WAYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

OCTOBER 22, 2026

MCCPTA UPDATES

Wayside Community News and Advocacy Update

Four timely opportunities and resources for Wayside Elementary families.

1 Wayside Walkability Study - Share Your Feedback

Wayside Elementary is one of **15 schools** selected for Montgomery County DOT's **2026-27 walkability studies**. The elementary school assessment covers walking conditions and safety within a **one-mile radius** of the school.

Families are encouraged to identify sidewalks, crossings, traffic concerns, and other barriers to walking safely. Complete the community input survey.

2 October Awareness & Digital Citizenship

October is **Bullying Prevention and Domestic Violence Awareness Month**. This week, MCPS is also recognizing **Digital Citizenship Week**, emphasizing safe, responsible, and respectful technology use.

Please review and share the Health & Wellness flyer distributed by email (not linked here). Families can also explore the MCPS Digital Citizenship resources.

3 Behavioral Health Services - Parent Survey

Parents of MCPS students are invited to provide input on how to **enhance and coordinate behavioral health services** in schools and the community. Survey responses will help ensure parent perspectives are included in county efforts to improve services.

The survey is available in **English and Spanish**. Share your feedback in the parent survey.

4 Elementary Screen Time & Chromebook Options

According to information shared by the MCCPTA Technology Committee, **elementary English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics do not require Chromebook use**. Families interested in reducing screen time can review the committee's discussion of curriculum and device-use options.

Read: Elementary School Curriculum and Screen Time.