

THE LION'S DEN

Bethesda Elementary / Bethesda Elementary PTA Newsletter

October 5, 2018

Seymour's Shout Out...

Parent Visitation Day will be held on **Monday, October 8, 2018**, which is **Columbus Day**. This is a day for parents to visit their child's classroom to see the wonderful things they are learning. Visitation hours will be between **9 A.M. - 11 A.M.** Please note, due to space, **parents are not permitted into the cafeteria for lunch shifts**. Although we will have many visitors on that day, we will make every attempt to maintain an environment that is conducive for students to learn. For this to happen, please understand that we are unable to accommodate non-school age children. Food and beverages are not permitted in the classrooms as well. **Cameras are also not permitted (no pictures or videotaping during the school day).**

The **PTA Used Book Sale** will be going on during the Open House, and remain **open until 12:00 P.M.**, so please make sure to stop by and check out the great selection of books! **Please note that parking is limited to visitor spaces only for this event and parking on the curb is not permitted. There are local garages within walking distance, if parking at the school is full.** Parking in numbered spaces is not permitted, as these are reserved for staff.

International Walk to School Day is **Wednesday, October 10th**. BE will be participating by discussing pedestrian, bicycle, bus and parking lot safety in the days leading up to October 10th. If it's possible and your child does not ride a bus, plan to walk, bike or carpool to school on Wednesday, October 10th! Please see video links that you can view at home together on pg. 4.

E.S.O.L. night is on Wednesday, October 17th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Mrs. Petrossian, Ms. Pluznik and Ms. Hu will speak about Montgomery County's English for Speakers Of Other Languages (E.S.O.L.) program and the structure of the E.S.O.L. program at Bethesda Elementary. Please bring a dish to share. We will chat and eat in the cafeteria before the meeting. Children will watch a movie while parents go to the library for an informational meeting. Looking forward to seeing you then! *Please contact your child's ESOL teacher if you need an interpreter.

Halloween: Parade and Class Parties- Wednesday, October 31st, SCHOOL WIDE PARADE: 2:00 PM

See Page 2 for additional information and the parade route.

-Lisa Seymour

Mark your calendar...

October 8th– Open House K-12

October 18th– Coffee Talk with Ms. Fried– Personal Body Safety Lessons (8:15 AM Media Center)

October 31st– Halloween Parade and Classroom Celebrations

November 6th– NO SCHOOL– Schools and offices closed

November 7th– End of Q1 Marking Period

November 12th & 13th– Early Release Day for ALL Students– Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 20th– Report Card Distribution

November 21st– Early Release Day for ALL Students

November 22nd & 23rd– NO SCHOOL– Schools and offices closed

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Check out MCPS Quick Notes Issue:



[http://
news.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/
current-issue-quicknotes/](http://news.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/current-issue-quicknotes/)

Halloween: Parade and Class Parties- Wednesday, October 31st, SCHOOL WIDE PARADE: 2:00 PM

The parade (and/or non-participatory activity) will begin at 2:00 and classroom celebrations will begin at 2:30 and end at 3:15 p.m. **Due to activities and limited space, only party coordinators are invited to the classroom celebrations. All parents and guests are invited to join us outside for the parade from 2:00-2:30.** Please check newsletters for specific grade level and parent volunteer information. *If you would like to request that your child not participate in the Halloween activities, please contact our school counselor, Mrs. Fried.*

Parade Route:

- ALL GRADE LEVELS– starting with 5th grade, will walk out the front doors, turn right and walk up Moorland Ln, cross at the 4-way stop and walk back down Moorland Ln. to the playground.
- ALL students will walk around the perimeter of the blacktop and then walk back into the building using the FRONT DOORS and return to classrooms for room celebrations (grade 5 to the APR).
- The parade route will be marked with cones. Please avoid parking on Moorland Ln.
- For additional parking options: there are metered parking garages on St. Elmo Ave/Cordell Ave and Auburn Ave/Del Ray Ave.

READ! READ! READ!

Reminder: All students should always have a book(s) in their backpacks to read.

Counselor's Corner

Personal Body Safety Lessons for Grades K-5:

MCPS is taking an active role in the prevention of child abuse and neglect through early prevention and intervention education.

MCPS has always had health integrated into the curriculum which all grades will continue to receive. Each year, in addition to those lessons, our school counselor will be presenting lessons on the topic of child abuse and neglect in all grade levels during the first few months of school. The lessons are known as Personal Body Safety Lessons and their purpose is to help students to:

Develop knowledge, decision making skills, and behaviors which promote safe living in the home, school, and community;

Learn skills for self-protection and identifying child abuse and neglect;

Learn skills for asking for help for self and others and practice reporting to a trusted adult; and

Engage in positive and appropriate interactions with peers and adults.

If you have any questions or concerns about the topics that will be covered please contact our school counselor, Marissa Fried.

All About BE Highlights

In case you missed *All About BE* or wanted to check out some of the resources we mentioned...

Productive Struggle: <https://www.eschoolnews.com/2014/09/05/productive-struggle-strategies-429/?print>

Using unifix cubes and the template, work together to complete the skyscraper activity.

- Build towers in each of the squares provided sized 1 through 4 tall
- Each row has skyscrapers of different heights (1 through 4), no duplicate sizes
- Each column has skyscrapers of different heights (1 through 4), no duplicate sizes
- The rules on the outside (in grey) tell you how many skyscrapers you can see from that direction
- Taller skyscrapers block your view of shorter ones

Video Clip-What does science say about the brain? <https://youtu.be/pxru8H6XbR4>

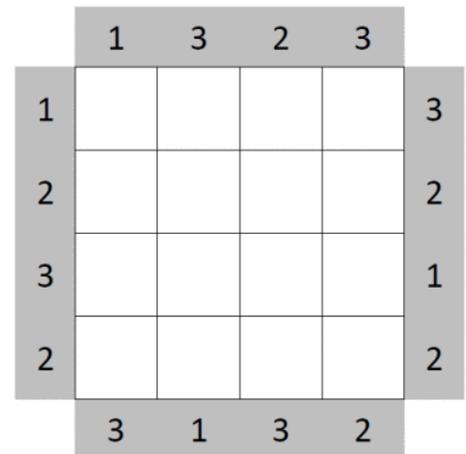
More brain research: [Anyone Can Learn At High Levels](#)

[Mistakes Grow Your Brain;](#)

[When You Believe in Yourself Your Brain Operates Differently](#)

[When You Believe in Students They Do Better](#)

[Visual Math Improves Performance](#)



What is Close Reading of Complex Text :

- a critical examination of previously read grade level complex text
- characterized by the use of evidence
- active engagement with the text

Features of Complex Text : Density of information, Lack of words, sentences or paragraphs that review or pull things together, Longer paragraphs, Complex sentences, Any text structure which is less narrative and/or mixes structures, Subtle and/or frequent transitions, Uncommon vocabulary, Multiple and/or subtle themes and purposes, Unfamiliar settings, topics or events, Lack of repetition, overlap or similarity in words and sentences

Why Use Complex Text : Deepen understanding, improve concentration and stamina, Expose students to new vocabulary, language, knowledge, and perspectives, Heighten critical thinking, and Help capture nuance, subtleties, depth and breadth of ideas.

International Walk to School Day

Wednesday, October 10th.

Below are links you can view at home together. As a school, we will be highlighting pedestrian safety, parking lot safety, school bus safety and bicycle safety.

Pedestrian Safety

Lesson 1

<https://youtu.be/2H1iEAK-9Rg>

Lesson 2

https://youtu.be/_jCpBH5zehl

Lesson 3

<https://youtu.be/bQVcdaW2TuY>

Parking Lot Safety

<https://youtu.be/fvfvxztp2GI>

School Bus Safety

https://youtu.be/3X5TAB_O7PA

Bicycle Safety

16:13 minutes - Grades 3/4 and 5 - Older children

<https://youtu.be/AWI2t2o4C7I>

17:17 minutes - Grades 2/3 - 5 - Older children

<https://youtu.be/N-xBDdxcpWo>

9:11 minutes Older Children

https://youtu.be/uBGW8j__Jsg

5:02 minutes - Younger Children

<https://youtu.be/dkoVxBnnGko>