

Reisterstown Elementary News

Your monthly newsletter about our school!

Upcoming Events

APRIL:

- 2 – School Reopens
- 3 – BSO Field Trip
(Grades 3, 4, and 5)
- 5 – 3-HOUR early dismissal (12:05)
END Quarter 3
- 8 – ELA MCAP begins
- 9 – PTA Meeting
- 10 – Schools Closed
- 12 – Spring Pictures
(Class Pics and
Individuals– order only)
SEE INFO AT THE END OF
THE NEWSLETTER
- 16 – Report Cards
- 18 – Math Mania Night:
Grades 3, 4, and 5 (5:30
– 7:00)
- 22 – Music Assembly
- 25 – Panther Theater Trip
(Grade 2)
- 26 – 3-HOUR early dismissal (12:05)
- 29 – NO Pre-School,
Pre-K and Kindergarten
(Conferences)
- 30 – NO Pre-School and
Pre-K (Conferences)

From Your Proud Principal

Spring is finally here!! We are looking forward to all of the events that we have coming up this spring. Please be sure to read all of our home/school communication for event information!

MCAP starts for students in grades 3–5 this month. MCAP is the Maryland Integrated Science Assessment. The test will assess student progress towards their proficiency on grade level Common Core Standards for career and college readiness. There will be 4 sessions for ELA and 4 sessions for math. Specific dates and times will be provided to the 3rd – 5th grade families. We are cheering our students on!

Our goal for student attendance is 94%, which is the Maryland state standard. Our current school attendance is 91.77%. It is important that students attend school regularly to make progress towards grade level standards. We encourage everyone to come to school every day on time, unless they have a fever, are throwing up, are contagious, or have a doctor's note.

We are headed into the 4th and final marking period of the year! Report cards for third quarter will be distributed April 16th. We encourage you to check your child's grades regularly on Schoology and communicate with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Arrival and dismissal are times when safety is our number one priority. As the weather gets warmer, more families will be walking. To ensure the safety of all, please remember that there should be NO parking in the bus loop in front of the school to help our buses get through safely. Families should pull into the parking spots and walk over to the school to drop off and pick up your children. Please remember to use the crosswalks to ensure the safety of all. Please be mindful of other drivers and students walking!

Again, I want to thank our staff, students, and families for their engagement and support of everything that we do here at Reisterstown Elementary.

Candace Brinkley, Principal

Pre-School

This Month in Miss Jessica's EC3s

Theme: Spring

Book: *In the Tall, Tall Grass*

Vocabulary:



Book: *Rooftop Garden*

Vocabulary:



Finger Plays:

Five Little Speckled Frogs
Pitter Patter Raindrops

Upcoming Dates

April 2nd- Schools Reopen

April 5th- ½ Day-No PM Preschool

April 10th- No School

April 23rd-No School

April 26th- ½ Day- No PM Preschool

April 29th and 30th- Conference Day- No Preschool or PreK

Songs We Love

Look at all the Letters

Laurie Berkner- Bumblebee

Reminders:

We are out of tissues and sanitizer. If you are able to donate to our classroom, it would be greatly appreciated.

On half days of school there is no transportation home for the AM preschool class. They need to be picked up at 10:50 a.m.



Pre-Kindergarten

News from the Prekindergarten Classroom: Throughout the month of April the children will be investigating Gardens, especially learning many new vocabulary words! In Math, the Children will continue to learn how to measure and will focus on same/ different. The Children will continue to study word relationships, especially noticing the beginnings and endings of words.

Kindergarten

In Phonics we have finished introducing the letters and the corresponding sounds. We will continue to practice building and reading words and begin learning the long vowel sounds and "magic" E. Please continue to practice letter names and sounds at home. We are continuing to develop reading skills using our decodable readers. Please practice reading these stories after they are sent home, we have introduced over 30 sight words in class please continue to practice these words at home.

We are in our 6th reading module Home of the Free and the Brave. We will explore what makes the United States special and learn about the different symbols, important people, and American holidays.

In Math we will continue counting and comparing numbers using the terms "more" and "less", recognizing combinations that make 5 and 10, matching quantities to a written numeral. Please continue to practice counting to 100 by ones, tens and fives at home, this is an important skill as we prepare for 1st grade.

Please remember to pack a water bottle and 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. Please do not send toys to school, we cannot be responsible for them if they are lost or broken.

Grade 1

Hello Spring and First Grade Families!

Our first graders are looking forward to nice weather and plants blooming. This month in Reading we will study a variety of genres in order to make connections, determine topic and use central ideas to find appropriate details. We will also look at elements of drama and narratives.

In Math we will begin Unit 7, place value. During this unit, first graders continue to develop deep understandings of numbers to 120 as they estimate, count, compare, add, and subtract two-digit quantities using familiar models: sticks & bundles; dimes, nickels, and pennies; and the number line.

As we enter the 4th quarter, please remember attendance is as important as ever. We completely understand needing to take time to recuperate from illnesses. Please remember to send in notes so absences can be documented properly.

Grade 2

Spring break has come and gone and we are gearing up for a busy month! In math, we are starting a new unit where we will review measurement, this time introducing metric units. We will also continue our exploration of fractions and multi-digit addition and subtraction, set in the context of picnic ants!

In ELA, we are starting a new unit titled Time to Grow! Students will learn about the growth of plants and what they need to thrive. They will write a procedural text describing the steps to complete an activity that needs to be done in a set order, like growing plants. We are looking forward to a fun few weeks of learning!

Grade 3

Third grade will be having our field trip April 3rd to the BSO with Ms. Feldman! Remember to bring a brown bag lunch that can be thrown away. Remember we are guests and to be on your pawesome behavior 😊 the entire trip. Thank you Ms. Feldman for planning and prepping the trip!

We will be starting our new ELA unit "Imagine!, Invent!". We will also be beginning our new math unit, Geometry. As we begin our fourth quarter, we would like to remind parents that our supplies are dwindling. Please refresh supplies such as tissues, black dry erase markers, pencils, markers, crayons, glue sticks, wipes, new yellow folders, and anything else your child may need. We still have a quarter left and will need supplies to last us the remaining part of the year! Thank you!

Grade 4

The Fourth Grade Team hopes everyone had an enjoyable Spring Break. Take time for yourself and your family! When we return, 4th grade will be introduced to a new Module in ELA. It is called, "Food for Thought." We will continue focusing on grammar, spelling, writing and reading skills. Social Studies has come to a close and we will be focusing on a new unit in Health. It is called, "A Safe and Healthy Me." Students will continue learning about making good choices when in a variety of situations. Advanced Math will be working on Multiplication and Division of Fractions. Standard Math will be learning Geometry. Please continue encouraging your child to read and practice their math facts consistently. There is a reminder that when we return from Spring Break, our BSO field trip will take place on that Wednesday, April 3rd. Permission slips were sent home and should be returned before the trip. There is also a ½ day on April 5th, as it is the end of the marking period. If you have questions for your child's teacher, please reach out. During the break, this would be a good time to replenish your child's supplies. This will help them with continued success as we move into the 4th quarter of school, and they prepare for 5th grade.

Grade 5

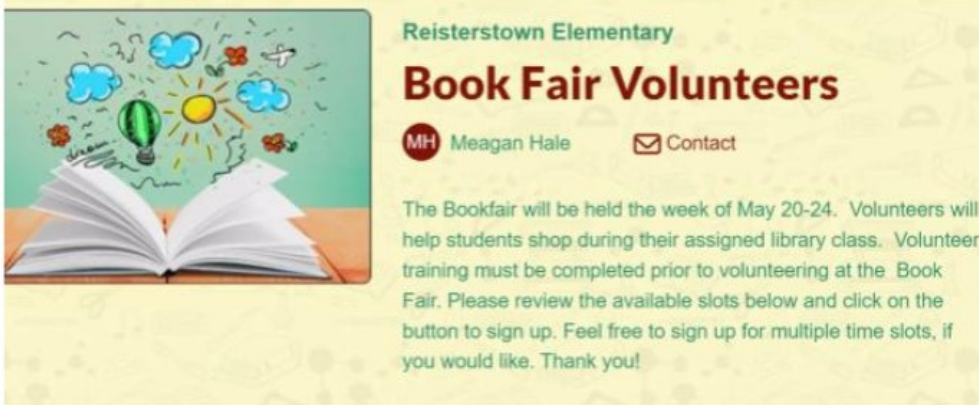
We are approaching fourth quarter and the end of the year is in sight! Coming up this month, students will have MCAP testing in both reading and math. Pay attention to communication from the school for specific dates. You can help your child do their best by ensuring that they have a good night's rest and eat a good breakfast that morning.

Springtime also brings questions about end of the year activities. We do not have any dates yet, but we will communicate them with you as soon as we get them approved. As always, students will be expected to consistently demonstrate our Reisterstown PAWS in order to participate in any end of year celebrations. This is a good time to reinforce with your child your expectations for their behavior for the remainder of the year.

Academically, we will be focusing on literary texts in ELA and students will be writing a descriptive poem this month. In Ms. Lauber's & Ms. Harlan's math classes, students will be learning about graphing ordered pairs on a coordinate grid, classifying triangles and quadrilaterals, and calculating volume of 3-dimensional figures. Mrs. Ormond's math class will be finishing up their work on 7th grade geometry concepts before studying percentage increases and decreases. We will also be focusing on the Revolutionary War during Social Studies for the remainder of the year. We're looking forward to an amazing spring!

From the Library

Volunteer Opportunity

A poster for a book fair at Reisterstown Elementary. On the left is an illustration of an open book with a hot air balloon, sun, and clouds above it. On the right, the text reads: "Reisterstown Elementary", "Book Fair Volunteers", "MH Meagan Hale", and "Contact" with an envelope icon. Below this, it says: "The Bookfair will be held the week of May 20-24. Volunteers will help students shop during their assigned library class. Volunteer training must be completed prior to volunteering at the Book Fair. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Feel free to sign up for multiple time slots, if you would like. Thank you!"

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MH Meagan Hale Contact

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[Click here to sign up for a time to volunteer!](#)

Art

SAVE THE DATE....more information coming home soon! May 23rd, in the evening (time will be determined soon), will be our 2nd annual Specials Special Night. We will have the Book Fair, Glow Show, Band Concert, and more.

In art, each grade level has been working hard on garden related projects to be displayed under a black light. It will be magical. So, save the date!!

Mrs. Aus

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4/12/2024

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