



Primary Montessori Day School Inclement Weather Policy

Primary Montessori Day School follows Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) concerning delayed opening, early closing and cancellation of school due to inclement weather.

Announcements are made on:

The MCPS website home page (by 5am):

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org>

Television/Cable:

Local News Stations (NBC, FOX, ABC, etc.)

Primary Montessori Day School's Facebook Page (by 7am):

<https://www.facebook.com/primarymontessori/>

We recommend ALL PARENTS sign up for Montgomery County Weather/Emergency mobile alerts at:

<https://alert.montgomerycountymd.gov/>

- For early morning decisions, the county begins road inspection at 3am so that a decision can be forwarded to media in time for the 5am news broadcasts. The decision will also be available online at the MCPS website by 5am.
- We ask that you please do not call the school to obtain snow closing announcement information. We need our telephone lines to be available in-case of an emergency and for general office use. **Please sign up for Montgomery County Weather/Emergency mobile alerts regarding MCPS closings/delays and be aware of forecasts for inclement weather.** Thank you for your help!
- If inclement weather occurs on a day **when Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) are already scheduled to be closed, but Primary Montessori is scheduled to be open**, we will email parents and post an announcement on our Facebook page.

Snow/Inclement Weather Policies:

- **School Is Closed:** If Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is closed due to inclement weather, **we are closed.**
- **Delayed Opening:** If Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has a two-hour delayed opening, **we will also have a two hour delay**, opening at 11:00am. Children may arrive between 10:35am-11:00am. No Early Bird program.
- **Early Closing:** If Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) closes early, **we will close early at 12:30pm.** Noon dismissal/half-day children will leave during their normal dismissal queue (11:40am – 12:00pm). **Dismissal queue for all full-day students will be between 12:05pm – 12:30pm.** In the case of an early closing, announcements by MCPS will be made by 11am and our school will also send out an email alert.

Note: Please be very careful on our ring road during challenging weather. It is very slow to thaw, particularly on the two back curved areas. No matter how often we have it cleared and salted there is often a re-freeze. During yet another year of “Covid queue,” we are entering from 3 points that include ramps and steps, so we need to allow for more melting time for safe arrival. Thank you for your help!

