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Up to the

5th Grade CHALLENGE ???

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2017 production of *Are You Up to the Fifth Grade Challenge?* This event celebrates the excellence of our schools, the talents of our fifth grade students, and the important work of the Montgomery County Public Schools Educational Foundation. Tonight's production also marks the fifth anniversary of the Fifth Grade Challenge.

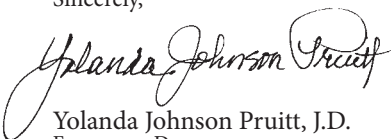
For the fifth consecutive year, our invitations to participate in this production received a warm response from MCPS schools, parents, and professionals from around the region. We especially want to thank our four contestants for their gracious acceptance of the Fifth Grade Challenge. Their enthusiastic participation is certain to result in an evening of fun and education.

In honor of the fifth anniversary, **we are pleased to introduce the Are You Up to the Fifth Grade Challenge App!** This app was made possible by a grant from Howard Hughes Medical Institute; it was developed by Dig-It! Games, Bethesda, Maryland, with the hands-on participation of eighth grade students at Argyle Middle School. Our audience tonight will be among the first to download and play the game.

Through this production, the audience is shown how MCPS inspires its students to think critically and collaboratively as they learn about a broad range of subjects; and the audience is shown how technology enhances the educational experience of our students. As we prepare to enter our third decade of operation, the Foundation continues to help make technology more accessible at many MCPS schools.

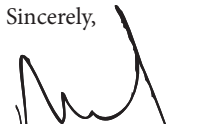
Thank you for your presence tonight and for your active interest in MCPS students.

Sincerely,



Yolanda Johnson Pruitt, J.D.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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Sincerely,



Melvyn Leshinsky
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GET THE **5TH GRADE CHALLENGE APP!**



GET ACCESS TO ALL THE QUESTIONS
from the popular
**MCPS Educational
Foundation production**

Look for the FREE 5th Grade Challenge app!

This application was developed by Dig-It! Games, LLC and the 2017 Argyle Middle School eighth grade class. The app is intended as a study aid. The logo (shown above) was designed by student Marc Olivier Lema. The project was made possible by a grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.



PROGRAM



Monday, April 24, 2017 • 6 p.m.

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CELEBRITY EMCEE

Catherine Leggett

TEACHER OF THE CLASS

Elaine Chang-Baxter

Introduction of the Fifth Grade Class I

CONTESTANT I

Jonathan Brice, Ed.D.

Educator

CONTESTANT II

Joe Ketterer

Landscaper

Intermission

Introduction of the Fifth Grade Class II

CONTESTANT III

Marla Caplon, R.D., L.D.

Dietitian

CONTESTANT IV

Woody Woodroof

Farmer

Concluding Remarks

THE FIFTH GRADE CLASS

(alphabetical by school name, followed by name of principal)

Ashburton ES
Mr. Gregory C. Mullenholz
Oscar E. L. Knox

Bells Mill ES
Mrs. Jerri L. Oglesby
Arun Sinha

Belmont ES
Mr. Evan J. Pinkowitz
Arielle Schmeidler

Brooke Grove ES
Mrs. Jolynn E. Tarwater
Forbes T. Chinwendu

Cashell ES
Mr. Antonio C. Scott
Eliora Torbay

Chevy Chase ES
Mrs. Jody L. Smith
Renuka Rubin

Cloverly ES
Dr. Melissa A. Brunson
James McRae

Darnestown ES
Mrs. Laura S. Colgary
Naiya Pearce

Diamond ES
Mr. Daniel Walder
Shivani Sogal

Dr. Charles R. Drew ES
Mrs. Wanda L. Means Harris
Keuyrbel Zewedu

East Silver Spring ES
Dr. Adrienne L. Morrow
Axel Henriquez

Forest Knolls ES
Mr. Evan Bernstein
Hannah Tran

Greenwood ES
Mrs. Cheryl A. Bunyan
Ashley Krahe

Harmony Hills ES
Dr. Carole E. Rawlison
Davis Rodriguez

Lakewood ES
Ms. Debra A. Berner
Charles Liddle

Pine Crest ES
Ms. Cheryl E. Booker
Kaiya Paines

Potomac ES
Dr. Catherine R. Allie
Yifan Ben

Judith A. Resnik ES
Ms. LaTricia D. Thomas
Michael J. Leahy

Sligo Creek ES
Mrs. Diantha R. Swift
Luke Welsh

Somerset ES
Ms. Kelly Morris
Josephine Panner

Strawberry Knoll ES
Mr. Patrick E. Scott

Darlene Sanchez

Travilah ES
Mrs. Susan Shenk

Luke Bryan

Westover ES
Dr. Patricia A. Kelly

Morgan Brooks

Wyngate ES
Mr. Travis J. Wiebe

Fermina Pareja Plada

Alternates

Candlewood ES
Dr. Linda B. Sheppard

John F. Hauprich IV

East Silver Spring ES
Dr. Adrienne L. Morrow

Milena P. Habtom

Travilah ES
Mrs. Susan Shenk

Jennifer Jeon

ABOUT THE CAST



Catherine Leggett (Celebrity Emcee)

Catherine Leggett is senior vice president for human resources at ICMA-RC, a nonprofit, independent financial services corporation focused on providing retirement security for the public sector. ICMA-RC services more than 1 million public sector participant accounts and approximately 9,000 retirement plans. Ms. Leggett is a lifetime board member of

Montgomery Hospice, chair of Maryland State Commission for Public Art, and has served on many boards helping youth and the arts. She also serves her community in a variety of ways in her capacity as First Lady of Montgomery County.



Elaine Chang-Baxter (Teacher of the Class)

Elaine Chang-Baxter is in her 24th year serving MCPS, and was recently appointed director of partnerships. In her new role, she works toward a greater collective impact for MCPS students and their families by encouraging relationships with public and private sector partners. A John F. Kennedy High School graduate, Elaine returned to MCPS for a career in

education after earning a bachelor's degree from The University of Pennsylvania. The former MCPS elementary school principal also earned a master of science degree from The Johns Hopkins University School of Education.

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ABOUT THE CAST continued



Jonathan Brice, Ed.D. (Contestant)

Associate Superintendent, Office of Student and Family Support and Engagement, Montgomery County Public Schools

Jonathan has 23+ years of experience as a PreK-12 education professional in six large public schools districts. Dr. Brice leads a family-facing student and family support organization to ensure that MCPS students' health, safety, school engagement, and social emotional development needs are met, allowing them to succeed academically. The former United States Department of Education deputy assistant secretary earned an Ed.D. and an M.Ed. from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He and Crystal Brice are the proud parents to their blended family of three daughters and two sons.



Joe Ketterer (Contestant)

*Director of Quality and Efficiency
Landscape Management Division, Ruppert Landscape*

Joe is a 30-year veteran of the landscape industry with a wealth of experience in various fields, including turfgrass management, weed management, and other landscape management processes. He holds a bachelor's degree in ornamental horticulture from The Pennsylvania State University and is a certified pesticide applicator in ornamentals, turf, industrial weed, and aquatics with the Maryland and Virginia Departments of Agriculture. Joe joined Ruppert Landscape in August 2014. He mentors an ever-increasing population of branch production teams and is often referred to as "Coach K" by his young protégés.



Marla Caplon, R.D., L.D. (Contestant)

*Director, Division of Food and Nutrition Services,
Montgomery County Public Schools*

Marla is a registered and licensed dietitian and has worked with MCPS since 1988. She has devoted her career to the elimination of hunger and the promotion of health and wellness among all populations. Recognizing the numbers of students that are impacted by hunger, Marla has been passionate in expanding after-school and summer meal programs. Ms. Caplon received a B.S. degree in nutrition and dietetics from the University of Maryland. She is a past director and board chair for Manna, Montgomery County's food bank.



Woody Woodroof (Contestant)

Executive Director & Founder, Red Wiggler Community Farm

Coming from a family of entrepreneurs, Woodroof set out on a mission to find land and begin a farm where people with developmental disabilities could work. Red Wiggler Farm was officially founded in 1996 as a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization to create meaningful, fully included jobs for adults with developmental disabilities through the business of growing and selling high-quality, home-grown vegetables.

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MCPS, the nation's 17th largest school district, also has been recognized for its outstanding business and operational success. In 2010, MCPS was a recipient of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, which recognizes operational excellence and outstanding outcomes. MCPS is one of seven public school districts to receive the award since the inception of the program in 1988.

These successes come at a time when our district is growing rapidly and changing demographically. Enrollment at MCPS has grown by 11,000 students since 2007, and is expected to grow by another 10,000 students in the coming five years.

AS MCPS looks to the future, we will need our entire community to come together to help provide our students with the knowledge, skills, and support they need for success in the 21st century. Our commitment to excellence is strong as we build the future together for our students and our county.

About the Montgomery County Public Schools Educational Foundation

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (MCPSEF) was established in 1988 by the Montgomery County Board of Education to receive escheat funds, bequests, and contributions and grants from charitable foundations, government granting agencies, businesses, and interested citizens.

Funds received by MCPSEF are awarded to MCPS staff for projects designed to enhance the educational experiences of MCPS students. The MCPS Educational Foundation provides grants to MCPS schools in support of technology and academic-enrichment programs. Since its inception, the foundation has partnered with public officials and private donors to award scholarships totaling more than \$1 million to MCPS students. Every gift to the foundation helps to continue the tradition of excellence that defines Montgomery County Public Schools.

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