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Bethesda Elementary / Bethesda Elementary PTA Newsletter

September 7, 2018

Seymour's Shout Out...

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fun summer. We are looking forward to seeing you next week at Back to School Night on Wednesday, September 12th! 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 <http://bit.ly/BEParentHandbook>. 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 MyLunchAccount.com, as well as the benefits of this online service
- Transportation information; bus stops and pickup/drop-off
- **MCPS PARENT PORTAL** : *Please make sure to update your emergency contact information here on the Parent Portal.*

myMCPS Classroom/Parent Portal

MCPS has created an online platform for communication between parents and schools. At Bethesda ES, teachers use the classroom sites to communicate with both parents and students and provide access to classroom resources. You do not have to create a new account every year. Parents have access to a Parent Portal that allows them to update forms and view other information highlighted below:



Announcements:
Share information, reminders, and school and classroom news.



Calendars:
Communicate due dates, upcoming events, field trips, assemblies, and testing schedules.



Assignments:
Provide a view of assignments, classroom work, missing work, and feedback.



Quick Access:
Check on overdue library books, add funds to lunch accounts, and update emergency card.



Academic Records:
See current and historical grades, attendance records, transcripts, and student schedules.



Resources:
Access curriculum materials, resources, supports, and services.

Mark your calendar...

September 10th– NO SCHOOL for Students and Teachers

September 12th– BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT (6:45 PM– 8:20 PM/ Welcome & General Announcements for ALL begins at 6:45 in the gym– see complete schedule on following page

September 19th- NO SCHOOL for Students & Teachers

September 25th- BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC (6-7:30 PM)

September 26th– Parent Volunteer Orientation (only NEW volunteers should attend)

October 2nd– PTA Meeting– All About BE 7pm

October 5th- Early Release Day (students dismissed at 12:55 PM)

October 8th– Open House K-12

October 31st– Halloween Parade and Classroom Celebrations

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Need myMCPS Parent Portal log in information?

If you are new to the county, you will receive a letter from MCPS with your login information. Please contact the front office if you need a reprinted Parent Portal letter for your child(ren).

-Lisa Seymour

Check out MCPS Quick Notes Issue:



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

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

The teachers give the same presentation during two blocks to accommodate families with multiple children. You only need to attend one session!

September 12, 2018

Grades K-5

6:45 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.

| Time | ALL | |
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| 6:45 – 7:10 P.M. | Welcome/General Announcements – Mrs. Seymour PTA Announcements – in the gymnasium: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Message from the Principal • Message from the PTA | |
| | Classroom Visits Round 1 - K-3 | 4-5 Grade Level Team Presentations |
| 7:15 – 7:45 P.M. | Grades K-3 Classroom Visits/ Grade Level Presentations in classrooms <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> Visit with Chorus, Music, PE, and Instrumental Music in the Art Room <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> Visit ESOL in the ESOL Room | Grades 4-5 Grade Level Presentations in Media Center (4th) and Gym (5th) Please note - teams will present ONLY once |
| | Classroom Visits Round 2 | 4-5 Classroom Visits |
| 7:50 - 8:20 P.M. | Grades K-3 Classroom Visits/ Grade Level Presentations in classrooms <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> Visit with Chorus, Music, PE, and Instrumental Music in the Art Room <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> Visit ESOL in the ESOL Room | Grades 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



Did you know your student will have access to an on-line reading library?

MyOn Reader is an on-line digital library which was purchased by our PTA for our students. Our children will have access to over 10,000 books online anytime and anywhere. Students may choose to have the text read to them or read the books independently. A variety of genres are available at many different levels on many topics. The library is designed for K-12 so monitor your child to make sure they are reading books that are appropriate.

Teachers are able to use MyOn in multiple ways. It can be used during whole/small group or independent reading lessons. Teachers have the ability to assign books to students and monitor their reading progress. The collection is also being used for research projects.

Students will be able to access MyOn on most devices with WI-FI access. Students will log into their account using their student I.D. number and the password they use to log in to computers at school. We are in the process of working with MyOn to get the program up and running.

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

**Tuesday, September 25th
6:00-7:30 pm
BE Playground**

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 a few local food trucks.

