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Dear Lyons Mill Families,

Happy New Year - what a difference a year makes! Last year at this time, our school did not even have a name.

Now that Lyons Mill Elementary's staff, students and families have built the foundation for a great start as we successfully opened our school in August 2015, we are ready to hit the ground running as we collaborate to create events and traditions for the second half of our first school year! Student Government Association, Girls on the Run, Chess Team, Navigators Dance Team, Vex Robotics, Lego Robotics, Jr. Makers Club, Bibliobabblers, Art Explorers, Slime (Students Learning Innovating & Mending our Environment), 24 Club, MESA (Math, Engineering, Science, Achievement) are just a few of the experiences that our students have enjoyed in our first few months. Check out our school website for more information: lyonsmilles.bcps.org

Lyons Mill Elementary has a STEM Fair, a ballroom dancing program, a volleyball game against the Baltimore Blast, a StarLab program and a Sports Night filled with family fun already planned for this winter and spring. I look forward to hearing your ideas so we can kick off 2016 together - **Explorers Believe, Explorers Achieve!**

Mrs. Maralee Clark
Principal

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Upcoming Events



January 15
Second Marking Period Ends

January 18
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s
birthday observed
Schools & offices closed

January 19
Schools closed for students

January 20
STEM Fair
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

February 4
Report card distribution

February 9
A Night with the Blast
5:30 p.m.

STEM Fair

We invite you to our 1st annual Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Fair. Almost 300 projects will be on display. The event will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Families will explore STEM projects from all grade levels throughout the building, 4th and 5th grade STEM Fair project winners will be announced in the gym later in the evening.

As you explore all of the projects, we invite you to meet with STEM professionals. Families have the chance to interact with biochemists, learn more about some of our clubs, watch our 3D printers in action and learn about new games from Marbles the Brain Store. The STEM Fair is a schoolwide event you will not want to miss!

Our First Winter Concert – Thank You!

On Tuesday, December 15, 2015 our Lyons Mill Elementary Winter Concert participants performed before a packed house. The gym was filled with proud parents, grandparents and other family members as they watched our Navigators Dance Team, LMES Band, LMES Orchestra and LMES Chorus perform for the evening event. We were able to showcase our student performers earlier in the day for the whole school during our 2 dress rehearsal assemblies. We really appreciate our teachers' commitment to our boys and girls as many staff members contributed to the program's success. A special shout out to the Navigators Dance Team coaches – Ms. Tripple and Mrs. Hebler as well as the directors of our music program – Mr. Poissant and Ms. Kirchner.



How to be a STEM FAIR Judge Wednesday, January 20, 2016

If you are interested in being a STEM Fair judge, please complete the Google form <http://tinyurl.com/lmesstem>. No experience is necessary as judges will be trained at a breakfast before the judging begins. Training and breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. with judging beginning at 9:30 a.m. We are expecting the judging time slot will be about 2 hours. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Travis Russell trussell@bcps.org or call the school 410-887-1719.



Student Contact Information Forms

Please make sure we have the most up-to-date information on your child's *Student Contact Information Form*. Your emergency information is recorded in an electronic database to assist staff in contacting parents for routine procedures as well as emergency situations.

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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 3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Office Hours

- Office hours 8:15 a.m.- 4:15 p.m.
- Student contact information forms for your child must be updated. This information is provided to classroom teachers and is used by our main office.
- If your child arrives to school late or leaves school early for any reason, please report to the main office. 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.

Lyons Mill Elementary Presents our 1st STEM Fair



STEM Science, Technology,
Engineering, Mathematics

Wednesday, January 20th
6:30-8:00



View Grade K-5 STEM Fair
Projects



4th and 5th Grade STEM
Fair Winners Announced



Explore Brain Games
from Marbles



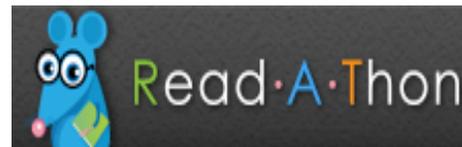
Watch our 3-D
Printers in Action



Meet Professionals
who use STEM for
Daily Problem Solving



For questions regarding STEM Fair, please contact
Mr. Russell, trussell@bcps.org 410-887-1719



Exciting news about the 2015 Read-a-Thon! Thank you to all of the generous Lyons Mill families & friends who generously donated to our Read-a-Thon. The total amount raised was \$13,430.00! That is amazing!

The top two fundraising classes were Ms. Everd's class, raising \$1,465.00 and Mrs. Diener's class, who was a close second, raising \$1,440.00. Both of those classes received ice cream treats.

Throughout the fundraiser classes received incentives and treats for joining in the fun. All classes received books for their classrooms. In addition, drawings were held for classes to receive ice cream treats, licorice was delivered as treats, and a donut breakfast was held for top fundraisers.

The Read-a-Thon prizes will arrive mid-January and will be distributed to students in their homeroom classes. We certainly cannot thank all of our Lyons Mill families and friends enough for supporting this schoolwide fundraiser. Thank you to Mrs. Webster for organizing this event. Please contact Mrs. Webster with any questions 410-887-1719 or by email mwebster2@bcps.org

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Girls on the Run Amazing Toy Drive

Arriving with bundles of presents and bright smiles, the Lyons Mill Elementary *Girls on the Run* team provided a little holiday cheer for children currently spending the season at Sinai hospital.

Girls on the Run is a club comprised of a group of third, fourth, and fifth graders. They meet every Monday and Wednesday for an hour and fifteen minutes after school where they participate in a character education lesson, teamwork activity and a run.



The *Girls on the Run* team have been working hard towards their end of the season goal to participate in a 5K run and to complete a community outreach project. While most *Girls on the Run* groups completed their season at the 5K run in Druid Hill Park on November 21st, the team at Lyons Mill continued to meet throughout the month of December in order to complete their community outreach project, a toy drive for the children at Sinai hospital. The girls designed posters promoting the toy drive, wrote a speech to read over the morning announcements, created a video to be shown to students and staff, and collected and wrapped the gifts.

When the girls arrived at the Herman and Walter Samuelson Children's Hospital of Sinai on Monday, December 21st, they were greeted by Laura Cohen, Child Life Coordinator, and Kristen Mylotte, Certified Child Life Specialist. They thanked the students for providing the hospital with over 200 presents, gifts that would help children at the hospital feel happier and more comfortable. Ms. Cohen told the girls, "Keep doing this wonderful job you're doing! I'm so proud of you!" She added, "When kids help other kids, it makes it even more special!" Thank you to Mrs. Grimm, Mrs. Fribush, Mrs. Talbot and Ms. Tobin for sponsoring this after school club for our students.

A Message from Our School Nurse: When to Keep Your Child Home

As we approach the cold and flu season, there are some hard and fast rules that all parents should stick to when it comes to illness and keeping your children home.

Please keep your child home if your child has any of the following symptoms:

- Fever (students must be fever free for 24 hours without medication before going back to school)
- Nausea and vomiting
- Diarrhea
- A rough night (for example, if your child was up all night coughing or having trouble breathing)
- Listlessness, lethargy
- No appetite

If you have any questions regarding your child coming to school, please contact Nurse Segall.

Health Suite Needs Donations of Clothes

From time to time, children have accidents and are in need of a change of clothes. The health suite needs gently used clothing for boys and girls, all sizes. If you have any clothes that you would like to donate to the Lyons Mill Health Suite, please contact Nurse Segall.

Robynn G. Segall, RN, CCM, 410-887-6758 or rsegall@bcps.org

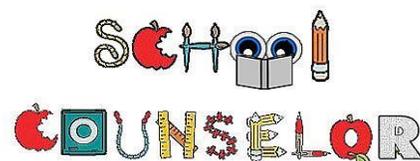
Lyons Mill Counselor Connection

Happy, Healthy New Year to all Lyons Mill families! I hope you had a relaxing break and were able to spend time with friends and family. This month as part of our character education program, *Do Something Good Today*, Lyons Mill Explorers will focus on celebrating their UNIQUENESS and identifying individual strengths and weaknesses. The following are ways you can support the idea of **uniqueness** at home: Allow your children to express themselves through their interests, teach your children to make positive choices, and praise them for good deeds, behaviors and positive traits they possess as well as accept and celebrate your children's uniqueness. Remember that your child is an individual. Allow your child to have his or her own personal preferences and feelings which may be different from your own.

A reminder to parents of fifth graders who applied to Deer Park Magnet Middle School and/or Sudbrook Magnet Middle School:

Deer Park's Assessment Day is on January 16, 2016 from 9am-5pm.
Sudbrook's Assessment Day is on January 23, 2016 from 7am-5pm.
Please call the Office of Magnet Programs at 410-887-4127 with any Assessment Day appointment questions. There is no assessment for the new magnet program at Old Court Middle School, admission is through random lottery only.

Please feel free to contact me at any time should you have a question or concern.
Mr. Franklin, School Counselor, 410-887-1719, hfranklin@bcps.org



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. Please contact our main office 410-887-1719 with any questions.

Attendance Procedures



Upon entering and exiting the bus lobby or car loop lobby, students in Kindergarten through Grade 3 are expected to use their key fob to record their arrival and dismissal. ScholarChip kiosks will record arrival/dismissal attendance data. Students in Grades 4 and 5 "tap in" using their BCPS One Card when entering the classroom.

Replacement of Student ID Badges

Students are required to wear their ID badges also known as a BCPS One Card during the school day. If a student identification badge is lost or stolen, there is a replacement fee for any replacement badge. Fees for replacement badges are \$5.00 per badge.



Temporary Bus Update

Temporary Bus Information: Owings Run, Lyons Heart, Manor Forge, Owings Heights

Our temporary bus service for students who live across the street from Lyons Mill Elementary will continue until further notice. At this time, the renovations to Lyons Mill Road are not complete. Please call the main office 410-887-1719 with any questions.

A NIGHT WITH THE BALTIMORE BLAST!



Tuesday, February 9, 2016

5:30 pm

Lyons Mill Gymnasium & Cafeteria

We are hosting a fundraiser for our Lyons Mill Elementary Physical Education program! The Baltimore Blast will play our Lyons Mill Staff in a game of volleyball.

The Blast will be using soccer skills!

Chick-Fil-A dinner will be sold in the cafeteria before & after the game starting at 5:30pm.

*A silent auction will also be taking place before & after the game
in the cafeteria featuring several local businesses:*

- *Great Moments: Ravens and Orioles Sports Memorabilia*
- *Ultimate Tae Kwondo – 1 month membership, including uniform*
 - *Jewish Community Center – 3 month membership*
 - *Brick Bodies – 3 month membership*
 - *My Gym – Premier Birthday Party Package*



Lyons Mill Team Members: Ms. Tobin, Ms. Grimm,
Mr. Penn, Ms. Diener, Ms. Lilly, Ms. Lentz,
Ms. Kirchner, Ms. Tripple, Mr. Duffy, Ms. Leister,
Mr. Russell, Ms. Barlow, Ms. Gordon, Mrs. Clark,
and Mr. Crouthamel

Lyons Mill Coach: Mr. Broome

Admission = \$1 per person

BLAST players will be ready for pictures & autographs after the game!

Tickets will be sold at the door

Contact Mr. Crouthamel with any questions: ecrouthamel@bcps.org, 410.887.1719