



Fifth District Elementary School Newsletter

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March 5, 2024

A Message from the Principal

It continues to be an amazing year at Fifth District. A huge THANK YOU to Marlena Rigato and Ron Santana for all their efforts with the Talent Show. It was a great night, and our students were fantastic. The show was enhanced by the variety of acts and talents, as well as artwork on display. Thank you and great job to everyone who had a hand in making that night so special.

I hope families are enjoying *The Chocolate Touch*. The One School, One Book program is a great way to highlight literacy and the benefits of reading with others. Thank you, Mrs. Schultz, and the One Book committee for planning Read Across America activities and maintaining our strong focus on literacy.

This week, students in grade five take MISA, the Maryland science test. In April, students in grades 3-5 will take MCAP Reading followed by Math in May. Our students scored very well on all assessments last spring. I am so proud of their hard work and continued growth. Our students' performance on state assessments is certainly a source of pride for *The Little School with the Big Heart*.

Spring break is fast approaching. Friday, March 22 is the last day of school before students begin spring break. Schools will reopen on Tuesday, April 2. Schools close three hours early on Friday, April 5 for the end of the third marking period. I hope everyone has a great March. We truly appreciate all your support!

Thank you!

Paul Scott

Calendar of Events

- March**
- 4 - Read Across America Week Begins; Wear your Favorite Sports Team/Shirt; Kids Heart Challenge (held during specials)
 - 5 - Little Coders Club, 8-8:45AM; Dress like a book character or wear a shirt with books or words; Reptile World Assembly, Gr. K/1/4, 12:30-1:45, Gr. 2/3/5, 2:00-3:15
 - 6 - MCAP Science, Grade 5, 10AM-12PM; Robotics Club, Gr. 5, 4-5PM; Wear Green for FDES
 - 7 - Dress as Your Favorite Singer/Musician
 - 8 - MCAP Science, Gr. 5, 10AM-12PM; Wear something to represent your family's traditions/culture/heritage or celebrations; Signup/Deadline for [Hersheypark](#) & [Sneaker Dance](#)
 - 10 - Daylight Saving Time begins (spring forward 1 hour)
 - 12 - Individual and Class Pictures Day; Little Coders Club, 8-8:45AM; Art Show, 6-7:30PM in the Gym; Fifth Grade Farewell Committee Mtg., 4:30PM, Room 4
 - 13 - Art Show Make-up Date, 6-7:30PM; Robotics Club, Gr. 5, 4-5PM
 - 14 - Trailblazers, 3:45-4:45PM
 - 15 - One School, One Book Celebration, Grades 3-5, 2-3:30PM; [PTA's Spring it On Sneaker Dance](#)
 - 19 - Little Coders Club, 8-8:45AM; PTA, 6PM
 - 20 - Gr. 5 MD Survey, 10:15AM; Robotics Club, 4-5PM; *Original Works* art orders due (online)
 - 22 - Spring Break Begins at the end of the day; 4th Grade Field Trip, 9:15-3:00; Port of MD Visits Gr. 3, 2-3:30pm; One School, One Book Celebration, Grades K-2, 9:10-11:30; May Day Booster Book Ads, T-shirt orders and Sponsorship forms due.
- April**
- 2 - Schools Reopen; Little Coders Club, 8-8:45AM; [Career Day, Gr. 3-5, 2:15-3:00](#)
 - 3 - Art Club Art Show, Hereford Library, 5:30-7:00PM (on display all month); [Career Day, Gr. K&1](#), 1:00-1:30; [Career Day, Gr. 2](#), 1:35-2:00
 - 4 - Trailblazers, 3:45-4:45PM
 - 5 - **Third Marking Period Ends, Schools Close 3 Hours Early for Students**
 - 9 - MCAP/ELA Little Coders Club 2, 8-8:45 AM; Red Cross Assembly, Gr. 3; Art Club, Gr. 3, 4-5PM; *Original Works* art order due for delivery
 - 10 - **Professional Development Day, Schools Closed for Students/Teachers on Duty;** Eid al fitr observed.
 - 12 - Grade 1 Field Trip, 9:15AM-2:30PM
 - 13 - BCPS Safe Racer Competition
 - 15 - MCAP/ELA
 - 16 - Little Coders Club 2, 8-8:45AM; Report Cards Distributed; KG Field Trip, 9:15-1:30; MCAP/ELA; Art Club, Gr. 3, 4-5PM
 - 17 - MCAP/ELA
 - 19 - Book Fair Opens
 - 22 - Book Fair; MCAP/ELA
 - 23 - Little Coders Club 2, 8-8:45AM; MCAP/ELA; Art Club, Gr. 3, 4-5PM; Book Fair
 - 24 - MCAP/ELA; Book Fair
 - 25 - Book Fair; Trailblazers, 3:45-4:45PM
 - 26 - **School & Offices Close 3 Hours Early;** Book Fair Ends
 - 29 - Kindergarten Conference Day; Schools Closed for KG Students; MCAP/ELA
 - 30 - Little Coders Club 2, 8-8:45AM; Art Club, Gr. 3, 4-5PM

MCAP-Science

The Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) provides information to educators, families and the public on student progress towards proficiency on the Maryland state content standards. Through a strong assessment system, stakeholders gain an understanding of how schools are performing and where assistance can be directed to support student growth and achievement. All grade 5 students will participate in MCAP Science during the month of March. The Science assessments focus on the ability to demonstrate the essential knowledge and understanding of science and engineering to make sense of real-world phenomena and solve authentic problems. Grade 5 students will take the assessment on March 6 and March 8.

Picture Day

Students will have individual and class photographs on Tuesday, March 12. Payment envelopes were distributed to students this week. There are separate payment envelopes for both [individual](#) and [class](#) pictures. Students will give their envelopes directly to the photographer. You may pre-order at mylifetouch.com with your student's ID# or picture day ID# EVTBSC49X.

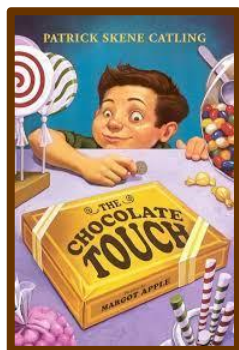
Kindergarten Registration 2024-2025

Hello Parents of Kindergarten-age Children:

We are collecting pre-registration forms for kindergarten students for the upcoming year 2024-2025. These students must be 5 years old by September 1st in accordance with BCPS Policy and Rule 5110, Students Enrollment and Attendance. If you have an eligible child, please complete and return the tear off included in this newsletter to the school office. Questions can be directed to Ms. Fiamma at gfiamma@bcps.org. Enrollment is online beginning in May 2024, **please do not try to enroll online at this time.**

Kindergarten Special Permission

Special Permission transfer requests will be accepted only April 1 to June 1, 2024. These students are unable to attend the annual kindergarten roundup event. Please visit our website at fifthdistrictes.bcps.org for general information and contact us with any questions at 443-809-1726.



One School, One Book

Our school continues to participate in the One School, One Book program! We are reading the book in school, but we encourage you to read it at home with your family as well. Below is our schedule for reading. Please do not read ahead of us, as we have trivia questions, fun activities and discussions planned for each chapter.

Week 5- 3/4 Chapter 9-10

Week 6- 3/11- Chapter 11-12

Week of 3/18- School Wide Book Celebration!

We hope you are enjoying the book with us!

The One Book Committee

Driving Forces/Safe Racer

The "Hereford Superstars" have been selected to represent Fifth District Elementary School at this year's BCPS Safe Racer competition.

The Safe Racer competition will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024.

Congratulations to team members (L-R): Theo Crawford, Tanner Seipp, Luke Harris and Alexander Hauff.

We will be cheering for you!



Music Camp

The BCPS Office of Performing Arts is pleased to announce summer camp opportunities. Registration is now open for the 2024 BCPS Performing Arts Summer Camps. Please see below for links to the registration form where caregivers can register for one or more of the exciting summer program offerings.

[BCPS Music Camp 2024 - Orchestra/Songwriting Registration Form](#)

July 8-12, 2024
10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Pikesville High School

[BCPS Music Camp 2024 - Band/Ukelele Registration Form](#)

July 15-19, 2024
10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Dumbarton Middle School

[2024 BCPS Summer Dance Intensive - Registration Form](#)

July 8-12, 2024
9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Pikesville High School



Counselors Corner

Happy March!!

WOW! Thank you to everyone who turned in a Kindness Bingo form! Fifth District is making Kindness the Norm! Classes also wrote ways they can “Be the I in KIND” and added it to our display by the café. Thank you for all the participation.

March’s classroom lessons will focus on Mindfulness, with a focus on Test Anxiety for grades 3 and 5. As we get closer to testing season, this might be a great activity to implement at home as well. The practice of Mindfulness has many benefits including increased focus, decreased stress and anxiety, increase in empathy and kindness, and emotional regulation. Even a quick one-minute breathing exercise is helpful. Headspace and Insight Timer are great apps that provide a range of meditations and mindful practices. Check in out!

Finally, we are beginning to plan a small career day. If you or an adult you know is interested in providing a short presentation to classes, please fill out the sign-up genius form below!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EA9AC2AA1FBC07-48280113-career>

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns at epark3@bcps.org.

Emmy Park
School Counselor
443-809-4774





Kids Heart Challenge – Mr. Brusco

The Kids Heart Challenge, an annual fundraiser for the American Heart Association, was held at Fifth District on Monday, March 4. Heart Challenge activities took place during special area times. Thank you to all who participated and donated to this worthy cause.

First Graders were up to the challenge!



Original Works Art News – Mrs. Coulter

It's time to see your student's art on wonderful, useful products. Order proceeds will support the Art Programs at FDES. Student packets will be coming home this week. **Orders are due by March 20** (online) to ensure item delivery by April 9. Orders will be delivered to Fifth District and distributed to students.

Art Show

Join us for the FDES Art Show on Tuesday, March 12 from 6-7:30PM in the gym. Meet the student artists and view their great artwork. There will be Make & Take activities for students to enjoy. We look forward to sharing this opportunity with you!





Fifth District Elementary School

Tuesday, March 12, 2024
6:00 – 7:30 PM

Meet the
Student Artists
View their art work!

Sculpture
Fiber Art
Drawing
Ceramics
Painting



Make & Take
Activities

Penny Spinner

Fabergé Egg Making

Collage Activity

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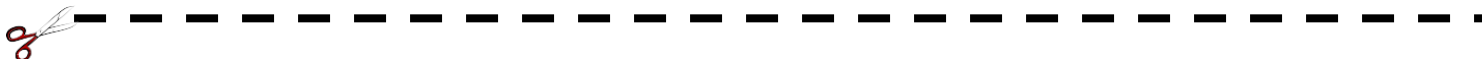
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Kindergarten Pre-Registration 2024-2025



To register your child/children entering kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year, students must be 5 years old by September 1 in accordance with Baltimore County Public School Policy #5110, Students-Enrollment and Attendance. **If you have an eligible child, please complete and return the pre-registration tear-off below to the school office.** You will receive an online registration link through the email listed below once this form is received. Please pass this information to friends/neighbors in your community who may have a child this age entering our school in the fall.

Special permission/transfer requests will not be accepted at this time.



Fifth District Elementary Kindergarten Pre-Registration Form 2024-2025

Mail to or send to: Fifth District Elem. School, 3725 Mt. Carmel Road, Upperco, MD 21155 (or) **Fax to:** 443-809-4771 (or) **Email to:** gfiamma@bcps.org

Child's Name _____
First Middle Last

Child's Date of Birth: _____ Gender: M / F

Parent's #1 Name: _____

Parent #2 Name: _____

Home Address: _____
No. Street City Zip

Parent(s) Email address: #1 _____ #2 _____

Home/Cell Phone Parent #1 _____ Phone Parent #2 _____

You will receive an online registration link through your email listed above once this form is received. **Online registration is used for enrolling your student and will begin in May.** All documents may be uploaded to Focus/SIS or brought in by mail. We will collect registration documents at the Round-Up event.

Note: We will mail out the school registration packet for you to complete prior to pre-registering.



Notes

Tammy Jacobs
443-809-1533
tjacobs@bcps.org



March is:

National Nutrition Month

A great time to reinforce healthy eating habits with your child(ren). Perhaps have them help make a meal list for the week, talk about healthy options, and have them help with preparation.

<https://www.fda.gov/food/consumers/celebrate-nutrition-march#:~:text=Join%20the%20U.S.%20Food%20and,that%20last%20all%20year%20long!>

See the poster below that our Nursing Student, Diana, created!

World Oral Health Day, March 20th

Seems like we just talked about this, but it never hurts to have reminders! 😊

- Brush at least twice a day.
- If you can't brush, rinse with water after eating.
- See your dentist every 6 months, with any concerns, and /or as recommended by your provider.
- Change your toothbrush at least every 3 months and after illnesses.

See attached flier from the Baltimore County Department of Health regarding measles.

THANK YOU for notifying me when your child(ren) is/are absent due to illness. (tjacobs@bcps.org)

***If you visit a doctor's office, make it practice to ask for a note for your child's health file.**

Cleaning out Closets?

The health suite is in need of size 6, 8, and 10/12 boys and girls pants. Tennis shoes are always needed as well.

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS COVID-19 Plan: 2023-24 School Year:
https://www.bcps.org/dos/socialemotionalsupport/office_of_health_services/covid

Tammy 😊



GET PROTECTED AGAINST **MEASLES**



Let's keep measles **OUT** of Baltimore County!

Talk to your provider or visit our health centers to receive the MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine.

SYMPTOMS

- Cough
- Red, watery eyes
- Runny nose
- High fever (may spike to more than 104° F)
- Rash breaks out 3 - 5 days after symptoms begin

Baltimore County Health Centers are able to vaccinate both adults and children with the MMR vaccine (measles, mumps and rubella).

- Children should receive their first dose at 1 year and their second dose at 4 - 6 years.
- Adults who have never been vaccinated with MMR should have their first dose as soon as they can.

MEASLES CAN BE **SERIOUS**



About 1 out of 5 people who get measles will be hospitalized.



1 out of every 1,000 people with measles will develop brain swelling due to infection (encephalitis), which may lead to brain damage.



1 to 3 out of 1,000 people with measles will die, even with the best care.

<https://www.cdc.gov/measles/parent-infographic.html>

Appointments preferred. Call your local health center to schedule an appointment.

HEALTH CENTER LOCATIONS

Baltimore Highlands - Lansdowne

3902 Annapolis Road, Lansdowne, MD 21227
410-887-1003

Dundalk Health Center

7700 Dunmanway, Baltimore, MD 21222
410-887-7182

Eastern Family Resource Center

9150 Franklin Square Drive, Rosedale, MD 21237
410-887-6452

Essex Health Center

201 Back River Neck Road, Ste 100, Essex, MD 21221
410-887-0246

Hannah More Health Center

12035 Reisterstown Road, Reisterstown, MD 21136
410-887-1152

Woodlawn Health Center

6901 Security Boulevard, Ste 100, Baltimore, MD 21244
410-887-1332



Baltimore County Department of Health

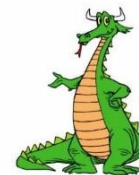
Healthy people, living, working, and playing in Baltimore County

Gregory Wm. Branch, M.D., MBA, CPE, FACP - Director, Health and Human Services
Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski and the Baltimore County Council



March
2024

Fifth District Elementary School
PTA



March Happenings!

PTA Meeting is on Tuesday, March 19, 2024. We will meet, in person, at 6pm in the library. If you need child care for the meeting, please sign up by Sunday, 3/17/24, by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/PTAMtgCare>. Limited spots available. If you have any questions, please email them to fifthdistrictpta@gmail.com by 5pm 3/19/24!

IMPORTANT DATES

3/08/24 - Last Day to purchase Hersheypark tickets; Last Day to sign up for Sneaker Dance
3/12/24 - Art Show; 6-7:30pm
3/15/24 - Spring It On Sneaker Dance
3/19/24 - PTA Meeting; 6pm Library
3/22/24 - May Day Booster Book Ads, T-shirt orders and Sponsorship forms due. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
3/22/24 - Spring Break begins at end of day



PTA NEWS

www.fdepta.membershiptoolkit.com

Classroom Restock... A HUGE THANK YOU to all of the FDES families for their generosity. The supply restock was a great success and the Faculty and Staff were extremely thankful!

May Day is almost here! We are so excited for this event and cannot wait. Planning is in full swing! May Day Packets have been sent home. Please be sure to review all documents for important information. If you have any questions, please email Tabitha and Heather.

Our awesome Sponsorship team has been out and about in the community seeking and securing sponsors. If you or someone you know would be interested in sponsorship opportunities, please reach out to Angelina at angelinaroselazzara@gmail.com

Spring Fling... The Spring It On Sneaker Dance is on 3/15. Be sure to register **NO LATER THAN 3/8/24**. This will be a free event for **currently enrolled FDE Students and their parents/guardians**. Younger/older siblings will not be permitted to attend. Parents/Guardians **MUST** remain on premises during the event. Pizza, snacks, crafts, & Rita's Italian Ice will be available for **FREE** to those in attendance.

The Talent Show... Was so much fun! Great job to all of our performers! A special Thank You to Ron and Marlena for their 8 years of directing the FDES Talent Show. We will miss them very much!

Hersheypark Tickets!

Order by 3/8/24

Tickets cost \$45 and can be purchased on the PTA website through 3/8/24. Tickets will be distributed when they come in. Order by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/fdeshtix>

Yearbooks

Order Now

2023-2024 Yearbooks are now available to order. Yearbooks will arrive during summer and will be distributed at the beginning of next school year. The school code is 11173024 Order by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/FDEYB2324>

May Day

5/4/24

May Day is quickly approaching. If you would like to help with planning or committees, please email Tabitha at tabithayuhas@gmail.com or Heather at hboone08@gmail.com or use the sign up here <http://tinyurl.com/MayDayCom24>



JOIN FDES PTA FOR A

Spring It On SNEAKER DANCE

Friday, March 15th
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm



Upperco Activities Building
16020 Carnival Avenue Upperco, MD 21155

****Adults Must Remain on Premises with Child****

**DJ - DANCING - PIZZA - TREATS -
PHOTO BOOTH - DRINKS - FUN ACTIVITIES**

100% FREE FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED FIFTH DISTRICT STUDENTS!

****SIBLINGS AND ALUMNI NOT PERMITTED****

**Must register by March 8th at:
<http://tinyurl.com/FDESSneaker>**

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Fifth District PTA wants you to be HERSHEY PARK happy!

Order tickets through our group sale.

Tickets valid for Ages 3 and up THROUGH 12/31/24

Our price is \$45.00 per ticket (Regular \$87.80)

Buy 10 tickets and get one FREE!

Orders can be placed on the PTA website

BY Friday, March 8, 2024

NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED NO EXCEPTIONS

Please include a student name and homeroom.

Tickets will be sent home with your student
or if you prefer, arrangements can be made to pick them up.

ORDER HERE <http://tinyurl.com/fdeshtix>

We MUST SELL a minimum of 20 tickets for the group rate. If 20 tickets are not sold, monies will be refunded.

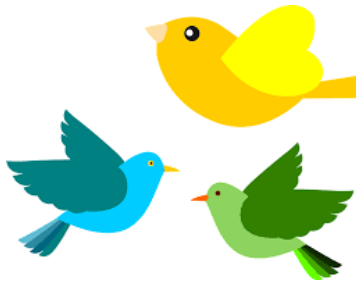
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Rita's School Challenge March 1st - 31st



907 S. MAIN ST
HAMPSTEAD, MD 21074

Visit Rita's of Hampstead between March 1st and March 31st
Mention our school name at the time of purchase.
15% of our Net sales for the month will be donated to our PTA



Enjoy your
SPRING
BREAK

You're Invited!

Parent University Event Snapshot



Educating & Empowering Families

Every Wednesday – Family Support Wednesdays

March 6, 13, 20 – 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Virtual

Presented by BCPS Department of Special Education

Lunch & Learn – Compassion vs. Control: Finding the Balance You Need (also offered May 10)

March 8 – 12:30 PM

Virtual

Presented by Mariposa Education

Lunch & Learn – Introduction to Bullying Prevention (also offered May 16)

March 12 – 12:30 PM

Virtual

Presented by Brad Engel, Maryland State Department of Education

Lunch & Learn – Celebrating Baby Sleep Day: Preventing Sleep Problems Before they Occur

March 15 – 12:30 PM

Virtual

Presented by the Center for Family Success

The Office of Family & Community Engagement continually offers events throughout the year.

Please visit our website and click on the Parent University schedule to see our full list and to register for these events!

La Oficina de participación familia y comunitaria tiene eventos durante todo el año.

Visite nuestro sitio de web, haga click en Parent University para ver el calendario completo de eventos y para inscribirse

https://www.bcps.org/cos/communications/FACE/parent_university

