



**Fifth District Elementary School
3725 Mt. Carmel Road, Upperco MD 21155**

Inclement Weather Procedures



1. ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR ENTIRE DAY

In the event of bad weather and very hazardous road conditions throughout the county, all schools may be closed for the entire day. Every effort will be made to have such an announcement made over the radio and television stations, BCPS website (www.bcps.org) and social media including the BCPS Facebook and Twitter feeds (@BaltCoPS) within seconds of the decision. It is also placed on BCPS-TV, the BCPS Now app, and broadcast on the BCPS telephone “weather line” – 410.887.5555.

2. ALL SCHOOLS – LATE OPENING

Conditions may warrant an announcement that all schools will open one or more hours later than normal. It is possible, due to worsening conditions, that in spite of an announced late opening, the decision will be made later to **close** schools. **If schools open one hour late, breakfast will be served. However, if schools open two hours late, breakfast will NOT be served in order for the cafeteria to prepare for lunch.**

3. EARLY CLOSING OF SCHOOLS

When inclement weather develops throughout the county while pupils are in school, it may be advisable to close all schools early. **IF** this is necessary, **radio, television and above mentioned media feeds will announce** the closing time. Lunch will be served early to all students.

4. GENERAL

- a. If no announcement is made, it is to be assumed that schools will open and buses will operate.
- b. On days when schools are closed early, all planned after school and evening use of the school facilities will be cancelled, **with the exception of heat related closings**. Fifth District is air conditioned and therefore, after school activities may be held.
- c. It is extremely important that your children know what to do on those days when school is dismissed early because of snow or some other type of emergency. If all BCPS schools close, students are to follow their normal dismissal procedures. **If Fifth District ONLY is closing due to an emergency, students will follow the procedure marked on their Emergency Contact Forms (ride the bus home or be picked up from the office), which parents completed at the beginning of the year. Please review these plans periodically with your children, and please be sure to notify us of any changes.**
- d. We ask that you make arrangements for the care of your child when school opens late due to bad weather, and that they do not arrive at the school until 15 minutes before the adjusted starting time.
- e. When school is open one or more hours late, all scheduled pre-school activities (play rehearsals, committee meetings, etc.) will be postponed for that same amount of time.

5. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS

It is possible that we may have a bus or buses which are unable to operate, or will be very late at your bus stop. In these instances, BCPS will make every effort to cover that route as soon as possible. Conditions may vary widely in different parts of the county and on different roads. **The final decision as to whether a particular bus should travel on particular roads must be left to the good judgment of the bus driver.** The following is a list of roads in the Fifth District area which **drivers may elect to avoid** due to snow or icy conditions: Benson Mill Road (some stops), Falls Road (north of Beckleysville), Foreston Road, Gunpowder Road (some stops), Marshall Mill Road, Masemore Road (hill), Trenton Road, Upper Beckleysville Road, Bush Cabin Court.