

# LYONS MILL ELEMENTARY

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Dear Lyons Mill Families,

Thank you Lyons Mill Families for making 2018-2019 so very special. I am fortunate to have such wonderful community support and a dedicated staff devoting considerable time, thought and effort planning and implementing a strong educational program for our boys and girls. We enjoyed a very busy spring together with Sports Days, Career Day, Family Code Night and the Spring Concert.

Thank you for sharing your children with us and participating in their education throughout the year. The LMES Yearbook will be sent home in the next few days. Our yearbook is filled with wonderful photographs celebrating all of our activities and events. We appreciate all of the support you give to our LMES Community. Have a great, safe and relaxing summer!

## SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGES

Wednesday, June 5th is now a school day for students. It was originally a professional development day with no school for students.

The last day of school will now be Monday, June 17th. Dismissal is 12:20 PM to 12:30 PM. The school year was originally scheduled to end on Friday, June 14th.

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Mrs. Maralee Clark, Principal



## Upcoming Events

**June 12th** - Kindergarten Closing Ceremony 9:15 a.m.

**June 13th** - Fifth Grade Farewell 9:15 a.m.

**June 14th** - Early Dismissal School closes at 12:30

**June 17th** - Last Day of School. Early dismissal school closes at 12:30



## Vision

Lyons Mill Elementary School creates a safe, healthy, and nurturing atmosphere which fosters collaborative partnerships among students, teachers, families and community members. Our diverse learners are empowered to build 21st century skills by exploring rigorous, engaging and relevant student-centered learning while integrating innovative resources. We inspire each other to be lifelong learners who are caring, productive citizens of a dynamic global community.



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## STEM in the News!

### STEM+Space+Politics

Have you ever seen a shooting star? Chances are, that wasn't actually a star. Most likely you saw a meteor, a small bit of rock from an asteroid. An asteroid is a rock that orbits the Sun, and some are big enough to cause damage if they strike a planet.



Scientists track asteroids, and based on their mathematical calculations, they know that some have a small chance of hitting the Earth. But what can be done if they know an asteroid is coming? Should people be evacuated? Who would be in charge of evacuating people and who should make that decision?

What if it were possible to deflect an asteroid out of the way? How could you prevent an asteroid from hitting the Earth?

To learn more about asteroids, meteors, and comets, check out: [go.nasa.gov/2oC3M4d](http://go.nasa.gov/2oC3M4d)

To read more about scientists tracking asteroids, head to: [yhoo.it/2WoeH5h](http://yhoo.it/2WoeH5h)

### STEM in Food

Popcorn isn't just food, it's fun science! Each kernel of popcorn has a drop of water trapped inside, and when it's heated it turns to steam. When the shell can't hold the pressure, it explodes and becomes what we know as popcorn.

Find activities, recipes, and even videos of the moment popcorn pops at [popcorn.org](http://popcorn.org)



### STEM in the News

Do you like to listen to music while doing your homework?

If so, maybe next time you should listen to music without any words.

Researchers are looking at what connection music has to intelligence. They found that people with higher test scores prefer instrumental music. Does that mean that if you listen to jazz, classical, or electronica music you'll be smarter?

To read more: [nyp.st/2X3NPVb](http://nyp.st/2X3NPVb)



### STEM Book

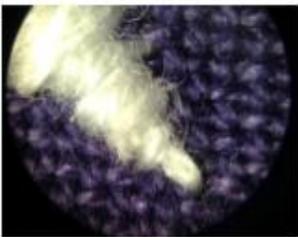
*Maker Lab* by Jack Challoner has "28 Super cool" projects to create using household items, and plenty of great questions to get you thinking "how" and "why" things work!



### Mystery Photo

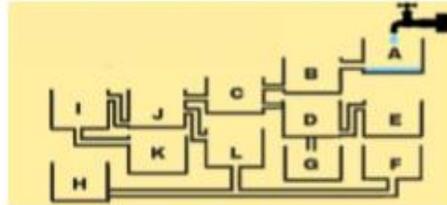
What's under the microscope? (answer next week)

Last week's answer: a potato



### The Puzzle

Look at the diagram and determine which tank will fill up first (answer next week)



Last week's answer: an echo

## Free Summer Instrumental Music Lessons for Rising Fifth Graders!

Summer lessons for current Grade 4 students (5th graders in Fall 2019) are offered for free on July 1-2, 2019 and July 29-31, 2019 at Lyons Mill Elementary School. Look for the registration information in



Wednesday folders on Wednesday, June 5, 2019. Registration forms are due to your child's Fourth Grade Homeroom Teacher by Wednesday, June 12, 2019. I can't wait to get your children started on their instruments this summer!

## School Hours

- School hours 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. Students may enter the building at 8:30 a.m.
- Arrival 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.
- There is no supervision for any child dropped off before 8:30 a.m. Unsupervised students are not permitted on school grounds prior to 8:30 a.m. Students must arrive in their classrooms before the 8:45 a.m. bell.
- Homeroom begins at 8:45 a.m.
- Dismissal 3:20 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## Office Hours

- Office hours 8:15 a.m.- 4:15 p.m.
- If your child arrives to school late or leaves school early for any reason, please report to the main office to meet him/her and not to the classroom. Parents are required to sign students in/out in the main office.
- If your child forgets materials necessary for the school day, these should be dropped off in the office. Please make sure items are clearly marked with your child's name.



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## Library News

By this time, students should have returned all library books borrowed this school year. Overdue notices are coming home. Parents, please assist your children in finding their books. Books that have been lost will need to be paid for. Please note that Lyons Mill only accepts cash payments; however, a receipt will be sent home upon receiving payment for lost items. Students will be checking out library books to read over the summer if their accounts are clear of obligations.

Please take your student to the Baltimore County Public library and sign up for the summer reading program. This year the theme is A Universe in Stories. Students can register on [bcpl.beanstack.org](http://bcpl.beanstack.org) anytime. The summer

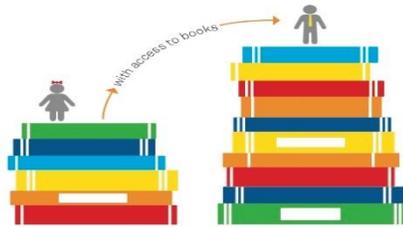


reading program will run from June 17th until September 1st. There will be a kick off program at the public library on Sunday, June 16th at the Owings Mill Branch at 1 pm. Summer reading is important for students to keep up their reading skills throughout the year.



### READING: A CRITICAL PART OF YOUR SUMMER HOW TO BEAT "SUMMER SLIDE"

Children who are given access to books over the summer perform **35-40%** better on reading achievement tests.  
—First Book



During the summer months, children who don't read fall an average of **2 MONTHS BEHIND.**



However, kids who read over the summer can make slight **GAINS!**



By fifth grade, children can be as much as **2.5 YEARS BEHIND** in reading due to "summer slide."

#### Reading Practice Is Essential. Kids Get Better At Reading By Reading.

"One of the major differences between poor and good readers is the difference in the quantity of total time they spend reading."  
—National Reading Panel, 2000

#### Daily Reading Adds Up!

If a child reads **30 minutes a day** at home, every day of the school year, he or she will have read **90 hours in one year.** That's more than two weeks of school!

**SIA** KEEP IT UP DURING THE SUMMER: READ EVERY DAY!

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## TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

### Walkers

Thank you for following the daily procedures in the afternoon during dismissal.

### Carpool

When dropping off and picking up your students, please pull to the end of the car loop to allow the LMES staff to load and unload as many students as possible at a time. If you arrive after the 8:45 am bell, please drive to the main office entrance.

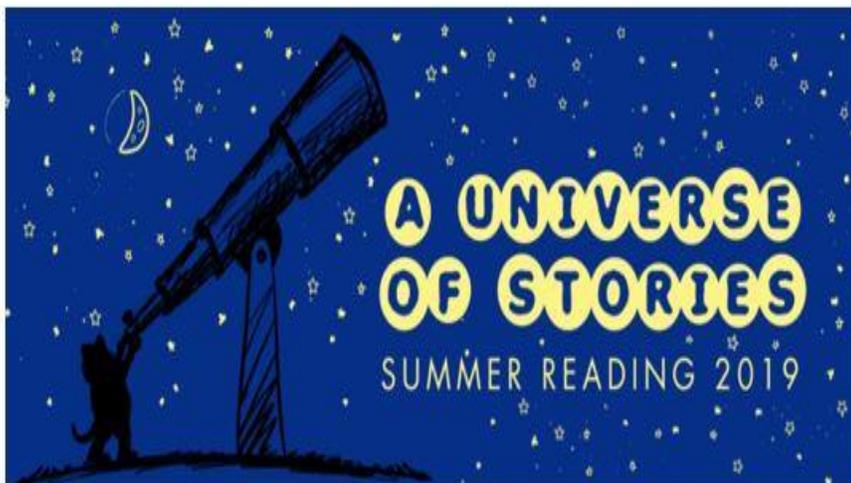
### Bus Riders

We are working diligently with the BCPS Office of Transportation to ensure all busses arrive on time daily. You may contact Baltimore County Public School's Office of Transportation by calling 410-887-4321.

### Please Note

When visiting LMES, please park in our staff and visitor parking lot. Please be mindful of the families that live in the Ballard Green neighborhood by not blocking their driveways when visiting our school.

# Baltimore County Summer Reading Program



## Baltimore County Public Library Summer Reading Program June 17 – September 1

Stop by any branch beginning June 18 and pick up a Summer Reading Challenge booklet, complete with a game board, fun activities, coloring sheet and coupons from local businesses.

### Prizes

Earn 20 points to win your choice of a book or a Universe of Stories tote bag. Any kid earning 20 points is entered into a prize drawing with each branch giving away the following:

#### Birth to 10 Years Old

- Magformers Magnetic Building Blocks—Space Episode Set
- Lakeshore Play and Explore Rocket
- Space Adventure Roarin' Rocket Play Tent
- LEGO Creator Space Explorer Building Kit
- Women of NASA LEGO Set



### Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff Festival

Join 92Q and Ravens Poe at the [Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff Festival](#) on Sunday, June 16 for live entertainment, face painting, craft activities and giveaways at the Owings Mills Branch.

### Are You Moving?

If you have moved, please make sure you notify us immediately.

If you do not notify us within 15 days of moving, then you are fraudulently enrolled.

It is important for the school to have the most up-to-date information concerning your children in the event of an emergency. Even if you switch apartments in the same development, you must re-register.

Any changes to email addresses or phone numbers need to be reported to the main office.

Please contact our Lyons Mill main office at 443-809-1719 with any questions.

### Replacement of Student ID Badges

During the school day, as long as it is safe, student identification (ID) badges need to be worn visibly by lanyard or clip.

All students **MUST HAVE** ID badges.

If a student identification badge is lost or stolen, there is a replacement fee. Fees for replacement badges are \$5.00 per badge.

Please submit \$5.00 in cash in a sealed envelope clearly labeled with your child's name addressed to Ms. Stacey Enty, Assistant Principal. The new badge will be printed and given to your child's teacher.

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## LMES Sports Day

At the end of May, every grade level participated in Sports Day. The weather was incredible, and we really appreciated all of the parent and community support. Thank you to all of the amazing homeroom teachers for all of their help facilitating stations and thank you to all of the parents who volunteered. Your help was instrumental in making our Sports Day an amazing success. Thank you to the PTA as well for providing every student with a freeze pop.



Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade worked in teams to complete skills at stations that included a sponge relay, toilet tag, run the bases, frisbee toss, hockey and soccer dribble, and keep it up.

3rd grade, 4th grade, and 5th grade worked with their homeroom classes and participated in large group cooperative games that included capture the flag, octopus tag, suitcase relay, teamwork kickball, ultimate pinball, and leaky cup relay.



## Kindergarten Registration

### 2019-2020 Kindergarten Registration Information

Kindergarten registration is currently being held for children with birthdates between September 2, 2013 and September 1, 2014. Parents must provide their children's birth certificate, immunizations, and proof of residency. Registration is by appointment only after you pick up the registration packet. If you have additional questions, call the school 443-809-1719.



## ENROLL NOW!

### ACTIVITIES OFFERED

Zip Line • Drama • Mountain Biking  
Dance • Ropes Course • Art  
Rock Wall • STEM • Archery  
Swimming • Sports • Field Games  
and so much more!

### PACKAGES OFFERED

Active Arts Package - \$295 weekly  
Adventure Package - \$295 weekly

### FREE TRANSPORTATION

provided from select HotSpots  
Extended Care Program locations

### OUR MISSION

The mission of our camp is to provide a safe, positive, and child centered experience that will continuously meet the needs of all children.

### HOURS OF OPERATION

Before Care - 7:00 to 8:30 AM  
Camp Hours - 8:30 to 4:30 PM  
After Care - 4:30 to 6:00 PM

### CONTACT INFORMATION

info@camphotspots.com  
camphotspots.com

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## Nurse's News

If your child has been taking medication in school, a parent or designated adult must retrieve the medication from school or it will be discarded. Students may not take unused or expired medications home. Medication should be picked up by student dismissal on Monday, June 17th. If you are unable to pick up medication by the last day of school, please contact Nurse Limmer



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## PTA

It's so hard to believe that this school year has come and gone. Thank you so much to the families that have supported us this year. We hope you will continue the journey with us next year as well. The PTA is currently looking for individuals interested in board positions for next school year. If you are interested, please email us at [lyonsmillpta@gmail.com](mailto:lyonsmillpta@gmail.com). Congratulations to all of our 5th graders who will be moving on to middle school next year. We are very proud of you and wish you the best! Continue to work hard and strive for success. Always remember, "Successful people are not gifted; they just Work Hard, then Succeed on Purpose." -G.K. Nelson.

## PTA Cultural Corner

June is a month of many celebrations. In the Muslim religion, people celebrate Ramadan which began on May 5th. Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. During this month, Muslims around the world fast, pray and reflect (Wikipedia). Muslim families gather for prayer at sunset and enjoy a meal called iftar which includes dates, or apricots, and water or sweetened milk. Ramadan concludes on June 4th and is celebrated with a "Feast of Fast-Breaking", called Eid-al-Fitr.

Another holiday celebrated by many is Flag Day. This holiday is celebrated on June 14th and is a time for us to celebrate and show respect for our flag and those who created it ([holidayinsights.com](http://holidayinsights.com)). The United States adopted our flag on this very day in the year 1777.

June 19th is the commemoration of an American holiday known as Juneteenth or Freedom Day. On this day in 1865, slavery was abolished in Texas and enslaved African-Americans were emancipated. This news came 2-years after the announcement of the abolition of slavery in the other slave states in the U.S. People may celebrate Juneteenth by attending rodeos, state fairs, family cookouts or reunions, historical reenactments or Miss Juneteenth contests (Wikipedia).

Of course, who could possibly forget June 21st. Although not a holiday, it is officially the first day of summer and the longest day of the year. We wish everyone a wonderful summer break and look forward to seeing you next year. We encourage you to continue to have your children read, write and be active throughout the summer. It is imperative that they continue to practice academics over the summer in order for them to avoid summer learning loss also known as "Summer Slide".

## Wellness Policy for Schools

### Policy 5470: Wellness

This policy establishes standards for all foods and beverages such as those provided at classroom parties, school celebrations and as rewards and incentives. For example, all foods and beverages used in classroom celebrations will meet the same nutrition standards that are used for sale in the school meals program (competitive foods and beverages).

Please use this link to learn more information

[http://www.bcps.org/system/policies\\_rules/policies/5000Series/POL5470.pdf](http://www.bcps.org/system/policies_rules/policies/5000Series/POL5470.pdf)



## No Birthday Celebrations

Due to food allergies and the new wellness policy, students are not permitted to bring in snacks to share with other students. We thank you for your understanding that birthday celebrations are not allowed at school.

# Spanish Passport Program



Some important things to know and keep in mind for Spanish class:

- GRADE 4 PARENTS:** Please check your child's folder (and e-mail for some parents) for important grades and related information about Mission 3. These grades will be posted on the Spanish report card.
- GRADE 5 PARENTS:** We are finishing up Unit 3, and Mission 3 will be due at the beginning of June. Please start to look out for these very important grades coming home.
- End-of-Year Spanish report cards will be included in the report card envelope at the end of the year.** Please use this as a way to decide how much reviewing your child should do over the summer. **\*\*IDEA:** Use it as a way to have your child "teach you Spanish" over the summer. This will help your child be more prepared for next year (whether it's 5<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish or 6<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish). **I WILL BE KEEPING THE FOLDERS ACTIVE ON SCHOOLGY OVER THE SUMMER!**
- Please continue to check your child's take-home folder for your child's weekly assessments so you can gauge his/her progress.**
- Below, you will find a list of topics that your child learned in Unit 3 (5<sup>th</sup> grade) and Unit 4 (4<sup>th</sup> grade).** Your child should be able to **ask** someone about these topics **and answer** the question **in a complete sentence** in Spanish. All class notes are updated weekly on Schoology. These skills will be used to complete Mission 3 (5<sup>th</sup> grade) and Mission 4 (4<sup>th</sup> grade) in complete sentences in Spanish. Please continue to practice these skills as well as Units 1 & 2 & 3.

**In 4<sup>th</sup> grade, we now know how to:**

- \* identify our favorite animal.
- \* describe animals using physical & personality traits.
- \* describe animals using body parts.
- \* explain how animals move (what they can & can't do).
- \* explain where animals live (their habitats).

**WE MAY OR MAY NOT GET TO THIS:**

- \* identify the clothing we wear in summer & winter.
- \* describe the clothing we wear using colors.

**In 5<sup>th</sup> grade, we now know how to:**

- \* identify our favorite class and explain why we like it.
- \* identify our least favorite class and explain why we don't like it.
- \* explain what we have to do in our classes.
- \* explain what school supplies we need in our classes.
- \* explain where things are around our school.
- \* explain who works in our school and what they do.
- \* telling time in Spanish format. (learning #'s 32-60)
- \* explain when our classes begin & end (telling time).

**There are a lot of ways you can help your child at home to prepare your child to be as successful as possible throughout the year and even into next year.**

- \* Please remind your child how important it is to learn a second language and to ALWAYS try their best!
- \* Please remind your child to always put forth their best effort, even when things become challenging!
- \* Remind your child to **ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE** in class at all times. (This includes **repeating** the words/phrases, **acting out** the vocabulary, staying **focused**, and **following directions**.)
- \* Get some Spanish books out of the library and look for words you know and/or recognize.
- \* Watch a familiar TV show in Spanish and listen for words you recognize.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions or concerns! **Please also check Twitter to see all the fun things we do in Spanish class!** I try to post weekly. I thank you for all your support & involvement in your child's education.

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