

# THE LION'S DEN

Bethesda Elementary / Bethesda Elementary PTA Newsletter

September 6, 2019

## Seymour's Shout Out...

Welcome back! I hope you all had a great summer. We are looking forward to seeing you next week at Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 10th! Remember this is a parent only event. No child care will be provided. Please see the schedule on page two for locations and times.

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

The "Parent Handbook" is now available online at <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/bethesdaes/news/Updated.8.26.192019-2020%20-%20Parent%20Handbook.pdf> When you visit this link, you will be able to access information about:

- Important dates for the school year
- Arrival and dismissal procedures
- Lunch pricing; how to set up an account using <https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/login/getmain?requestAction=home> , as well as the benefits of this online service
- Transportation information; bus stops and pickup/drop-off
- MCPS Parent Portal information

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**September 18th- PTA BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC** (6-7:30 PM)

**September 25th– Parent Volunteer Orientation** (9:15 AM only NEW volunteers should attend)

**September 30th - NO SCHOOL for Students & Teachers**

**October 1st– PTA Meeting– All About BE 7pm**

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-Lisa Seymour

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**Schedule for Back-to-School Night – You are strongly encouraged to attend.**

**\* Gr. 1, 2 & 3 teachers give the same presentation during two blocks to accommodate families with multiple children. You only need to attend one session!**

**September 10, 2019**

**Grades K-5**

**6:45 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.**

Time	ALL	
6:45 – 7:10 P.M.	Welcome/General Announcements – Mrs. Seymour  PTA Announcements – in the gymnasium: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Message from the Principal</li> <li>• Message from the PTA</li> </ul>	
	<b>Classroom Visits Round 1 - Gr. 1, 2, 3</b>	<b>K, 4, 5 Grade Level Team Presentations</b>
7:15 – 7:45 P.M.	Grades 1, 2, 3 Classroom Visits/ Grade Level Presentations in classrooms  <b>OR</b>  Visit with Chorus, Music, PE, and Instrumental Music in the Art Room  <b>OR</b>  Visit ESOL in the ESOL Room	<b>ALL Kindergarten:</b> Meet in the GYM following the General Announcements with ALL K teachers and Mrs. Seymour  <b>Grade 4:</b> Meet in the APR (cafeteria)  <b>Grade 5:</b> Meet in the Media Center  <b>Please note - teams will present ONLY once from 7:15-7:45</b>
	<b>Classroom Visits Round 2</b>	<b>K, 4, 5 Classroom Visits</b>
7:50 - 8:20 P.M.	Grades 1, 2, 3 Classroom Visits/ Grade Level Presentations in classrooms  <b>OR</b>  Visit with Chorus, Music, PE, and Instrumental Music in the Art Room  <b>OR</b>  Visit ESOL in the ESOL Room	Grades K, 4, 5 Classroom Visits in class- rooms  Provide overview of what was shared in case parents missed the team presen- tation

**Overview of Classroom Visits:**

\*View a grade level presentation.

\*Receive information about routines and curriculum.

\*Meet the teachers.

\*Visit the classrooms

\*Sign up for volunteer opportunities

Please Join Us  
for  
**Bethesda Elementary's**  
**Back-to-School Picnic**

**Wednesday, September 18**

**6:00-7:30 pm**

(Rain Date 9/26)

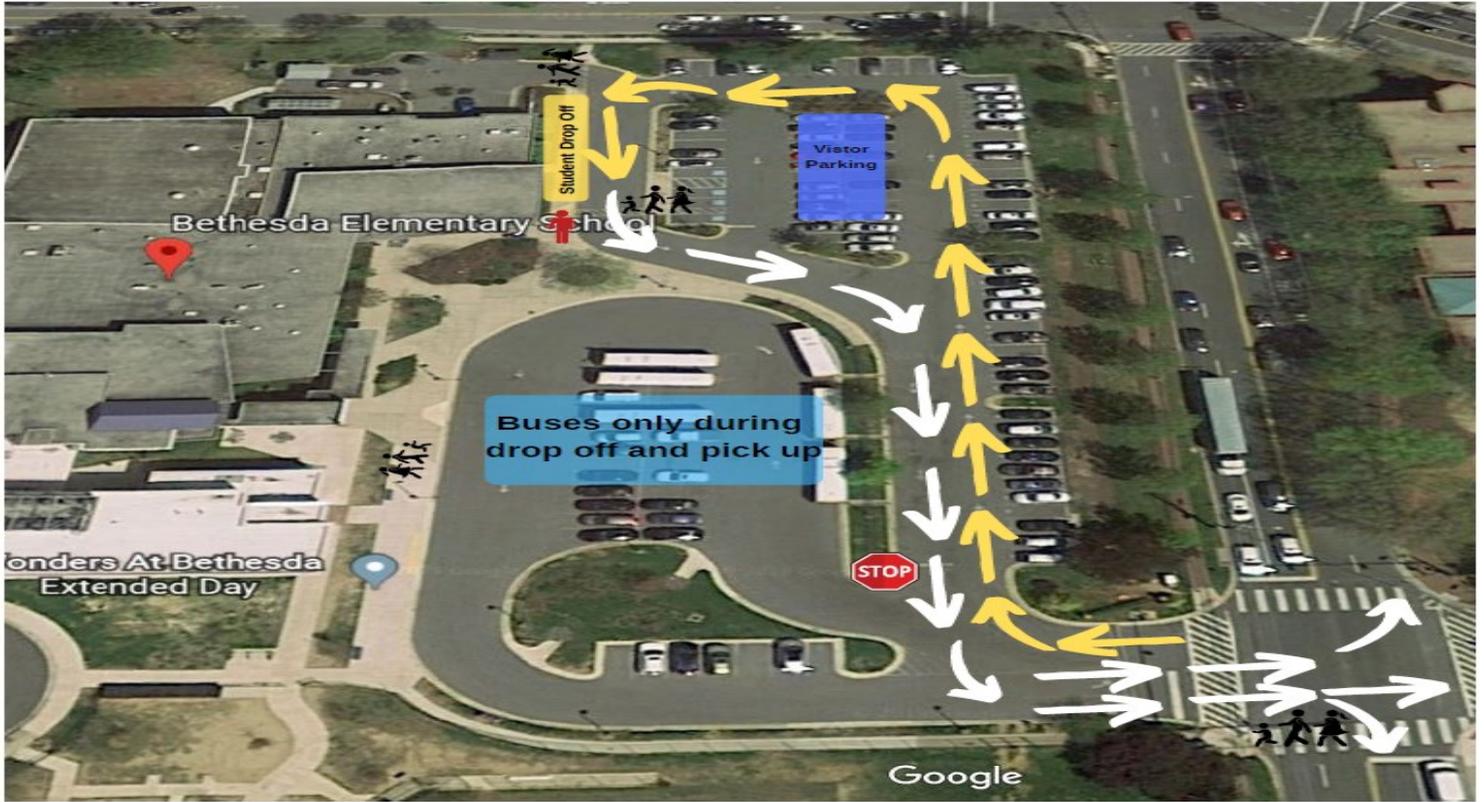


The picnic is a great way to catch up with old friends and meet your children's new classmates. We welcome you to bring your own picnic dinner or enjoy food and drinks on sale from Potomac Pizza, Holy Crepes, Kona Ice, and the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade bake sale.

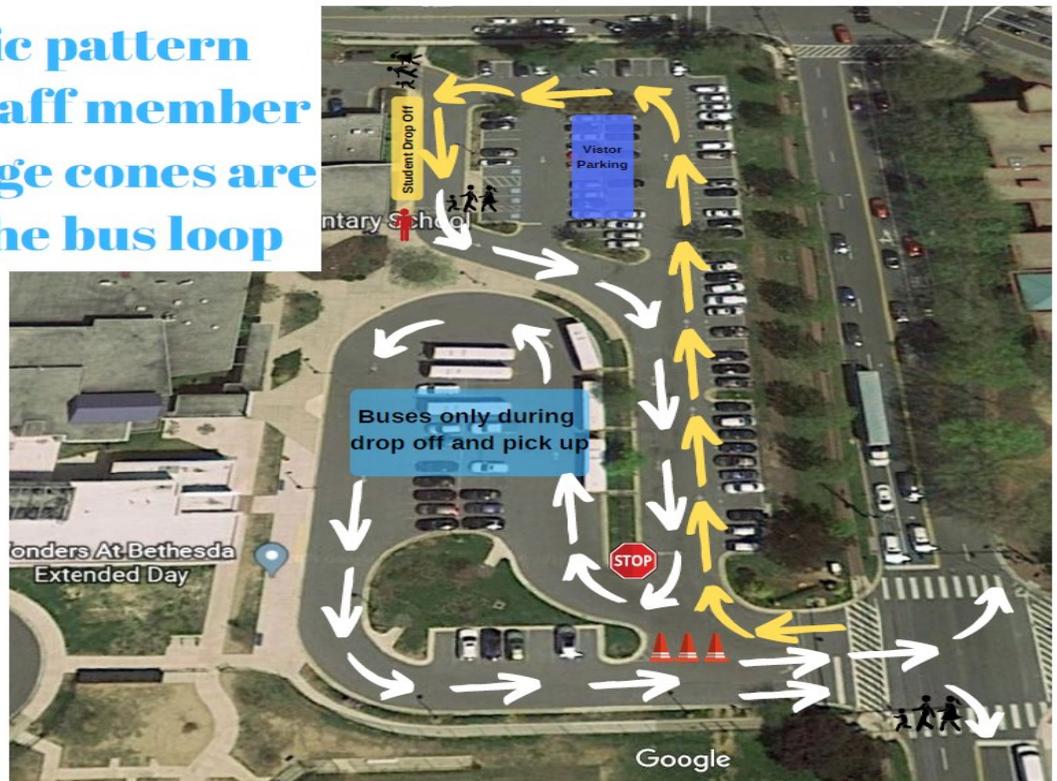
This is also a chance to purchase your BE Spirit Wear swag and information on PTA membership.

# Arrival and Dismissal Traffic Patterns -

See pictures below for traffic flow. Please note that cars should ONLY use the bus loop to cut through when a staff member is directing OR the 3 cones are out. Drop off does NOT occur in the bus loop during arrival!



**Use this traffic pattern**  
**ONLY** when a staff member  
and/or the orange cones are  
present near the bus loop



September 4, 2019

We are delighted that author Jessica Kensky will be visiting Bethesda Elementary School on October 1, 2019. She will discuss her picture book *Rescue and Jessica* with your children in grades 1-3.

Jessica is adjusting to life as an amputee. To help her accomplish everyday tasks she is assigned a service dog named Rescue. In addition to a helper, Jessica makes a new best friend. This story is based on real-life Boston Marathon survivor Jessica Kensky. When we first meet her, the book's pages are black and white, and full of dark corners. As Jessica and Rescue's friendship grows, color seeps back into the pages. While demystifying what it means to live with a disability, this book shows how service dogs can enable their disabled owners to live happy, colorful lives.

Books for this event will be distributed on October 1, but to facilitate signing we are offering the opportunity to PRE-ORDER books online. **The price reflects a 20% discount and sales tax is included.** You must follow the instructions below when ordering online to ensure your child receives their book.

Please visit the Politics & Prose website at: <https://www.politics-prose.com/school/jessica-kensky>

Select "order a signed book" for each desired title.

Completely fill out the form that pops up to include your child's name, etc. and select "add to cart".

Please note that the 20% discount offered to students will be applied after you complete the pop up form.

Under "Store Pickup Options", please indicate that you would "like to pick up this order at the store".

Select the Connecticut Ave location. **Please note that books will be picked up and distributed by the school after the event; you don't have to come to the store!**

Checkout and complete payment. Review and submit order.

*Please only purchase event books this way. If you have other online Politics and Prose shopping to do, please do so in a separate transaction.*

**Orders must be placed by September 17. Late orders cannot be accommodated.**

*Prices reflects a 20% discount and sales tax is included.*

***Rescue and Jessica (hardcover)***