March/April 2020 Newsletter
Chase Teacher of the Year

Please join our entire school community in celebrating the nomination of Mrs. Amy Fowler, for Baltimore County Teacher of the Year! We couldn’t be prouder of her achievement. We look forward to celebrating this prestigious recognition in the spring. If you don’t work directly with Mrs. Fowler, here’s a snapshot.

Mrs. Fowler has been teaching in Baltimore County for 13 years. This is her second year at Chase Elementary. She graduated from Towson University with a degree in Early Childhood Education and has a master’s degree in School Improvement Leadership from Goucher College. Mrs. Fowler has a passion for literacy and enjoys fostering a love of reading in all children. Mrs. Fowler said, “It is a dream to work with the students, staff, and families at Chase Elementary. I have enjoyed every moment of becoming part of the Chase family. It is a true joy to form meaningful relationships that enhance student growth and promote a love of learning.”

Mrs. Fowler has two daughters, Emily (5) and Eleanor (1). She enjoys vacationing at the beach and spending time outside with her family.

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March is ...Youth Art Month

Celebrate Youth Art Month with Chase Elementary School. Stop by the Carroll Island McDonald’s and enjoy the student art exhibit that will be displayed in the restaurant.

Youth Art Month is an annual observation each March to emphasize the value of art education for all children and to encourage public support for quality school art programs. Youth Art Month provides a forum for telling the public that art education develops self-esteem, the appreciation of the work of others, a sense of pride in self-expression, the ability to evaluate the artworks, and cooperation in working with others. Many learning skills are fostered through experience in the visual arts that are not possible in other subjects.

Pre-School 3’s/Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten Registration

Chase Elementary School will hold screening for Pre-Kindergarten on Friday, May 1st. To be considered for Pre-Kindergarten, a child must be 4 years old by September 1, 2020. If Chase Elementary School is your zoned school, please call 410-887-5940 to receive a registration packet and an appointment time.

If your child will be 3 years old by September 1, 2020 and Chase is your zoned school, please call for a registration packet. We will not be screening 3 year olds. Only children who meet the enrollment criteria after all registration documents are received will be accepted into the program. Please call the school office at 410-887-5940 and a packet will be mailed to you.

Children who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2020 and live within the Chase Elementary School boundaries must be enrolled in a Kindergarten program. Please contact the school for a registration packet. (410-887-5940)

Documents necessary to register a child in a Baltimore County Public School are as follows:

- Birth Certificate
- Parent Photo ID
- Immunization Record
- Lease, Deed, or Property Tax Bill in the parent’s name
- Three pieces of current mail dated within 60 days of registration
PreK- Grade 2

SING ALONG!

Please join us for a sing along as we highlight literacy through the arts. PreK through Grade 2 students will perform familiar children's songs that emphasize rhythm and rhyme. Families will have the opportunity to participate in the sing along, make crafts, and leave with a song book all while celebrating the magical connection between music and early literacy.

Who: PreK- Grade 2 students

When: Tuesday, March 24th, 5:30-6:30

Where: Chase Elementary

Why: Early literacy begins with spoken language. Learn how song and rhyme in early childhood builds basic early literacy skills and sets your child up for future reading success.
Math Committee News

The Math committee would like to thank all the families that attended the Family Math Game Night. We would also like to thank Wildlife Adventures for coming and bringing their special animal guests. They were definitely a crowd favorite. The committee will be hosting one more family night in April. This will be hosted by the Science Center. For the families that came last year, all new hands-on engineering activities will be available for families to participate in. We hope to see you there!
Climate Committee News

Our last House Day was amazing! Our Chase families and friends volunteered their time to talk to our Mighty Mustangs about their careers. Students rotated through their condos to listen to 3-4 different student-friendly presentations created by our volunteers. Students did a great job not only listening but asking relevant questions at the end of each presentation. We want to take the time to thank the following Community of Presenters for all their time and expertise:

Laura Berggren   Terashelle Blue   Kathryn Bundick   Josh Cordell
Marian Dreves   Angela Goetz   Tiffany Gutowski   Kristen Routzhan
How does my child learn to read and what can I do to help at home? Phonics rules don’t have to be intimidating. This workshop will provide you with knowledge and strategies to use at home to support your child in becoming a confident and accurate reader.

Offered at these Baltimore County Public Library Locations

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<td>March 18, 2020</td>
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Register at [https://phonicsk3.eventbrite.com](https://phonicsk3.eventbrite.com) or email parentu@bcps.org

Baltimore County Public Schools
Department of Communications and Community Outreach
Office of Family and Community Engagement
ParentU@bcps.org
443-809-0355

Nurse’s Notes
Hand Washing: A Powerful Antidote to Illness

How many times have you and your child washed your hands today?

You might not have given it much thought. It’s either part of your routine, done frequently without thinking, or maybe you don’t do it much at all. But as your pediatrician may have told you, hand washing may be the single most important act you and your child have for disease prevention (/English/health-issues/conditions/prevention/Pages/default.aspx).

Making It Habit

As early as possible, get your child into the habit of washing her hands often and thoroughly. All day long, your child is exposed to bacteria and viruses—when touching a playmate, sharing toys, or petting the cat. Once her hands pick up these germs (/English/health-issues/conditions/prevention/Pages/Germ-Prevention-Strategies.aspx), she can quickly infect herself by:

- Rubbing her eyes
- Touching her nose
- Placing her fingers in her mouth

The whole process can happen in seconds, and cause an infection that can last for days, weeks, or even longer.

When To Wash

Hand washing can stop the spread of infection. The key is to encourage your child to wash her hands throughout the day. For example, help her or remind her to wash her hands:

- Before eating (including snacks)
- After a trip to the bathroom (/English/safety-prevention/at-home/Pages/Bathroom-Safety.aspx)
- Whenever she comes in from playing outdoors (/English/safety-prevention/at-home/Pages/Backyard-Safety.aspx)
- After touching an animal like a family pet (/English/health-issues/conditions/from-insects-animals/Pages/Pets-and-Pasteurella-Infections.aspx)
- After sneezing or coughing (/English/health-issues/conditions/ear-nose-throat/Pages/Coughs-and-Colds-Medicines-or-Home-Remedies.aspx) if she covers her mouth
- When someone in the household is ill

Studies on hand washing in public restrooms (/English/ages-stages/toddler/toilet-training/Pages/Using-a-Public-Bathroom.aspx) show that most people don’t have very good hygiene habits. “Hand washing” may mean just a quick splash of water and perhaps a squirt of soap, but not nearly enough to get their hands clean.
Steps to Proper Hand Washing

So what does a thorough hand washing involve? The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the following steps:

- Wet your child’s hands.
- Apply clean bar soap or liquid soap to the hands, and then place the bar on a rack where it can drain before the next hand washing.
- Rub the hands vigorously together. Scrub every surface completely.
- Keep rubbing and scrubbing for 10 to 15 seconds to effectively remove the germs.
- Rinse the hands completely, then dry them.

About Antibacterial Soaps

Drugstore shelves are full of trendy antibacterial soaps, but studies have shown that these antibacterial products are no better at washing away dirt and germs than regular soap. Some infectious disease experts have even suggested that by using antibacterial soaps, you may actually kill off normal bacteria and increase the chances that resistant bacteria may grow.

The best solution is to wash your child’s hands with warm water and ordinary soap that does not contain antibacterial substances (e.g., triclosan). Regular use of soap and water is better than using waterless (and often alcohol-based) soaps, gels, rinses, and hand rubs when your child’s hands are visibly dirty (and with children, there usually is dirt on the hands!). However, when there is no sink available (e.g., the car), hand rubs can be a useful alternative.

How Long to Wash

Keep in mind that although 10 to 15 seconds of hand washing sounds like an instant, it is much longer than you think. Time yourself the next time you wash your hands. Watch your child while she’s washing her hands to make sure she’s developing good hygiene behaviors. Pick a song that lasts for 15 seconds and sing it while you wash. Encourage your child to wash her hands not only at home, but also at school, at friends’ homes, and everywhere else. It’s an important habit for her to get into, and hopefully one that’s hard to break!

Last Updated 1/28/2020

The information contained on this Web site should not be used as a substitute for the medical care and advice of your pediatrician. There may be variations in treatment that your pediatrician may recommend based on individual facts and circumstances.
Are You Covered?
Get the Health Coverage You Need
Baltimore County Department of Health can help you with applying for the Maryland Children’s Health Program (MCHP) and determining Medicaid eligibility.
Now serving Dundalk, Rosedale, Towson and Randallstown
Call 410-887-2957

An ACC can help!

An Administrative Care Coordinator (ACC) serves as a local resource for all HealthChoice members. The ACC can:

- Help you understand your HealthChoice benefits and how to access services
- Explain your MCO choices
- Help you find a primary care doctor or specialist in your MCO’s network (You can change your PCP at any time.)
- Help you find a dentist for your child (MCOs are not required to cover dental services for adults.)
- Help link you to Medicaid transportation services (MCOs are not required to provide transportation)
- Help you get your prescriptions filled
- Explain the health care services you can get out of network and without a referral, like prenatal care (if you already started prenatal care) and family planning services
- Explain your annual right to change MCOs

More examples of help that is only a phone call away:

- Explain how to renew your Medicaid benefits through the Maryland Health Connection
- Explain how to keep your information updated and how to get a new Medicaid card if your card is lost or stolen
- Help you resolve a billing issue
- Explain your appeal and grievance rights

Target populations include: children, pregnant and postpartum women, individuals with disabilities (physical, mental or developmental), and homeless individuals.
The ACC can help anyone who is eligible for HealthChoice.

Call an ACC today at 410-887-8741