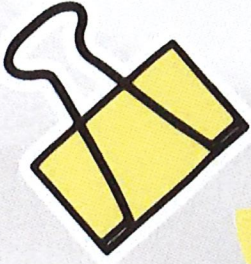


REISTERSTOWN NEWS

OCTOBER 2023



FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL



What a great start to the 2023-2024 school year we've had so far! It is hard to believe that we are well into the first month of school. It is going well and I would like to thank everyone for their continued support!

This year, our theme is "Reimagining RES". As discussed during Back to School Night, it is important that we continue to leverage the time that we have together in school to expedite student learning. Our teachers are working hard to create inclusive learning environments that allow for teaching and learning at optimal levels. Students will have the opportunity to work independently and collaboratively towards grade-level standards with the support of teachers and staff.

We certainly cannot be a successful school without your support. As families, you are encouraged to maintain an open line of communication with your child's teacher(s) through emails, phone calls, or the Talking Points app. We want to ensure that we are helping in every way that we can, and we also love to join you in celebrating all of your child's successes! In addition, you are encouraged to join our Reisterstown Elementary School PTA to support our school community.

As I walk through the school and visit classrooms, I see our students actively participating in learning activities, displaying our PAWSome commitments, and showing excitement for being in school. I am so excited for all the things we will accomplish together this year! Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs. Brinkley



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 3 - PTA Meeting (6:00 PM)
- 18 - Begin PTA Fundraiser (Joe Corbi)
- 20 - Schools Closed for students
- 27 - Annual Pumpkin Run



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LOOKING AHEAD...

NOVEMBER

- 3 - 3-Hour Early Dismissal (12:05)
- 9 - Picture Retake day
- 13 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- 14-17 American Education Week
- 14 - Report Cards Distributed
- 14 - PTA EVENT
- 20 - No Pre-School/Pre-Kinder
- 21 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
CONFERENCE DAY
- 22-24 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

LOST & FOUND

We have a lost and found area located in our front lobby. If your child is missing something, please encourage them to check for their belongings there. Our goal is to reunite all lost items with their owners!

At the end of each quarter, we will clear the lost and found by donating items to a local charity who will then give them to people in our area who could use a hand.

ATTENDANCE COUNTS:

Things to remember:

- School doors open at 8:05 AM.
- Instruction begins at 8:20 AM. Students are marked as Unexcused Tardy after that time, unless you provide a Dr. note to the front office when they come in.
- We encourage families to make every effort to be on time, every day, and to keep students in school all day. Those late minutes and early dismissals can really add up quickly to LOTS of missed instruction time.
- Please send a note with your child when they return from being absent.
- If you know your child will be absent, please notify the teacher.
- You will receive an automated phone call from BCPS letting you know that your child is absent. Even if you notified the teacher, you would still receive the call. Don't panic! We can't stop the calls from going out.

LATE ARRIVALS

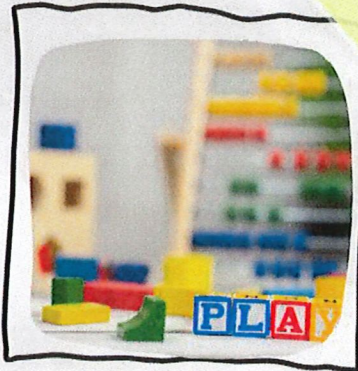
We are working hard to get our students to school on time. How can you help?

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- Tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.
- Equip your child(ren) with boots, umbrellas, and raincoats for inclement weather so you can eliminate the need to drop off students in the morning.

On 9/26/2023 we had 48 students who were late for school.

That is about 10% of our students!

PRE-SCHOOL

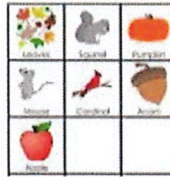


This Month in Miss Jessica's EC3s

Theme: Fall

Book: *Busy Little Squirrel*

Vocabulary:



Book: *The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything*

Vocabulary:



Nursey Rhyme:

Itsy Bitsy Spider

Colors:

Purple, Orange, Black

Upcoming Dates

October 20- No School

Songs We Love



Fall Freeze Dance

Reminders:

Please send in an absent note with your student when they return from being out.

Please do not send toys in from home. We don't want them to get mixed into classroom toys or broken.

Please send in a snack and drink every day with your student. Please make sure they are clearly labeled.



PRE-KINDERGARTEN



It's been a great couple of weeks in Pre-K. We have learned so much about your child. We're continuing to work on class routines and procedures. Your child is learning to recognize their name, letters and numbers. We talk about the month and day of the week everyday, as well as count each day of the month and we just discussed how September is zooming by so quickly!! We are reading books about feelings and talking about healthy way to express how we feel. We have been spending the last 15 minutes of our morning on the playground where we encourage each child to engage in play with their peers. Your child seems to be enjoying Pre-K!!

KINDERGARTEN

Our kindergarten students have been busy learning and practicing routines to set us up for a successful school year!

In phonics we are beginning to learn letter names and shapes, forming letters, identifying rhyming words, listening for beginning, middle, and ending sounds, and developing pre-reading skills using our decodable readers.

Students are learning about story elements and developing comprehension strategies in reading. Our first module focuses on what students will discover in kindergarten. Our second module will focus on what makes each individual special.

In math we are identifying, representing, and building numbers to ten using fingers, five-frames, ten-frames, and physical objects. Students are also practicing counting to 20, comparing numbers within 10, and writing numbers 0-10.

Students are learning how to identify emotions and choose appropriate strategies to assist in managing their emotions such as using the "safe place" and breathing strategies in our health lessons. They are also learning how to safely solve conflicts in the classroom by using their "big voice".

Please remember to pack a snack for your child each day and to communicate with your child's teacher on Talking Points or by sending in a written note when your child is absent.

We are looking forward to a fun year of learning!



GRADE 1

The first grade classes are off to a great start. We began the year reviewing classroom and school expectations in order to maximize our learning time. Through our Conscious Discipline literature stories students identified feelings and learned how to express big emotions safely. In Phonics, we reviewed all of the letters and will continue using consonants and short vowel sounds to read and write words. If your child does not know his/her letters and sounds, it would be extremely helpful to practice at home. Please remember to have your child read the Open Court Reading books that come home each week to improve decoding skills and sight word recognition. Our first reading unit included lessons on story structure, elements of poetry, author's purpose and making inferences. Students have enjoyed shared reading selections related to friendship and have asked and answered questions during collaborative conversations. In math, students practiced counting forward and backward on the numberline by 1s, 2s, and 5s. Students also learned to use a number rack to express quantities to 20 and solve story problems. You can help your child in math by practicing the numbers from 1-120. Please remember to remove checked work and messages from your child's folder each night. We look forward to working with you to make this a fabulous year in first grade.





GRADE 2

We are doing lots of exciting learning in 2nd grade! In math, we are working on number combinations to 20, identifying odd and even numbers, finding the sum and difference within 20, using mental strategies, and story problems.

By the end of October, we will be working on place value and measurement. By the end of the year, students will be able to use addition and subtraction within 100 to solve one- and two-step word problems, fluently add and subtract within 20 using mental strategies, and understand that the three digits of a three-digit number represent amounts of hundreds, tens, and ones. In ELA, we are identifying the central idea of a text, author's purpose for writing, asking and answering questions, summarizing, learning new vocabulary words, practicing our writing skills by following the writing process to write a personal narrative, among other skills. In Content, we are wrapping up our Conscious Discipline unit which consisted of conflict resolution, self-regulation strategies, using assertive language, and seeing the best in one another. We are looking forward to another awesome month in 2nd grade!

GRADE 3

This month in 3rd grade students are working on a variety of new skills and are continuing to adjust to third grade expectations by showing our PAWS in all areas. They are using AMIRA to build on their reading fluency while diving into a number of new texts in our ELA unit helping them grow in their understanding of what makes



a character interesting. We will be starting our second module for ELA called "Use Your Words." In math we are coming to the end of our first unit where students have been working on addition, subtraction, and story problems. Finally, we are starting our personal finance unit in social studies. If your student does not already have a set of headphones to keep at school please consider sending a set in. We use headphones on a daily basis to help students focus on their individual work while completing tasks on their devices. Our 3rd grade color for spirit days is green and we won the spirit stick at our back to school pep rally! Go team green!

GRADE 4

Fourth grade is off to a great start. It has been wonderful getting to know the children. In reading we are finishing up Module 1: What Makes Us Who We Are? and will be starting Module 2: Come to Your Senses. In math we are finishing Unit 1: Multiplicative Thinking and will be starting Unit 2: Multi-Digit Multiplication and Early Division. The best way to help your child with math at home is to work on memorizing the basic multiplication and division facts. Our first Health Unit is "A Healthy Start to the School Year". Please reach out to your child's teacher via e-mail if you have any questions or concerns.

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GRADE 5

Fifth grade is excited about ending the first month on a strong note! Students have, mostly, settled into our daily routines and are starting to produce quality work! In our Language Arts classes, we are wrapping up the first module about Inventors by writing an expository essay. Soon, we will be starting our second module: What a Story. Students will write a narrative story at the end of that module. In Math, Ms. Lauber's and Ms. Harlan's classes are learning various multiplication strategies and will soon begin working on a unit about adding and subtracting fractions. Mrs. Ormond's math class is wrapping up finding area of figures and will be starting to learn about ratios.



VOCAL MUSIC



We are off to a great start in vocal music class! Students are enjoying getting to know Ms. Bartlow, my intern from Towson University. She will be with us until October 19th.

Please mark your calendars for the 5th grade chorus concert! All 5th graders will be performing on Thursday evening, December 14th at school, at 6:30 pm. We will also be taking a field trip to the Town Mall of Westminster on Friday, December 15th to sing at the mall at 10:45 am! We hope to see you at both concerts.

If your family would like to attend a Baltimore Symphony Orchestra concert this year, the BSO has generously offered free tickets for our students. Just use the code BSY023 on the BSO website for free tickets to concerts on these dates: 10/21, 2/24 and 4/13, at 11:00 am.

We are looking forward to a great year in music class! Please feel free to contact me anytime on Talking Ponto or by email (dfeldman2@bcps.org).

SEL TEAM



Ms. Chisholm, Ms. Gibbons, Ms. Merlo, Ms. McFadden and Ms. Coleman are ready to help out our students!

The Social Emotional Learning Team has been busy saying "hello" to familiar faces and welcoming new students to RES! The transition back to school can be hard on kids (and their parents!) as we try to find new routines and habits that set us up for success. A few tips to beat the "Back To School Blues": Have a consistent routine, talk to your kids about what is going well and what isn't, and take time to rest after school and on the weekends! If you feel like your child needs extra support please reach out to their teacher.

P.E

October 27th will be our school wide pumpkin run! During your student's special's time, we will be having our pumpkin run race on the upper field. All families are welcome to attend to watch your student run! The schedule for the races are as follows:



- 3rd Grade- 8:30-9:20
- 4th Grade- 9:30-10:20
- 5h Grade- 10:30-11:20
- Kindergarenten- 11:55-12:45
- 2nd Grade- 12:55-1:45
- 1st Grade- 1:55-2:45



Races will begin about 10 minutes into each special times! **All visitors must check into the office before coming to the upper field so please arrive early!**

SCHOOL NURSE



WHEN TO STAY HOME FROM SCHOOL					
FEVER A temperature of 100 or higher.	PERSISTENT COUGH Or other problems with breathing.	DIARRHEA OR VOMITING Within the past 24 hours.	HEAD LICE Itchy head, active head lice.	RASH Body rash with itching and/or fever.	EYE INFECTION Eye is red with a yellowish/green discharge
WHEN TO RETURN TO SCHOOL					
Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications such as ibuprofen or acetaminophen.	Cough is mild and infrequent and evaluated by a doctor if needed.	Free from diarrhea and/or vomiting for at least 24 hours and evaluated by a doctor if needed.	After head lice treatment and no more active head lice.	Free from rash, itching or fever and evaluated by a doctor if needed.	24 hours after starting antibiotic eye drops or ointment.

PARENT UNIVERSITY



October 20 - 12:30 PM Lunch & Learn - The Power of Play: Fun Activities for Parents and Children- Virtual Presentation by the Center for Family Success.

For more info:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-power-of-play-fun-activities-for-parents-and-children-tickets-665691490167?aff=ebsoporgprofile>



FROM MS. GIBBONS, MTSS

Have you heard about Conscious Discipline? Conscious Discipline is an approach developed by Becky Bailey, a clinical psychologist and teacher.

“With Conscious Discipline, we’re being mindful and showing kids that we value how we act and respond. When we’re practicing it, we’re functioning from a higher level in our brain and noticing situations instead of blindly judging and reacting to them.” – AMY SPIEDEL, MASTER INSTRUCTOR OF CONSCIOUS DISCIPLINE

We use Conscious Discipline here at Reisterstown and throughout BCPS! Ask your child(ren) about some of the components they see and use each day in their classroom such as brain smart start, the safe place, wish well, celebration station, and breathing exercises. Stay tuned for the next newsletter, where we will feature updates on how you can use Conscious Discipline at home as well.