



LYONS MILL ELEMENTARY

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Dear Lyons Mill Families,
Happy 2019 to all of our families! We have some fabulous activities and events planned for our second semester including our very first Musical Theater Production and our popular Lyons Mill volleyball game against the Baltimore Blast.

We ask that you listen to media sources for information during emergencies. During snow events, callers often jam the phone lines seeking information that is available on the radio and TV. Lyons Mill is a Baltimore County school, so when BCPS is delayed, closed, or dismissing early, Lyons Mill is as well. Please remember the school system's website www.bcps.org, the BCPS information line (443) 809-5555 and all radio and TV stations are excellent sources of information.

It is a perfect time of year to check your child's school supplies. Donations of items such as pencils, glue sticks, dry erase markers, crayons and tissues are appreciated! As part of our supply list, we asked for sturdy headphones stored in a bag, clearly labeled with your child's name. Since testing season is starting, we have noticed that many students do not have headphones. Our tests have audio portions that require headphones. Please check the status of your child's headphones. If your child needs headphones, please purchase an inexpensive pair.

Team BCPS Day is on Thursday, January 10th so we are encouraging everyone to wear blue. Please use the hashtag #BCPSblue and include @LyonsMill when posting your family photos so we can show everyone our Team BCPS pride.
Happy New Year, Mrs. Maralee Clark

Upcoming Events

January 7th - 18th
Health Screening (Grades 1, 4)

Tuesday, January 8th
Auditions for Spring Musical

Thursday, January 10th
TEAM BCPS DAY (Wear Blue!)

Tuesday, January 15th
Math Night 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Monday, January 21st
School closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 22nd
Winter Instrumental Band Concert 6:30 pm

Friday, January 25th
12:20 pm Dismissal
End of Quarter

January 28th - February 1st
4th Grade Dancing Through the Ages.



LYONS MILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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.

Explorers Believe, Explorers Achieve!

LMES Instrumental Winter Concert

Don't miss our Grade 5 Instrumentalists' Winter Concert performance on Tuesday, January 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Students will perform music to accompany the story, "The Remarkable Farkle McBride." We may even have some special guest performers with the Jazz Band! You're not going to want to miss this fun music-filled night. See you at the concert!



LMES Spring Musical

Attention all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders! Auditions for Lyons Mill's first spring musical is on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. Please see your parent's email for the permission slip and details. These were sent home on Thursday, January 3rd. Completed permission slips are due by Monday, January 5, 2019. Please email Ms. Alleman dalleman@bcps.org with any questions or concerns. Performance date is Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

All County Chorus

The Lyons Mill music department will be participating in the All County Chorus Festival. This county-wide event spotlights elite singers from each school. Lyons Mill will send 4 students. This group will perform together with the All County Recorder Ensemble on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at Perry Hall High School. More specific information will be given to your child. Rehearsals will take place after school from 3:30-4:30 pm on days to be determined. Pre-audition interest forms have been sent home. If your child is interested in participating, please fill out and return the form. Watch out for more information about the application sheet. Any questions or concerns should be addressed to Mrs. Safford esafford@bcps.org



BCPS Stakeholder Survey

BCPS Stakeholder Survey will be available online from January 18th through February 24th for Team BCPS stakeholders, including students in Grades 3-12, parents/caregivers, community members, and all staff. The survey can be taken via smart phone, tablet, or computer. It takes five minutes or less to complete is anonymous. We will send you all the details in a few weeks!

School Hours

- School hours 8:30 a.m.- 3:30p.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.





LMES Book Fair

We want to thank everyone who volunteered with book fair as well as all the families who purchased items. We sold more items during this book fair than any other fair so far at Lyons Mill. Thanks to your generosity, we made a profit of over \$2,000 to purchase materials for our library. Again, thank you for all your support. We will have our next book fair during the 2019-2020 school year. We look forward to having another successful book fair.

Girls Running Club

LMES Girls Running Club finished their season strong by participating in the 5K Super Galactic Heroes Run on November 17th. The girls worked very hard training for and running in this race. Way to go girls!



Jazz Band

All our cool cats in Jazz Band are working hard on our improv skills, chord building skills, and ear training to make our Band/Strings Winter Concert on January 22nd the best one yet! We may even have some special guests sitting in with the Jazz Band. Don't miss our performance on Tuesday, January 22 at 6:30 p.m. It's gonna swing!



Art Club



The Art Explorers Club created a Northern Lights inspired mural for the Franklin Police Department of Baltimore County. Our 4th and 5th grade art club members worked diligently to make this beautiful painting. The mural made all the visitors and police officers' day brighter!

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.

LMES Superhero MATH NIGHT



Tuesday, January 15th
6:00 – 7:30 pm

math games & activities • parent workshops • make & take activities



Math Homework Helpers

Does your child love math? Do they need a little extra math help? Would they like to be on TV? Do they like to win prizes? If you answered “Yes” to any of these questions, we are here for you. Give it a try, have your child “Tune In” and “Call In” to Math Homework Helpers every Wednesday, from 4:30-5:30 on BCPS-TV, Comcast Channel 73 or Verizon FiOS Channel 34. After each call, your student will win a cool prize which will be mailed to his/her school. The phone number to call on Wednesday is: 410-494-1459. We hope your student will join the fun.

Attendance Announcements



Attendance is an essential component to a student's academic and social success. Each day, the material presented in class establishes a foundation for future learning. Missed instructional time can lead to breaks in that learning process. If an absence or tardiness cannot be prevented, it is important to explain the reason for the absence or lateness. It is also important that you and/or your child request make-up work for the time that is missed.

Volunteer Information



Continue to complete volunteer applications if you would like to help in and around Lyons Mill. Even if you completed the training last year, it is required that a new volunteer application and training certificate be submitted each school year. All training is completed electronically. If you do not have access to the internet, arrangements can be made to utilize a computer at Lyons Mill. Please contact the school to make arrangements. The volunteer application and training module can be accessed at http://www.bcps.org/community/volunteer_info/. Once you complete your application and the Safe Schools Training, send your application and your certificate to bmenikheim@bcps.org or tdudley@bcps.org

BCPS SCHOOLOGY



Do you have a BCPS One account? Have you accessed your child's BCPS One account? Have you explored our brand-new Learning Management System-Schoolology? If you've answered "no" to any of the questions above, visit the BCPS website and click on the BCPS One icon in the upper right corner so that you can get started. Schoolology will give you access to your child's classes, grades, and instructional resources. You can also communicate with all your child's teachers via Schoolology. To get started visit www.bcps.org. Please contact Mr. Jackson, S.T.A.T. teacher by email jjackson3@bcps.org with any questions.



Baltimore County Public Schools Parents:

Are you interested in...

- Quick access to student courses, grades, and assignments for all your children?
- Anytime, anywhere access to resources that can support your student's learning needs?
- Improved communication with teachers?

BCPS One provides BCPS families with quick and easy access to a variety of resources!

After creating a myBCPS account and adding your students, you will have access to:



And much, much more!

Note: A parent or guardian e-mail address, first name, last name, and verification of educational rights must be on file with the school for each student prior to creating a myBCPS account.

To create a NEW myBCPS Account:

1. Visit mybcps.bcps.org.
2. Click **Create an Account** and complete **Your Account Profile**. You will be sent an activation code via e-mail, which is good for 24 hours after generation.
3. Click **Add a Student**. You will be prompted to select your child's school and enter their date of birth.
4. Click **Submit**.



For parents that already have established a myBCPS account, but are not connected to their student, please login to <https://mybcps.bcps.org/> and follow Steps 3 and 4 noted above.



Schoolology on BCPS One gives parents and students 24/7 access to student courses, grades, and assignments.



BCPS recommends that parents create and use their own myBCPS account, rather than use their students account. Using myBCPS parent account to access Schoolology allows you to:



Interested in Learning More About Schoolology? Visit the **Learn About Schoolology** page, found on your BCPS One dashboard. Here you can find videos and support resources that review quick tips for using Schoolology as a parent.





LMES PTA

We hope you all really enjoyed the break with your families and friends. 2019 is here and your PTA has many fun events planned for the upcoming months. We will kick off a Joe Corbi Pizza fundraiser this month. Please look for order forms and instructions arriving home with your child in the coming days. There will be great prizes for participants. We hope to have your support! Congratulations to Mrs. Carringer's Kindergarten class who had the most participation in the PTA's Membership Drive. The entire class will receive a prize. Tamara Muhammed is the winner of the membership drawing and will receive a gift card from the PTA. We are still accepting new memberships. You may contact the LMES PTA at lyonsmillpta@gmail.com with questions/concerns.



Hot Spots

Greetings LMES Explorer Families! Ms. Sarah here again with your Hot Spots Check In. Myself and the staff would like to say, "Welcome Back and Happy New Year!"

Hot Spots Explorer Students will be participating in the theme of Art in Action. Our skills all focus around STEAM! We will feature Mr. Kendall's bulletin board in the next newsletter! We will be exploring different art techniques and artists. We will be incorporating science (through magnets: Magnet Art!), engineering (through cubism and Picasso: design!), and much more!

Later in January all the students at LMES will get to have a Hot Spots Experience. Our annual School Partnership Event with Lyons Mill Elementary school will take place over two days: a day of assemblies and lessons for the students and an evening with parents and families. There will also be a school fundraising activity with SAVERS. We hope to see you there! It will be an Our Schools Event Partnership where we follow Herbert the T-shirt through his life cycle. Students will learn about environmental awareness through the lens of clothing donation and appropriate trashing or recycling of certain items.



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.

HEARING & VISION SCREENING

Hearing and Vision screening begins January 7th to January 18th. All 1st and 4th grade students will be screened. Any students who are new to Baltimore County Public Schools will also be screened

10 HEALTHY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR KIDS

1. *Clean toys and keep room in good order.*
2. *Brush teeth twice a day and wash my hands before eating.*
3. *Be nice to pets and keep body parts away from their mouths.*
4. *Drink more milk and water, and limit soda and fruity drinks.*
5. *Use sunscreen before going outdoors.*
6. *Participate in a sport or activity at least three times a week.*
7. *Always wear a helmet when bicycling or boarding.*
8. *Wear a seat belt every time you get in a car.*
9. *Be nice to others, and friendly to kids who need friends*
10. *Never give out personal information or pictures to strangers*

MAKE HEALTH YOUR RESOLUTION

Healthy You: Make healthy food choices, be active, make an appointment for a check - up, vaccination, or screening. Know your numbers - weight, blood pressure, cholesterol. Wash your hands often. Be smoke free. Get enough sleep.

Healthy Family: Plan to eat more meals together as a family. Encourage and support physical activity. Know where to go for health care in town if you do not have insurance. Keep pets vaccinated and healthy. Spend more time together. Be courteous and practice good manners.

Healthy Home: Go green. Reduce, reuse, and recycle. Install smoke alarms, and carbon monoxide alarms on every level. *Keep cleaning products and medications away from children.* Have a winter weather emergency plan, and stock your home and car with necessary supplies. Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning and hypothermia. *Never use generators, grills, camp stoves, or similar devices indoors.*

Healthy Community: Volunteer at your church, school, or one of the many community centers needing help or an extra hand. If you have received help from others, try to repeat the gesture. Extend a common courtesy wherever you are - they are always appreciated and hopefully duplicated.

Healthy Workplace: Stay home if you are sick. Wash your hands often, participate in healthy workplace programs, and take steps to prevent job stress. Reduce work injuries and practice good body mechanics.

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



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

Queridos estudiantes, familias y amigos del cuarto grado (4th grade) y del quinto grado (5th grade), ¡HOLA! Es el invierno y hace frío.

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



1. Mission 1 was graded and sent home before the break. This grade will appear on the Spanish progress report card that you will receive in the 2nd quarter report card envelope. These "Missions" are end-of-the-unit projects that are completed IN SCHOOL. Students are given lots of time prior to the due date. In addition, students are allowed to use their class notes to complete them. I was VERY impressed with many of the Mission 1 projects that I saw for Unit 1. We'll be starting Mission 2 in January.
2. 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**. I add these class notes WEEKLY to the folder online.
***When you view the class notes in the folder, you need to click on the button with the down arrow to download it. Otherwise you cannot view the class notes page fully or correctly.**
3. I grade class assessments every day, and I return it to your child's teacher's mailbox the next morning I'm in the building. YOU SHOULD BE SEEING THESE GRADED PAPERS ALMOST EVERY WEEK! Please let me know if you don't (my e-mail is below). This is your and your child's way to gauge how well he/she is doing in Spanish class.
4. Below, you will find a list of what we have learned so far in 4th & 5th grade in Unit 2. Please remind your child that although he/she may not understand everything I'm saying, your child 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.
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 try to post weekly. I thank you for all your support & involvement in your child's education!

In 4th grade, we now know how to:

- * describe ourselves physically.
- * describe our personality.
- * identify our family members.
- * introduce our family members by name.

In 5th grade, we now know how to:

- * identify and express the foods we like to eat and drink for: breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Desserts & snacks are the next category.

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Career Day Planning: March 15, 2019

Career Day planning is now in full swing! We need your help to make this a successful event! In an effort to supply Career based lessons to all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students, we are looking for interested presenters. Career Day will be on Friday, March 15, 2019. We will begin presentations in classrooms around 1:15 pm. If you are interested in being a presenter or would like to provide a contact who would be interested in presenting, please contact Mr. Menikheim at 443-809-1719 or bsmenikheim@bcps.org.

We are hopeful that we will secure a diverse, engaging roster of careers for our young learners to explore!