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Principals Message

Happy New Year!

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed the holidays and were able to share many memorable moments with family and friends. The children entered the building January 2nd with smiling faces and re-adjusted to school routines quickly. The New Year provides us with a time for reflection and goal setting as we close out the second quarter and begin the second semester of the school year. Please continue to monitor your child's attendance, review homework, classwork and assessments on Schoology via BCPS One and reinforce behavioral expectations.

January and February will bring a deliberate focus on goal setting and attaining personal achievement in the content areas of reading and math. Students will be taking the MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) assessment which will indicate academic achievement. On behalf of the entire Chase staff, I would like to extend our most sincere wishes to you and your family for a happy and healthy new year. Thank you for allowing us to help make your child's future bright.

Calendar

- January 9 Team BCPS Day (wear blue)
- January 20 Martin Luther King, Jr's. Birthday. Schools and Offices Closed.
- January 24 House Day
Second Marking Period Ends – Schools Close
Three Hours Early (12:30)
- February 4 Schools Closed: special 7th congressional district election
- February 6 Report Cards Distributed
Kindergarten Parent Night @6:00PM
- February 11 Family Jenga Night w/ Wildlife Adventures @6:30
- February 28 House Day
- March 2 Picture Day

Thursday, January 9th is Team BCPS Day!

Show your pride in BCPS and wear blue. On the second Thursday of January, Baltimore County Public Schools asks everyone to share photos on social media (using #BCPSblue) in which they wear blue to show their BCPS pride. Creativity is encouraged in finding other ways to celebrate the school system's unity and impact on the community.



Changes announced to Baltimore County Public Schools calendar for 2019-2020 school year

Schools and offices to be closed on Feb. 4 and open on Presidents' Day, Feb. 17

All Baltimore County public schools and offices will be closed on Tuesday, February 4, for the special 7th congressional district election to fill the remainder of the term in the [United States House of Representatives](#) created by the death of [Elijah Cummings](#), the incumbent representative. This closure will shift the last day of classes for students from Friday, June 19 to Monday, June 22.

In addition, pending Maryland State Board of Education approval, Baltimore County public schools and offices will be open on Presidents' Day, Monday, February 17, to make up for the school system's emergency closure of schools on December 16, 2019. This change is in accordance with the [2019-2020 school calendar](#) and the planned use of emergency closure make-up days.



Cafeteria Assistant

Now hiring cafeteria assistant to work Monday-Friday 11:25-1:25. If interested please contact Gayle Amrhine, 410-887-5940 gamrhine@bcps.org, for details and information.

Kindergarten Parent Night

Thursday, February 6th @ 6:00PM

Parents are invited to an informational session to help understand the different reading levels that kindergarten students are accessing each day. We will provide strategies that you can use with your children at home to improve their reading. Parents will leave with resources and materials to support reading.

Math Committee News



You Are Invited
Family Game Night
With Special Guest: Wildlife Adventures
Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2020
Time: 6:30–7:30 PM

We invite you to join us for a night of fun math Jenga games for all ages. There will be opportunities to earn building blocks to take home with you! You will also learn about amazing animals with Wildlife Adventures!

Career Day

WHEN STUDENTS SEE A PURPOSE FOR THEIR LEARNING, THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO ACHIEVE!

What: Career Day-We are looking for parents and community members to present all of the wonderful aspects about their career.

When: On House Day, February 28th 1:15-3:15

Where: Chase Elementary

Why: Expand our students' knowledge about future opportunities.

Next steps: A flyer will be forthcoming to complete if you are interested in presenting to our students.

Nurse's Notes

Happy New Year!

Hearing and Vision Screening failure letters were mailed home in November for students who did not pass either their hearing or vision screening in November. Follow up phone calls and or emails were made prior to the winter break. If your child failed their hearing or vision screening, please follow up with a Health Care Professional and send the completed report located at the bottom of the letter to Ms. Molnar. Once the report is received your child's health file will be updated. If you have misplaced the letter that was mailed home, contact Ms. Molnar and she will send another letter to you. Your child's ability to see and hear is an integral part of them being successful in the classroom setting.

As a friendly reminder, it is recommended that if your child has been ill, they should be fever free for 24 hours without Tylenol or Ibuprofen before returning to school. Likewise, if they have been vomiting or having diarrhea, they should remain home for 24 hours after the symptoms have stopped. It is important that your child be fully recovered before returning to school.



BCPS Now Mobile App

Download the **FREE** BCPS Now app for Android and iPhone to receive the latest operating status announcements, upcoming events, news and spotlight information about Baltimore County Public Schools. With BCPS Now you'll receive all of this information directly on your smart device as soon as it is announced. You can also choose to receive notifications regarding changes in BCPS Operating Status, important news and events and disruptions in our online instructional resources the moment they are posted.* The app reports the last time the information was refreshed on your device to ensure that your connection is active and that you are receiving up-to-date information.

**Receipt of Operating Status notifications requires an active data connection. Click the settings icon in the upper left corner of the BCPS Now app to enable or disable notifications.*



Inclement Weather

When it is decided that schools are to be closed for inclement weather, an announcement will be made by local television and radio stations, BCPS website www.bcps.org, BCPS information line, 410-887-5555 and the Education Channel and BCPS Now APP. Therefore, students and parents are asked not to call the school for this information as all telephone lines need to remain open in the event that additional changes need to be made. These announcements are made for the cancellation of school, as well as for delayed openings and early dismissals.

When there is a one hour delay breakfast will be served. When there is a two hour delay, NO BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED.

Parent Lending Library

The Parent Lending Library is open to ALL parents/caregivers at any time! The games would be perfect for some inside fun during the cold wintery months! You can always request a certain item by calling 410-887-5940. We do need parent permission before any games or resources can be sent home with students. The items will then be signed out to you and sent home in your child's book bag. Parent Lending Library items may be checked out 2 items at a time and may be kept for 2 weeks.

