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Bethesda Elementary / Bethesda Elementary PTA Newsletter

March 1, 2019

Seymour's Shout Out...

Please note the dates for TESTING Gr. 3, 4, 5 for April & May: (PARCC/MCAP)

Grade 3: May 7, 8, 9 ELA & May 10, 14 Math

Grade 4: April 24, 29, 30 ELA & May 2, 3 Math

Grade 5: May 13, 15, 16 ELA & May 20, 21 Math

GRADE 5 MISA: March 18 & 19 (Science)

Kindergarten Orientation— coming soon...

Kindergarten Orientation will be held May 2nd and May 3rd. If you have a rising K student for 2019-2020 (or know of any rising K students in the neighborhood) please contact the front office to start the enrollment process and sign up for K Orientation!

Arrival Traffic Pattern Reminders

During morning arrival, please do NOT pull into the bus loop to drop off. Student drop off is over by the cafeteria door. To help traffic flow better, we often allow cars to go through the bus loop and around to the traffic light to wait. Please ONLY do this if a staff member is present OR if the 3 orange cones have been placed out. It is important that we do not interfere with the flow of traffic for the buses and we keep the entrance to the bus loop OPEN at all times. Please be mindful at the stop sign, that we have staff members that come in and park in the bus loop.

Parking

Please have the make, model and tag number of your vehicle available when you sign in at the front office. This is for school monitoring of visitors only and will help us keep an eye on the use of the guest parking spots. THANK YOU!

Lisa Seymour

Multicultural Night Volunteers Needed!!!

We are so lucky at BE to have such a multicultural community and it's almost time to showcase YOUR culture at Multicultural Night - Thursday March 21st, 6:30-8PM!

The PTA is looking for parents volunteers to share their cultures traditions, crafts, music, and foods with the entire BE community.

It's very easy!

· You will have a dedicated space for a visual showcase of your country - any way you'd like : flags, costumes, crafts, fun facts...

· Then if you want, you can also have an activity for the kids : teach an instrument, a dance, a craft, a game... from your country

And you can also bring small food samples (Please note the constraints that since the food will be available in our kids' classroom with the other activities, we require only non messy samples in BITE SIZE only)

If you are interested, please sign-up on the sign-up genius link :

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4eaeac22a3f85-multicultural1>

If you have any questions, please contact : clothilde.mayer@gmail.com

Mark your calendar...

March 1st- EARLY RELEASE DAY (12:55)

March 2nd- BE Skate Night

March 8th- PTA Spring Auction- Bids & Bubbly (7pm)

March 21st- Multicultural Night (6pm- 8:30 pm)—
*Grades 3 & 4 performing

April 3rd- EARLY RELEASE DAY (12:55)- End of 3rd Q

April 16th- Report Cards Distributed

April 17th -22nd- – NO SCHOOL- Spring Break

[Sign up for ALERTMCPS](#)

Alert MCPS is a way that you can receive text messages or e-mail from Montgomery County Public Schools during weather-related emergencies and other major events that impact school system operations. Alert MCPS is administered by Montgomery County Public Schools and is part of the Montgomery County Alert System. <https://member.everbridge.net/index/1332612387832009#/signup>

Check out MCPS Quick Notes Issue:

 QuickNotes

<http://news.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/current-issue-quicknotes/>

Yearbook Information...

Hello Bethesda Elementary, The 2018-2019 yearbooks are on sale now--and will be distributed at the end of the school year.

Here's what you need to know--

- 1) NEW this year--**we are only taking on-line orders--that means no checks/no cash--nothing getting lost in backpack mail.** Order at www.freedpics.com, password BETH1819YB. If this is an issue for you, please contact me at heidigertner@yahoo.com and I'll assist you. The cost is \$21.
- 2) Please make yourself a note as to whether or not you've ordered your yearbook(s). Last year I had maybe 30 people ask me to check if they ordered a book--this is a hassle for me--so please mark it down or save your order--so you don't need to ask.

That's it...go buy it now.

Heidi Gertner (Jason--4 DeNisco, Scott--2 Kupersmith)

PTA Auction...

"March 8th Bids & Bubbly! Please buy your tickets now! Our school auction is a fun, adult night out with music, drinks, light fare, and great items to bid on while raising money for our school! Tickets are \$45 (includes 2 drinks). Send in a check, made out to BEPTA along with the invitation or online at bethesdapta.com.

What: Bids & Bubbly school auction

Where: The Loft, 4935 Cordell Ave. Bethesda

When: Friday March 8th 7:00-11:00pm

Among many others, you could bid on one week of multiple summer camps, autographed Wizards photo, photography session, Capitals tickets, gift certificate to many restaurants....."

Elementary Immersion Programs...

Applications for elementary school language immersion programs in MCPS are now available.

The application deadline for the 2019–2020 school year is Friday, April 26, 2019. Elementary school language immersion programs begin in kindergarten and are offered in Chinese, French, and Spanish.

For more information about elementary immersion programs and to download the Immersion Interest Form, visit the Special Programs website: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/immersion. Forms are also available at elementary schools.

BE Families, HELP us participate in....Hear the Crunch!



What: Hear the Crunch! Is a campaign run by Maryland Hunger Solutions that takes place during National School Breakfast Week to highlight and support the importance of the National School Breakfast Program (NSBP). This event encourages everyone to take a bite of an apple at the same time on Wednesday March 6th 2019 at 9:15am, giving every student who participates a healthy start to their day! March is also National Nutrition Month, so taking part in this activity can also be a gateway into talking about nutrition and healthy eating!

When: Wednesday March 6th, 2019 @ 9:15am

Where: Bethesda Elementary

Why: To support and highlight the importance of the National School Breakfast Program, National School Breakfast Week, and National Nutrition Month.

How: Please send your child(ren) in on Wednesday, March 6th with an apple to crunch into at 9:15 when our school participates. This is a great time to remind your child(ren) of the importance of nutrition and breakfast and starting the day right.



Bethesda Elementary Multicultural Night...Parade of Flags 2019

Dear Parents,

On Thursday, March 21, 2019 from 6:30-8:00pm, Bethesda Elementary School will host our annual Multicultural Night. To start the festivities we will have a parade of flags representing the many nationalities of our students. We will also have students greet the audience in their native language with a "hello" or "good evening!"

Students are invited to dress in the traditional clothing representative of their country. Students in E.S.O.L classes will make their flags during the school day with Mrs. Petrossian or Mrs. Pluznik. Paper will be provided to any student in the school who would like to make a flag. Students may also make or bring a flag from home to carry in the parade.

Children participating in the parade are asked to be at the school no later than 6:15pm and line up in the in the first/Kindergarten hallway with their flags. We will have the flags for all ESOL students at that time.

If your child will participate in this parade of flags please send in the form below OR sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44ADAF2FA7FC1-bethesda>

Thank you for your cooperation and support!

Respectfully,

Julie S. Petrossian, E.S.O.L Teacher

Alison Pluznik, E.S.O.L Teacher

Vivian Hu, E.S.O.L Teacher

Multicultural Night Parade of Flags

Please **return by Wednesday, March 13** if you would like your child to participate. Since this is a family event, by signing you understand that you will need to accompany your child to the event. Your child will line up with other students in the first grade/K hallway and be dismissed after the parade in the gym.

Name of the child: _____

Country: _____ Language: _____

Greeting: _____

Grade Level: _____ Classroom Teacher: _____

Parent signature: _____