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## Principal's Message

## May / June 2018 Newsletter

It is that time of year to think about planning for the end of another school year. We want to provide you with upcoming events so that you can plan and help prepare your children. The official last day of school will be June 15. Chase Elementary School will be closing at 12:30 on June 14 and June 15. Also, school will reopen on September 4 for students. Now you can begin scheduling your summer activities!

In order to provide families with as much notice as possible, we have scheduled all of the end of the year activities. Please see the calendar in this newsletter for dates and times so you can attend as many functions as possible. This year students in grades K-2 will be performing vocal music selections at the beginning of their end of the year celebration in the gym.

May is the month designated for state and local assessments. Students in grades K-2 will be administered the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) online assessment that will indicate progress made throughout the school year. Students in grades 3-5 will be taking PARCC (**Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers**). Please continue to emphasize the importance of school and learning by checking to ensure that your children have completed their homework, discussing what your children are learning, and stressing the importance of consistent attendance.

On behalf of the administrative team and staff at Chase, thank you for your support as we work together to provide the best educational experience for each child at Chase.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Wilkins*



## Field Day/House Day

Thursday, May 31, 2018

This year's Field Day will be different than in years past, we will have a morning group and an afternoon group. The groups will be made up of our House members and we will wear our House colors! The 1<sup>st</sup> group will participate in Sports Day from 10:20-12:20. We will then have a picnic lunch with grades K-5 from 12:25-12:55. The 2<sup>nd</sup> group will participate in Sports Day from 1:05-3:05. Look for volunteer forms and lunch forms to come home with your child. We look forward to seeing you all there!

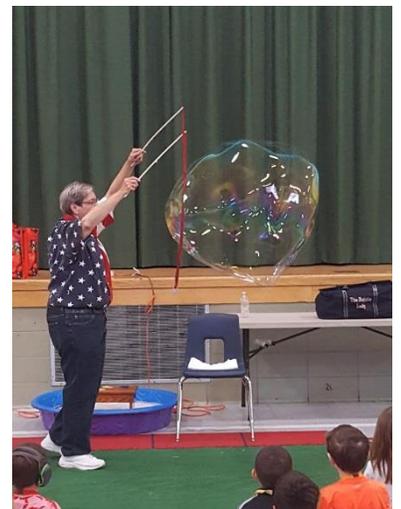


## House Update

Congratulations to the Red House! They were our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter House winners. They were able to enjoy extra time on the Whittle Equipment and enjoyed a treat!

Our April House day was a hit! The Bubble Lady, Ms. Lynch, donated her assembly to students in grades K-5. Students watched as she made giant bubbles, bubbles with "smoke", and different shaped bubbles. Students and staff even had the chance to be put in a bubble. We also made "bubble art" using bingo daubers that our teachers and staff donated to earn House points.

In May, we will help Mrs. Sherwood coordinate Sports Day with House Day activities. In June, we will have a closing to celebrate Houses and find out which team is our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter winner!



## Visitor Check-In Procedures

All parents and other visitors entering the school must use the door entry buzzer system to gain entry into the building.

Office staff will use the speaker phone to ask the visitors their name and the reason for their visit. If entry is granted, visitors

must report directly to the office to obtain a visitors pass/name tag. Although it is polite to hold the door for others, **it is necessary that each visitor gaining entry to the building**

**use the speaker phone to state the reason for entry.** Visitors must show a government issued photo ID or driver's license. The ID will be scanned and the following information will be collected: photo, name and date of birth. The information will be used to check in the visitor, create an ID badge and compare the visitor's information against the sexual offender databases throughout the country. If the visitor's name appears on any of the lists or the visitor refuses to allow the school to scan their ID, the visitor will not be allowed access to the school. Once visitors have their IDs initially scanned, the system will recognize their information and the check-in process will be much quicker. **All visitors are to return to the office and sign-out and return the visitors tag.**



## Spring Concert

On Tuesday, May 29th, at 6:30 p.m, the 4th and 5th grade Chorus, 5th grade band, and 5th grade orchestra will be holding their spring concert at Chase Elementary School. They will be joined by Drama Club, who will be performing selections from Disney movies.



## Nurse's Notes

Seasonal allergies are allergy symptoms that happen during certain times of the year when outdoor molds release their spores, and trees, grasses, and weeds release tiny pollen particles into the air to fertilize other plants.

Children who have never had seasonal allergies in the past can develop them. Seasonal allergies can start at any age, but usually develop by the time someone is 10 years old and reach their peak in the early twenties.

Signs and symptoms of seasonal allergies include sneezing, itchy nose and or throat, nasal congestion, clear, runny nose and coughing. These symptoms often come with itchy, watery, and or red eyes which is called allergic conjunctivitis. Children who have wheezing and shortness of breath in addition to these symptoms might have allergies that trigger asthma.

Talk to your child's doctor if you think your child might have allergies. The doctor will ask about symptoms and when they appear and based on the answers and physical exam, should be able to make a diagnosis. If needed the doctor may refer your child to an allergist for blood tests or allergy skin tests.

There are many ways to treat seasonal allergies. Some children get relief by reducing or eliminating exposure to allergens that bother them. Some other recommendations include keeping the windows closed, use air conditioning and stay indoors when pollen/mold/weed counts are high.

If reducing exposure isn't possible or is ineffective, medications can help ease allergy symptoms. These may include decongestants, antihistamines, allergy eye drops and nasal spray steroids. Consult with your child's doctor to see which types of medications they may recommend.

If your child has been prescribed medication or over the counter medication, please administer the medication prior to your child attending school. It is often difficult for children to attend to classroom instruction when allergy symptoms are present.

KidsHealth.org

\*Letters will be sent home to parents of PK students missing their second MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine. This vaccine is needed prior to beginning kindergarten. If your child needs their second MMR please schedule an appointment with your child's Health Care Provider to receive the vaccine. Documentation your child received the vaccine should be sent to school to the attention of the School Nurse.



COMING AUGUST 13, 2018!

# You gave us feedback, and we listened.



Next year's Learning Management System on BCPS One – which is where you can find student courses, grades, and assignments – will be Schoology.

Schoology makes it easier to find the information you need and communicate with teachers!

- Get information with minimal clicks
- Easily check information for multiple children
- Save resources and join groups set up by teachers

## What You Can Do

Learn about Schoology on BCPS One.

Wait for instructions about logging into Schoology through BCPS One or the Schoology mobile app. Log in will be available on August 13.

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## Questions?

Ask us at <https://tinyurl.com/schoologyonbcpsone>

 **bcps.schoology**  
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## Southeast Area Education Advisory Council Meeting

Please join us on  
Monday, May 21, 2018 in the  
Logan Elementary School Library  
Everyone is welcome.

Topic:  
BCPS & PTA Funds: What can we spend money on?

Please arrive early.  
Presentation begins promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Parents, students, guardians as well as  
community members are welcome to attend.

If you are interested in learning more about our topic  
or have any questions regarding Baltimore County Public Schools,  
please plan on attending.

After the presentation, the Advisory Council meets  
and we welcome input from our local stakeholders.

If you are interested in joining the Southeast Advisory Council, we are  
looking for additional members. Please attend the meeting or contact  
Jackie Brewster [jbrews1@earthlink.net](mailto:jbrews1@earthlink.net) for more information.

Next month's meeting is  
Monday June 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.



BCPS Parent University partners with Baltimore County Public Library to share tips, resources, reading recommendations and everyday activities to support learning at home, transitioning to middle school and more!

DATE	LOCATION	DROP IN TIMES	ADDRESS
May 24	Owings Mills Library	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	10302 Grand Central Ave. 21117
May 29	Rosedale Library	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	6105 Kenwood Ave. 21237
May 30	Catonsville Library	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	1100 Frederick Rd. 21228
May 31	Woodlawn Library	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	1811 Woodlawn Dr. 21207
June 5	Lansdowne Middle	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	2400 Lansdowne Rd. 21227
June 6	Randallstown Library	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	8604 Liberty Rd. 21133
June 6	North Point Library	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	1716 Merritt Blvd. 21222

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**