

# K-12 Education News

From the School Liaison

**February 2025**

Hello Families,

Below are some wonderful resources available to you:

**Parents Place of Maryland (PPMD): Parent Place of Maryland (PPMD) is a local nonprofit providing education and training on topics of special education to families in Maryland. Their mission is to "empower families as advocates & partners in improving education & health outcomes for children w/disabilities & special healthcare needs with a commitment to diversity & equity" (PPMD, 2024).**

Explore the website about how there are supports for military-connected families - <https://www.ppm.org/about-us/#our-story>





## **Postsecondary Opportunities:** **Montgomery County Summer RISE**

**program: Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is hosting an annual Summer RISE program. This is a wonderful opportunity for students & employers. Help rising MCPS high school juniors and seniors learn about your workplace and career field as part of the Summer RISE 2025 program. MCPS is currently seeking hosts in all career fields, particularly those in arts & entertainment, architecture, bioscience, business management, cybersecurity, engineering, healthcare, IT, law, and vet services.**

### **Become a Summer RISE 2025 Host!**

Summer RISE (Reimagining an Innovative Student Experience) 2025 Host Registration is now open until Friday, March 7, 2025.

**Program Dates: June 23-July 25**

If you are interested in participating in this wonderful opportunity contact:

Davida Gurstelle

Coordinator, Business and Community Partnerships  
Department of Partnerships

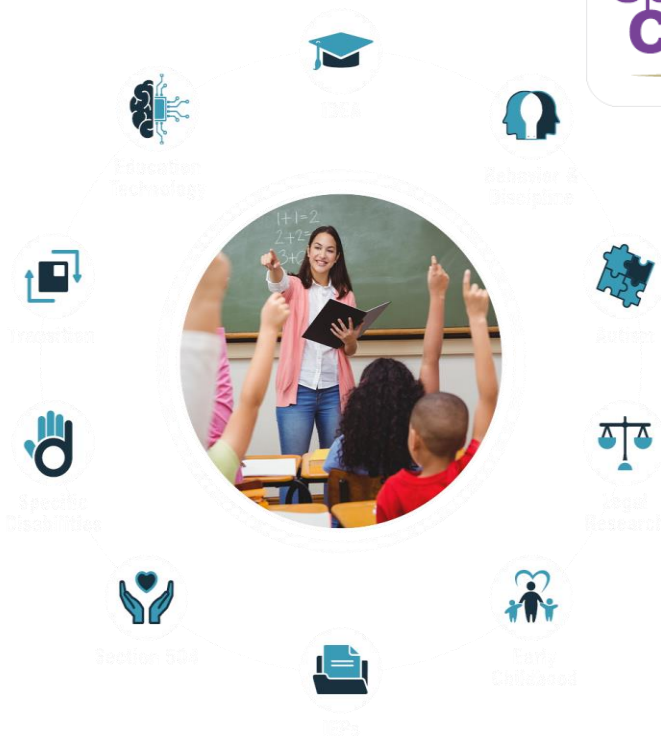
Phone Number: (240)-740-5599

**Youth Sponsorship Corner-** Youth Sponsorship is available for your student. Youth Sponsorship is designed to assist students as they transition through various stages. Whether its preparing to move, deployment, or grief etc. We have support for you through our A4L resiliency kits. Please reach out to your School Liaison at 301-295-7849 today if you would like one.

**Do you have youth family members who have special needs? Do you need help as a parent to navigate special needs arena? Ask your EFMP & your School Liaison about the Special Ed Connection!**

Give your School Liaison a call at 301-295-7849 if you have further questions.

While you are waiting feel free to read about the Special Ed Connection on their website-  
[www.specialedconnection.com](http://www.specialedconnection.com)



## Upcoming Events in the Community:

**Food Drive for the Month of February-** Please drop off at CDC (1 & 2) or Bldg. 11, Room #135. Needed Items: Canned Tuna/Salmon/Chicken, Peanut Butter (Plastic Containers only), Canned Soups, Canned Dried Beans/Lentils, Canned Tomato/Paste, Canned Corn/Veggies, Low Sugar & Plain Cereals. NO GLASS, Please!

Not endorsed by Navy.



### Pre-K Registration

On March 3, 2025- Please visit the website (Below) for more information for Montgomery County Public Schools.

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/dtecps/earlychildhood/prek/>

At the beginning of March in Frederick County Public Schools at the website (Below).

<https://www.fcps.org/ece/pre-k-application>

School Liaison presents- Getting Ready for Kindergarten. February 25, 2025 & March 4, 2025, from 12 to 1 pm (Separate Classes). Visit the NSA Bethesda MWR website for more info.

<https://www.navymwrbethesda.com/>

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Go to the Website- <https://www.ppmmd.org/>



### CONTACT AN EXPERT

Looking for information on how to attain education and/or health care services for a child with a disability? Contact an expert who can connect you with resources and information to support your needs.  
¿Busca información sobre cómo obtener educación y / o servicios de atención médica para un niño con una discapacidad? Póngase en contacto con un experto que pueda conectarlo con recursos e información para satisfacer sus necesidades.

[Contact Us Now / Contáctanos ahora](#) →

## Coffee and Conversations (Elementary):

February 6, 2025, at 12pm to 1pm

## Coffee and Conversations (Middle School & High School):

February 6, 2025, at 12pm to 1pm

## Coffee and Conversations (Birth- Kinder):

None Scheduled Currently

**Call the School Liaison- Jennifer at 301-295-7849 with assistance, Today!**

### References:

PPMD (2024). Website. About Us. <https://www.ppmmd.org/about-us/#our-story>

Special Ed Connection. (2024). Website. [www.specialedconnection.com](http://www.specialedconnection.com)