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Montgomery County Public Schools

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School Board Approved: March 20, 2012

12 MONTH CALENDAR

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DATE	HOLIDAY/BREAK
Jul 4	Independence Day
Sep 3	Labor Day
Nov 21-23	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 24-26 & 31	Winter Break
Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Feb 18	Virginia Heroes' Day/Presidents' Day
Mar 29 & Apr 1	Spring Break
May 27	Memorial Day
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- Schools closed Paid Holiday/Break for 12 month employees
- Induction workdays for new licensed staff
- Schools open

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- Collaborative planning Early dismissal Grades K-5 (2 1/2 hours early)
- Parent/Teacher conference week (Schools in session)
- Early dismissal All students 2 1/2 hrs early
- ➤ Schools closed Workday for 12 month employees

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*The School Board approved November 21, 2012 as a non-workday for 12 Month employees.

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2012-2013 School Calendar Definitions and Explanations School Board Approved: March 20, 2012

Pre-Labor Day Opening - Montgomery County schools start before Labor Day. This start date provides for adequate inclement weather make-up days without needing to adjust weekends or vacations and without increasing the length of the school day. The General Assembly allows school divisions to begin before Labor Day if they have missed an average of 8 or more days in at least 5 of the last 10 years. Montgomery County has qualified for this pre-Labor Day start.

Student Attendance Days - The General Assembly mandates that the school year must include a minimum of 180 school days per year. The requested length of a school day is at least 5 hours and 30 minutes of instruction or 990 hours of instruction for the school year.

Inclement Weather Make-Up Day Plan - This calendar includes 6 additional days to be used as needed to make up missed school days due to inclement weather or other emergencies. The plan for adjusting the school calendar due to inclement weather is printed below. The school year may be extended if deemed necessary by the School Board.

Banked Time - Instruction in excess of the minimum 5 hour 30 minute day is considered banked time. In Montgomery County, schools accumulate 30 minutes per day (5,400 minutes per year) of banked time. Time associated with scheduled early dismissals, as well as unscheduled early dismissals and delayed openings due to inclement weather, is subtracted from banked time.

The General Assembly allows banked time to be used to make up time lost due to extenuating circumstances such as inclement weather or other emergencies. The Montgomery County School Board believes that learning is enhanced by our slightly longer than required school day and that banked time should only be used as a last resort in making up instructional time.

Teacher Workdays - Days off for students are reserved for teachers in schools for grading exams, preparing grades, developing lesson plans, and for staff development activities.

Parent/Teacher Conferences - Elementary and Secondary Parent/Teacher Conference weeks have been scheduled for October 1-5 and March 11-15. Parent/Teacher conference weeks are scheduled to provide a flexible time frame for teachers to meet in schools with parents to discuss student progress. Schools will remain in session during the conference weeks. District wide Parent/Teacher conference days will be held on October 4, 2012, (Early Dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hours early) and on March 14, 2013, (Work/Staff development day - Nonschool day for students). Conference times will be arranged by individual schools.

Collaborative Planning/Early Dismissal Days for K-5 Students - Early dismissal days for K-5 students are scheduled to provide collaborative planning time for elementary teachers.

Paid Holidays for Employees - Paid holidays, per current policy, include Independence Day Observed (July 4), Labor Day (September 3), Thanksgiving (November 22-23), Winter Break (December 24, 25, 26 & 31), New Year's Day (January 1), Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 21), Virginia Heroes' Day/Presidents' Day (February 18), Spring Break (March 29 & April 1), and Memorial Day (May 27).

**The School Board approved November 21, 2012 as a non-workday for all 12 Month Employees.

Inclement Weather Make-Up Day Plan					
If 0 days are missed the last day of school will be on	May 23rd				
If 1 day is missed the last day of school will be on	May 24th				
If 2 days are missed the last day of school will be on	May 28th				
If 3 days are missed the last day of school will be on	May 29th				
If 4 days are missed the last day of school will be on	May 30th				
If 5 days are missed the last day of school will be on	May 31st				
If 6 days are missed the last day of school will be on	June 3rd				
If more than 6 days are missed, banked time may be used as provided by	Sec. 22.1098 of the Code of Virginia.				