

# LYONS MILL ELEMENTARY

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Dear Lyons Mill Families,  
Wishing you and your family a very happy and healthy holiday season. November was a busy month with many activities and events such as our STEM Expo, Grade 4's Living Wax Museum and American Education Week.

We enjoyed seeing many families as our A'Cappella Club entertained a large crowd at Foundry Row on Saturday, November 23rd. The month of December is filled with some exciting opportunities too!

On Tuesday, December 10th, our Family Literacy Night will engage parents and students in fun, educational activities starting at 6 pm. Don't miss our Scholastic Book Fair Shopping Night during our Family Literacy Night event.

Wishing you a Happy New Year,

Mrs. Maralee Clark  
Principal

### Upcoming Events

- December 9 - December 13: Winter Schoolastic Book Fair
  - December 10: Literacy Night/Family Book Fair Shop Night
  - December 19: Interims distributed
  - December 20: Winter Break begins at end of school day.
  - January 2: School Reopens
- Happy Holidays!

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## American Education Week Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in American Education Week 2019. We had a total of 544 family members come out to Lyons Mill Elementary between Monday, November 18 through Thursday, November 21 in order to celebrate this great week! From awesome and interactive classroom lessons to 4th grade's Living Wax Museum, all of our teachers, students, and families showed why LMES truly is such an amazing community!

## Counselor's Corner

Attendance is stellar at Lyons Mill Elementary; however, it is essential that if your child is tardy or absent to please send in a note explaining why your child is late or absent so that this information can be recorded into our system. If you have any questions about attendance, please refer to our November newsletter which includes the BCPS Attendance Policy.

So far this year, Mr. Menikheim and Ms. Arrington have taught 99 classroom lessons throughout grades K-5! The topics have ranged from Conflict Resolution skills to Bullying Prevention. In the month of December, we will be focusing on Personal Safety and how to keep kids safe, including their use of technology and social media.

Throughout the month, we will be looking for students and classes that are demonstrating responsibility both in and out of the classroom. The staff loves giving students virtue vouchers when they are caught demonstrating the virtue that is highlighted for the month. We know that we have some of the most responsible students in BCPS, so we can't wait to see how many virtue and class vouchers are awarded this month to students.

## Career Day Planning

Mr. Menikheim and Ms. Arrington are in the process of planning a Lyons Mill Career Day on March 27, 2020. If you would like to volunteer as a presenter, please send an email of interest to Mr. Menikheim ([bmenikheim@bcps.org](mailto:bmenikheim@bcps.org)) or Ms. Arrington ([darrington@bcps.org](mailto:darrington@bcps.org)).

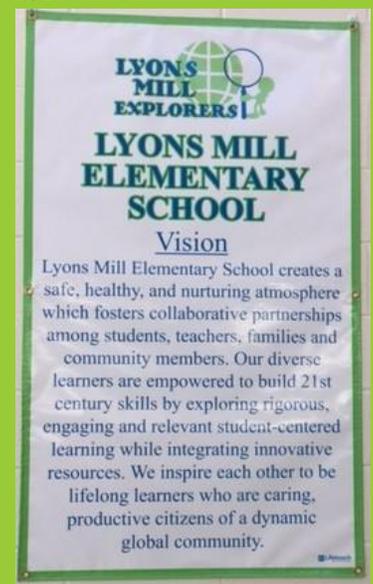
If you ever have any questions regarding counseling or the programs that are implemented here at Lyons Mill, please don't hesitate to reach out to us by phone or email. Have a great December and a wonderful holiday season!

## 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.



### 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 considered to be 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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## Nurse's Corner

Stay or go? As parents we often ask ourselves when should I keep my child home from school. Not every cough and sniffle means your child should stay home from school. There are some "rules" that parents should follow when it comes to illnesses and keeping your kids home. If your child has any of the following symptoms, it's time to let the school know that your child will not be in school: fever \*your child should be fever free for 24 hours WITHOUT medication before going back to school; nausea/vomiting \*your child should be free from vomiting for 24 hours before going back to school; diarrhea; a rough night \*for example your child was up all night coughing or having trouble breathing; extreme tiredness; no appetite; pink eye; your child does not seem "him/herself". Most childhood illnesses can be taken care of at home with fever reducing medications (acetaminophen or ibuprofen), rest and plenty of fluids. Simple stuffy noses or coughs do not stop most kids from participating and enjoying school activities. If your child is congested or has a sore throat but is still able to get him/herself ready in the morning, it's a good sign that he/she can handle the school day. You are always welcome to call the health suite for any questions regarding that morning question...should he/she stay or go?

## Music

In vocal music this month, we will be focusing on music from Slavic countries, like Russia, Ukraine, Hungary, and Bulgaria. Kindergarten students will continue to discuss melodic contour and identify high and low pitches auditorily. They will also discuss environmental sounds, how they can mimic those sounds, and the difference between sound and music. First grade will identify the high pitch they have sung as sol and the lower one as mi, while working on singing independence. In addition, they will identify elements of a march with the march from The Nutcracker by Tchaikovsky. Second grade will finish the lesson on melodic movement by identifying movement as a skip, a step, or the same. They are then moving on to identifying rondo form and creating their own rondo in a rondo project. Third grade is naming "low sol" and becoming familiar with the pitch. Furthermore, they will continue to practice putting rhythms into measures according to a time signature and identifying absolute pitches on the treble staff. Fourth grade will identify and create introductions, codas, and interludes. They will add a descant to their pieces to create harmony as well. Finally, fifth grade is continuing to work on scales, while preparing for their upcoming concert on January 14 at 6:30. We would love to see you there to support the fifth grade band and chorus at the concert.

## Clubs:

Coding Club continues to work on their video games in Scratch. Students are animating their characters, coding their game to switch between multiple levels, and coding enemies for their games.

The National Elementary Honor Society at Lyons Mill had their first meeting in November. We are excited to welcome our new members in December at our induction ceremony!

The A' Cappella Club is building their repertoire of songs in preparation for their upcoming performances. They did a fabulous job at the tree lighting at Foundry Row and are also preparing for the concert on January 14 at 6:30.

The Musical Theater Club is building their performance skills in the areas of dance, song, and acting. They have played a variety of games to work on these skills and have worked on various memorization techniques. Soon, they will begin work on the music for the musical performance and will have auditions for parts in late December, or early January.

In instrumental music, fourth grade is still working with the string family in exploratory music. They are working in small groups learning the basics of how the instrument functions and is played. Other students work on small projects in their station rotations. The next instruments they will work on are cello and double bass.

With Mr. Poissant, fifth grade instrumental students are moving towards improving their sound in band rehearsal and string students have started basic bowing technique. They are working towards the concert on January 14 at 6:30.

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## Physical Education

In Physical Education from November 25th - December 20th, your child will be guided and challenged through a series of movement experiences using the Movement Education Equipment (formally known as whittle equipment or indoor jungle gym). Students **MUST WEAR SNEAKERS** to climb on the equipment. Any students wearing boots, flats, heels, etc. on their P.E. day will not be able to climb due to safety and liability concerns.

The theme of this year's MEE will be: **RAINFORESTS**  
If you have any stuffed animals/toys from home that can be used as decorations to enhance the rainforest theme, please contact the main office 443-809-1719 for a form. Your toy will be labeled with this form so it can be returned at the end of the month. Please be aware that Lyons Mill Elementary will not take any responsibility for lost or damaged items. Any extra special animals/toys may be better left at home. Thank you for your support in helping to create a beautiful rainforest in the LMES gym.  
Mrs. Owen, Mr. Dorsey & Mr. Hopper

# Lyons Mill Elementary

is hiring someone

caring hard-working energetic

to work with our students  
as a lunch room assistant.

Hours: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Compensation: \$10.10 per hour

Interested? Please contact

**Stacey Enty**

(443) 809 – 1719

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## LITERACY NIGHT

at Lyons Mill Elementary



get Cozy With a good Book

Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6-7.30 pm

## Spanish

Queridos estudiantes, familias y amigos del cuarto grado (4th grade) y del quinto grado (5th grade),

¡HOLA! Es el otoño y hace frío.

We have been having so much fun in Spanish class! I hope that you've been enjoying seeing your child's progress in Spanish from all the graded papers that have come home each week and also checking on Schoology for their grades. If you have not seen any graded papers, please let me know and ask your child. As a reminder, these grades are to help you and your child gauge their progress in Spanish class. There will not be a report card grade, but your child will receive 2 Spanish progress report cards (2nd quarter and 4th quarter). We are finishing Mission I, and they are looking great!

I am VERY impressed at all the conversations I've heard in Spanish in class and all the excitement about learning Spanish when I see the kids in the hallway! Below, you will find a list of what we have learned so far in 4th and 5th grade. Please remind your child that although they may not understand everything I'm saying, they can follow some strategies that we've talked about in class: look for words that look like/sound like English; watch me as I'm teaching & pointing on the board; and look at the board for the picture clues I show to help them learn.

### In 4th grade, we know how to ask & talk about:

- \* our name, age, birthday, & feelings.
- \* our favorite color
- \* activities we like/don't like to do.
- \* sports we like/don't like to play
- \* where we're from (nationality).
- \* where we live.

We can also greet others throughout the day appropriately.

### In 5th grade, we know how to:

- \* do all things in the 4th grade list.
- \* introduce our family members.
- \* say where my family & I are from.
- \* say what I want to be when I grow up.
- \* say what my family & I like to do.
- \* talk about animals in many ways.



- \* describe ourselves in many ways.
- \* describe our family members.
- \* say where my family & I live.
- \* say what my family's jobs are.

All class notes are glued into students' cuadernos (notebooks) at the end of class. These do not ever come home, so please go on BCPS One in Schoology in the link for Spanish class to find all class notes in a marked folder. These are added weekly.

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.

- \* Ask each week what they learned in class & look on Schoology. Ask him/her to teach you the skill!
- \* Get some Spanish books out of the library and look for words they know and/or recognize.
- \* 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.)

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

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## Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be Monday, December 9th through Friday, December 13th. All students will have the opportunity to shop during their regularly scheduled library time. Please refer to the schedule for your child's shopping time. Please send book fair money (including tax) in a sealed envelope or bag labeled with the following information:

- Child's full name
- Homeroom teacher's name
- Total amount of money
- Purpose for the money

Money should be given to the child's homeroom teacher first thing in the morning. Family Shopping Night will be paired with Literacy Night on Tuesday, December 10th from 6:00–7:30 p.m. Families will have the opportunity to shop at the book fair and participate in fun literacy activities. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Book Fair Shopping Schedule

| Time        | Monday 12/9                                      | Tuesday 12/10                        | Wednesday 12/11                               | Thursday 12/12                  | Friday 12/13                                      |
|-------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|
| 9:00-9:50   | Ms. Mitchell<br>5th                              | <u>No Shopping</u>                   | Ms. Friedman<br>Mrs. Sanner<br>5th            | Ms. Rigney<br>5th               | Mrs. Schill<br>Mr. Simkin<br>5th                  |
| 9:55-10:45  | Ms. Jacobs<br>Mrs. C. Leonard<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> | <u>No Shopping</u>                   | Ms. Williamson<br>3 <sup>rd</sup>             | Ms. Ginex<br>3 <sup>rd</sup>    | Ms. Heslen<br>3 <sup>rd</sup>                     |
| 10:50-11:40 | Mrs. Andrulonis<br>4 <sup>th</sup>               | <u>No Shopping</u>                   | Ms. Hammersla<br>Ms. Barer<br>4 <sup>th</sup> | Ms. Hopson<br>4 <sup>th</sup>   | Mrs. Reider<br>Mrs. Passmore<br>4 <sup>th</sup>   |
| 11:45-12:15 | Lunch  | Lunch                                | Lunch   | Lunch                           | Lunch   |
| 12:20-1:10  | Ms. Diener<br>Mrs. Shipp<br>1 <sup>st</sup>      | <u>No Shopping</u>                   | Ms. Lehman<br>Ms. Green<br>1 <sup>st</sup>    | Ms. Lentz<br>1 <sup>st</sup>    | Ms. Macciocca<br>1 <sup>st</sup>                  |
| 1:25-2:05   | Ms. Flemming<br>K                                | Mrs. Hudspeth<br>Mrs. Carringer<br>K | Mr. Mummert<br>Mrs. S. Leonard<br>K           | Ms. Ward<br>K                   | <u>No Shopping</u>                                |
| 2:10-3:00   | Ms. Portman<br>Mr. Lipton<br>2 <sup>nd</sup>     | <u>No Shopping</u>                   | <u>No Shopping</u>                            | Ms. Molofsky<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> | Ms. DuBritton<br>Ms. Mitrovich<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> |