**Principals Message**

The month of October ended with many special activities at Chase Elementary School. A special thanks to our PTA for sponsoring the Boo Bash and our families for coming out to enjoy the annual dance!

November and December mark a very busy time of year in and out of the schoolhouse. Report cards will be distributed, parent conferences will be held and doors will open to host families during American Education Week. Please join us in the evening for our book fair and winter concert performance by our fourth and fifth grade students.

We will soon close the book on the first quarter and will be scheduling parent conferences at the end of the month to discuss your child’s progress during the first quarter of school. Parent conferences are scheduled for Friday, November 22. Please respond to teachers’ request for your available times promptly, especially if you are limited in your availability to meet. Teachers have over twenty conferences to schedule and plan for in a very short amount of time. Please mark your calendars with the time you are given so that we can respect everyone’s schedule.

On behalf of the faculty and staff, Mrs. Banks and I wish you a happy, and safe holiday season.
Put These Dates on Your Calendar

November 5: PTA – Pie Five Night
November 8: House Day: Wear your House Color
            Schools Close 3 hours early: End of quarter
November 13: PTA – Skyzone Night
November 18-21 American Education Week Visitation and Book Fair
November 15: SPP Parent input meeting 10:00
            Family Reading Night & Book Fair Shopping 6:00-7:00
November 21: Report Card Distribution
            Scholastic Book Fair: Evening Shopping Event 6:00-7:30
            PTA Meeting 6:30
November 22: Schools Closed for Elementary Students (PS-5): Conference Day
November 25: Preschool & PreK Conference day
November 28 – 29: Schools Closed Thanksgiving Holiday
December 6: Chase Library Movie Night @ White Marsh Library @ 6:30PM
December 9: Lifetouch Picture Make-Up Day
December 10: Winter Concert (4th/5th grades) @ 6:00
December 11-17: Reindeer Lane Sponsored by PTA
December 19: House Day: Wear your House Color
December 21 – January 1: Winter break
January 2: Schools Reopen
**WINTER CONCERT**

We are proud to announce that the Chase Elementary Band, Orchestra and Chorus winter concert will be held on December 10th at 6 PM. Students are to arrive at 5:45 and will report directly to Mr. McGrath in the cafeteria. Chorus students will report directly to homerooms. Students should dress to impress (for example; long dress pants and collared shirt for boys, nice dress for girls). I hope you will join us so that we may showcase the extraordinary hard work put forth by our students!

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**Math Committee News!**

The Math/STEM committee will have some exciting events coming up this year. Wildlife Adventures (Educational Outreach Program) will be here on Wednesday, November 27th to host an assembly for our students during the day. Our primary students will see *Wild Tales*. This is a literature-based program that examines the who, what, and why of storytelling. It incorporates unique interactive tales and live animals that bring the stories to life! Our intermediate students will see *The Treasures of Wildlife*. This assembly is a character development program where students learn how to be a better citizen through examining the animals. The turtle teaches students about determination and the snake about self-control, among others. We will also be hosting two family engagement nights in the winter and Spring so please save the dates:

- Tuesday, February 11- Family Math Game Night with special guest Wildlife Adventures
- Tuesday, April 14- Family Science Night hosted by the Science Center
Dear Parents and Families,

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at our school Monday, November 18 – Friday, November 22, 2019 and a special Family Event is scheduled for Thursday, November 21 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Our Book Fair theme for fall 2019 is Arctic Adventure Book Fair, Snow Much to Read. A blizzard of books is headed your way next fall, venture deep into the ice-cold polar regions to the coolest reading expedition ever!

Please complete the form below by circling the areas that you are interested in volunteering. Thank you so much! Return the form to Gayle Amrhine – School Office.

Sincerely,

Gayle Amrhine

Book Fair Chairperson

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Sign me up to help at the Book Fair!

Name ____________________________ Telephone ____________________________
Email ____________________________

I have circled areas where I’d like to help:

• Setting up the Fair – Friday, November 15, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.
• Helping shoppers at the Fair
  Monday, November 18 – 9:00 – 12:00
  Tuesday, November 19 – 9:00 – 12:00
  Wednesday, November 20 – 9:00 – 12:00
  Thursday, November 21 – 9:00 – 12:00
• Packing up the Fair – Friday, November 22, 2019 at 12:00 p.m
The Reading Committee and Chase PTA are teaming up to sponsor a fun family movie night at the White Marsh Library!

When: Friday, December 6, 2019 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Where: Baltimore County Public Library - White Marsh
What: The Grinch

ATTENTION: ALL 4TH AND 5TH GRADE STUDENTS

The 24 Challenge Club at Chase will be starting soon! 24 Challenge is a fast-paced math game that allows players to practice basic facts, review curriculum, and have fun! All fourth and fifth grade students are welcome to join. The club will be held on Wednesday afternoons in room 116 from 3:45-4:30, with the first meeting on Wednesday, December 4th. We will meet each week, unless notified otherwise. We look forward to your child being a part of this exciting opportunity!

Thank you,

Mrs. Harzarik & Mrs. Scripture

*If BCPS closes early for inclement weather or after school activities are cancelled, 24 Challenge will not meet that day.
QUARTERLY AWARDS AT CHASE

All students at Chase are eligible to receive awards as a reflection of their achievement and attendance on a quarterly basis. Report cards have been updated as part of the new grading and reporting policy. Therefore, the criteria for awards has been revised to reflect the current report card achievement and categories. Recognition will be given to students who are eligible based on the following criteria:

**Perfect Attendance:** Students must attend school every day and have no tardy or early dismissal days.

**Honor Roll:** Students must earn all A’s and B’s with no 2’s or 1’s in categories.

**Principal’s Award:** Students must earn all A’s with at least three 4’s in categories and no 2’s or 1’s.

**Bringing Up Grades Award:** Students must bring up at least 1 grade without lowering any. This is awarded during the 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarter.

**Citizenship Award:** Students must earn all 3’s in Skills and Conduct.

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**Nurses Notes November 2019**

What are coughs?

Coughs are one of the most common symptoms of childhood illness. A cough can sound awful, but usually is not a sign of a serious condition.

There are different types of coughs:

- **Barking Coughs** are usually caused by swelling in the upper airway. This type of cough may be called “croup.” Children younger than 3 are most at risk for croup because their airways are so narrow.

- **Whooping Cough** otherwise known as Pertussis is a bacterial infection of the airway. Children with whooping cough will take a deep breath in after they cough which makes a “whooping” sound. Other symptoms include a runny nose, sneezing, and a low grade fever. The pertussis vaccine which is part of the DTaP vaccine prevents children from getting whooping cough.

- **Cough with wheezing** could mean that a child’s lower airway in their lungs are swollen. This can happen with asthma or bronchitis.

- **Cough with a mild fever, and runny nose** is probably from the common cold, but coughs with fevers of 102 degrees or higher may indicate pneumonia. In this case contact your child’s doctor immediately.
Some children cough so much that it triggers their gag reflex, which makes them throw up. Children may also vomit if they have a cold with lots of mucus that is draining in their throats and stomach. Coughs caused by colds due to viruses can last weeks. If your child still has a cough after 2 – 3 weeks, contact their doctor. Asthma, allergies and sinus infections may cause persistent coughing.

In the school setting, a persistent cough may prevent your child from attending to instruction. It may be helpful to administer a non-drowsy cough and cold medication prior to school. Consult with your child’s Doctor to see what type of medication they feel is best based upon your child’s symptoms. Cool drinks of water may help sooth your child’s throat and keep them hydrated. Cough drops can be given in school, with parental permission and a completed Discretionary Medication Form. Cough and cold medication may not be given in school without a Doctor’s order.

https://kidshealth.org

*The Baltimore County Health Department Technician will be at Chase Elementary beginning November 5th to conduct hearing and vision screening. Students in PK, Grades 1 and 4 will be screened as well as new students to BCPS and students that were not screened last year. If your child wears glasses please remind them to wear them to school each day.*

American education week is right around the corner. This year AEW is scheduled for November 18-21. As you know, everyone must be screened through the Raptor system in order to visit the classroom. If you are not yet registered in Raptor, please come to the office before you plan to visit that week. It only takes a government issued photo ID, for example your driver’s license, and a minute of your time. We will have visitors’ passes already printed for those who are in the system but waiting in a long line that day could limit the amount of time you will be in your child’s classroom.

We look forward to your visits to Chase. In order to make the visits comfortable for our guests and to insure the safety of everyone in the building, we ask that you cooperate with us.
Parents and grandparents are invited into the classroom for the duration of the morning until students’ designated lunchtime. Lunchtime will signify the conclusion of the morning visitation. Due to capacity limitations in the cafeteria, we cannot accommodate visitors during lunch this week. Visitors are welcome to join the class after they return from lunch.

Please shut off cell phones for incoming personal calls and texts. This will limit the distractions during instructional time.

Our classrooms are not large enough for strollers. If you bring younger children to Chase during American Education Week, please plan to leave your child’s stroller in the hall outside the room. In the event of an emergency, we must have clear access for everyone to exit the building.

BCPS does not allow smoking on any of its properties.

Below is the suggested visitation schedule.

Monday, November 18  First Grade & Third Grade
Tuesday, November 19  Preschool, Pre-K & Kindergarten
Wednesday, November 20  Second Grade
Thursday, November 21  Fourth Grade & Fifth Grade

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR SCHEDULE**

Proceeds will be used to purchase supplemental school supplies and incentives.

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**OPEN SHOP * A time for parents to browse the selection without their child.**
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Visit our book fair ONLINE @

http://www.scholastic.com/bf/chasees

Shop 24/7 from November 13-26

Orders shipped directly to purchaser!
Browse the expanded book selection.
Southeast Area Education Advisory Council Meeting

Please join us on
Monday, November 18, 2019 in the
Dundalk ES Library.
Everyone is welcome.

Topic:
Tour of the School & Conscious Discipline

Presented by:
Patricia Mustipher,
Coordinator, School Social Work

Please arrive early. Presentation begins promptly at 7 pm.

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 for more information.

There is no meeting in December.
Our next monthly meeting is
Monday, January 27, 2020 at 7 pm in the
Edgemere ES Library
Advanced Academics