

**Sherwood Elementary School**  
10/01/19

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) once again is pleased to offer the opportunity for all Grade 5 students to attend the Student Concerts presented this year by Strathmore Artists in Residence Blues Band on **October 23, 2019** at The Music Center at Strathmore. This program gives our students exposure to the wonderful world of jazz and blues music in a concert hall setting. Our goal is to inspire a love and appreciation of music and the arts at a young age that will grow and develop over a lifetime. MCPS is able to provide these concerts at no cost to families.

Students may only attend these performances in the company of their school. For safety reasons, parents may not drop off or pick student up from The Music Center at Strathmore.

This program aligns with and complements the Maryland State Curriculum for Elementary Music and the National Standards for Music Education by providing students an opportunity to listen and respond to music and to demonstrate understanding through visual representation, verbal description, and movement. Students develop an understanding that music is an essential aspect of history and human experience.

Grade 5 students currently are preparing for this year's program in their music classes so that they can actively participate in the upcoming concerts. They are learning about the history of blues in the United States, focusing primarily on the 12-bar blues. I encourage you to discuss this program with your child so that he/she can make the most of this opportunity. By signing and returning this form to your child's school, you are granting permission for your child to attend this school activity.

Sincerely,

**Dina Brewer**  
School Principal

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Elementary Blues 101 Concert  
The Music Center at Strathmore

Please return this form to your child's teacher by **October 16, 2019**.

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Please print

**Parent's/Guardian's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_