Paraeducator, Luxmanor ES
Kelly Sims	Kindergarten Teacher	Grade 2 Teacher, Potomac ES
Catherine Butler	Grade 1 Teacher	Grade 2 Teacher, Fairfax County Public Schools
Lindsay Filardo	Grade 2 Teacher	Student Teacher, DC Public Schools
Mickey Heckhaus	Grade 5 Teacher	Grade 4 Teacher, Fairfax County Public Schools
Christopher Brokenborough	Paraeducator/Lunch Recess Team	Paraeducator, Bradley Hills ES
Vacant	Itinerant Paraeducator	

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendar!

- August 29- Sneak a Peek Day
- September 2 - Labor Day Holiday - Schools and Offices Closed
- **September 3 - First Day of School**
- September 6 - PTA Back to School Picnic (5:30-7:30)
- September 11 - Back to School Night (7:00) (Schedule Below)
- September 26 - Student Portraits
- October 1 - PTA New Family Coffee/Reception (10:30 am in Media Center)

- October 1 - PTA New Family Reception (6:30 pm in Media Center)
- October 1 - PTA Meeting (7:00 pm in Media Center)
- **October 4 - Early Release Day**

MCPS Calendar

The MCPS Comprehensive School Calendar for the 2019-20 school year can be found [here](#).

2019-20 Teaching Assignments (as of August 1, 2019)

Grade Level	Team Leader	Teachers				
K	Ms. Carr	Mr. Bohn	Ms. Buel	Ms. E. Kim	Ms. J. Kim	Ms. Sims
1	Ms. Fitz	Ms. Brech	Ms. Butler	Ms. Kashatus	Ms. Levengood	
2	Mr. Gamard	Ms. Filardo	Ms. Sammon	Ms. Schlichting	Ms. Sheckman	
3	Mr. Higgins	Ms. Elgin	Ms. Farrell	Ms. Hum	Ms. Worley	
4	Ms. Bertran	Ms. Jones	Ms. McCarthy	Ms. Sullivan		
5	Ms. Calabretta	Mr. Berg	Mr. Heckhaus	Mr. Menditch	Ms. Thatcher	

*As of August 1, our enrollment is 724 students. We continue to receive more students each day, which could result in additional staffing.

Bus Information

- [Letter from the Bethesda Transportation Depot](#)

Bus Routes:

- [Arrival](#) (AM)

- [Departure](#) (PM)

As a reminder, please arrive early to the bus stops during the first week of school as the drivers work to fine tune the schedule. Students in grades K-2 will be provided with a corresponding colored band for their bus to assist them in boarding the correct bus.

Lunch Information

Information about school lunch can be found on the MCPS Division of Food and Nutrition Services website [here](#).

School Supplies

- The school supply list is available [here](#).

The following items would be appreciated by grade level teams, but are **not required**.

Grade 1	Ziploc bags (quart and gallon sized); liquid hand soap; paper towels; disinfecting wipes
Grade 2	Kleenex tissues, hand soap, ziplock bags (large and small); disinfectant wipes -a mouse or wireless mouse - headphones or ear buds
Grade 3	- Kleenex tissues, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, paper towels, Ziplock bags (small or large) - a mouse or wireless mouse - headphones or earbuds
Grade 5	tissues, hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, sandwich size ziploc bags, and 1 gallon ziplock bags; computer mouse

Kindergarten	<p>Kleenex tissues, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes; glue sticks</p> <p><i>Note: The kindergarten team suggests that basic materials (pencils, crayons, scissors, and glue sticks) are available at home for optional enrichment activities. These should not be sent to school.</i></p>
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**Grade 4 has not requested any voluntary items.

Back to School Night Schedule - September 11, 2019

7:00 – 7:10 - Arrival

Session 1

7:10 – 7:40

Presentations by Kindergarten, Grade One, and Grade Two. Parents of students in Grade 3, 4 and 5 may tour the building, classrooms, and visit with our specialists and School Counselor.

Kindergarten	Classroom presentation
Grade 1	Gym
Grade 2	All Purpose Room

Session 2

7:50 – 8:20

Presentations by Grades Three, Grade Four, and Grade Five. Parents of students in K, Grade 1 and 2 may tour the building, classrooms, and visit with our specialists and School Counselor.

Grade 3	Gym
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Grade 4	Media Center
Grade 5	All Purpose Room