 **Key Ways to Stay Informed at**

 **College Gardens Elementary School**

1. **College Gardens Elementary School Website**. This website is maintained by College Gardens’ staff and is our school’s official website.

* + Visit: [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/collegegardenses/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/collegegardenses/)

1. **College Gardens PTA Website**. The CGES PTA website is updated regularly with important information about school events and programs, before/after school activities and clubs, PTA membership, volunteer opportunities, fundraisers and more.

* Visit: [www.cgespta.org](http://www.cgespta.org/)

1. **PTA Weekly News Flash**. The PTA News Flash is a key weekly communication update for parents to stay informed about CGES news and events.
	* **To subscribe**, visit <http://flash.cgespta.org>
* **To submit an item** for inclusion in the News Flash, email communication@cgespta.org with the subject line “News Flash” and include the title, detailed description, a jpeg image, if possible, and start/end date of your news item. Please submit items by Thursday at 5:00 p.m. for the following Monday’s Flash.

1. **Weekly Communication Packets**.

Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, all packets will be delivered electronically every Friday.

1. **College Gardens Parent Teacher Lounge on Facebook**. The Facebook page is a place where parents, teachers, and staff can informally share news and information about experiences and happenings at CGES. This group is not formally moderated. To join, visit: [www.facebook.com/groups/395335406418/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/395335406418/) or search *College Gardens Parent Teacher Lounge.*
2. **PTA Meetings.** PTA meetings occur on the first Tuesday of the month 4-5 times a year. Dates can be found on the PTA website, school calendar, or in the Flash. A representative from the CGES administration provides an update, and there is a forum for discussion.