

Upcoming Events



March 2
Read Across America Day

March 2 - 3
MSA Science Testing Grade 5

March 4
Half-Day PD
School Closes at 12:15 p.m.

March 7 – 11
National School Breakfast Week

March 14
Spirit Day

March 16-22
Hearing and Vision Screening
Grades K, Grade 1 and Grade 4

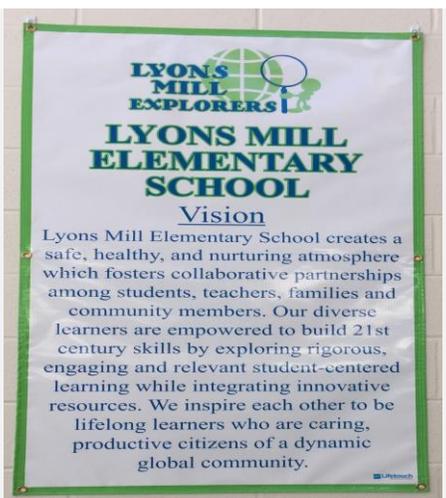
March 19
24 Math Challenge Tournament

March 24
School Closes at 3:15 p.m.

March 25- April 3
Easter Holiday/Spring Break

April 4
School Reopens

April 4 – May 5
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Dear Lyons Mill Families,

There is always something happening at Lyons Mill Elementary! March is a busy month starting with our grade 5 students taking the Science Maryland School Assessment (MSA) on Wednesday, March 2nd and Thursday March 3rd. We celebrate Read Across America Day on Wednesday, March 2nd and are looking forward to a school wide Spirit Day wearing our school colors on Monday, March 14th. We just finished testing every child in the school using Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). Then we take a testing break as the Partnership of Assessment for Readiness of College and Careers (PARCC) testing for grades 3, 4 & 5 does not start until May. This month we will cheer on our 5th grade representatives at the countywide M & T Bank 24 Math Challenge Tournament on Saturday, March 19th at the Doubletree in Pikesville.

We had a blast last week as our wonderful Lyons Mill staff members played volleyball against 3 players from the Baltimore Blast. To top it off, we raised over \$2,000 for our horizontal rock wall. On another note, it is a perfect time of year to check your child's school supplies. Donations of items such as dry erase markers, pencils, glue sticks, crayons and tissues are greatly appreciated.

Sunday, March 13, 2016 is the start of Daylight Saving Time at 2 a.m., so remember to turn your clocks 1 hour forward. We have endured a tough winter season. Thank you to all the parents who follow our carpool rules, especially during inclement weather. Please remember to stay in your car following the car pool line and pull forward along the curb in front of our building so that a staff member can greet your child safely. For all of our bus riders, we appreciate your patience as we deal with the driver shortage in the Northwest area.

Mrs. Maralee Clark
Principal

Explorers Believe, Explorers Achieve!

Team LMES VS Baltimore BLAST!



Thunder rumbled in the distance on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, as Lyons Mill Elementary teachers faced off in a volleyball match against three players from the Baltimore Blast soccer team. Here's the catch... Baltimore Blast players Andrew Hoxie, Juan Pereira, and Jinho Kim were only able to use their soccer skills! No hands were allowed for the Baltimore Blast as they faced rotations of eight Lyons Mill teachers on the court.

Mr. Delke Crouthamel, Lyons Mill Elementary School's physical education teacher, began discussing the idea of playing the Baltimore Blast over a year ago. Despite threats of a tornado,

torrential downpours, and an intense thunderstorm, the doors opened at 5:30 p.m. to welcome 450 Lyons Mill families that attended the event! Families were able to eat their Chick-Fil-A dinners, participate in the silent auction, and purchase rocks to raise money for our traverse wall. Parents and students who purchased a rock will have their name engraved on a plaque which will later be hung in the gymnasium.

The Blast players took the first three points, but LMES teachers reached their groove when principal, Mrs. Maralee Clark, brought the score to a tie with her serve. For the rest of the evening, it was a close game with first the Baltimore Blast pulling ahead and then LMES teachers. The game ended with a final score of Baltimore Blast- 56 and LMES- 55. Overall, the night was a huge success, raising over \$2,000 for the gymnasium rock wall and continuing to foster the relationship that Lyons Mill has built with the surrounding community.



Ballroom Dancing with a Fifth Grade Flair!



Spanish News for Grade 4 Families



Hola! Me llamo Señorita Chupnick, y soy la maestra de español en Lyons Mill Elementary. We continue to review what we have learned since the beginning of the year and add new skills to our repertoire of knowledge. We read paragraphs in Spanish and matched them to the correct pictures. Next we wrote our own paragraphs, and a partner drew what was written. These are displayed in the fourth grade hallway. We also learned how to express places we can go in the community and in Maryland. We learned about clothing and can express what someone is wearing and the color of the article of clothing. We created a magazine advertisement for a very popular store in Spain. We will be learning about some of the professions in our world and express what we want to be in the future. At this point in the school year, students should be able to have conversations in Spanish and should be able to ask and answer the following: How are you?; What is your name?; How old are you?; When is your birthday?; What is your favorite color?; Who lives in your house?; How many _____ do you have? (talking about family members); How do you describe yourself? (physical and personality characteristics); What do you like to do?; What is your favorite sport?; What do you like to do when it's _____? (weather); What do you like to do in the _____? (seasons); Where are you going?; What is he/she wearing?; What do you want to be in the future? (professions). Although the sentence structure is still a bit basic, students now have a plethora of topics to hold a mini conversation.

PARENTS: The Spanish online Middlebury program, which is a supplement to the in-person lessons, can be accessed at home 24/7. You must log on to the internet through **GOOGLE CHROME**. All you need to do is go to BCPS One. Your child will use his/her BCPS One username and password to access the program.

Students must go IN ORDER through the program and cannot skip around on Middlebury. After every 4 units, your child will work on a “mission” (part of a year-long project). These “missions” incorporate all the learning that we’ve done in class and on Middlebury so that your child can apply what he/she learned. All instructions and samples for Mission 1 are on the Middlebury program under Unit 4, and Mission 2 is under Unit 8. Please don’t complete anything *FOR* your child, but feel free to work *WITH* your child. It is NOT an obligation at all to do Spanish at home. Time is given in school daily & weekly to complete everything. It is self-paced, so your child will acquire and apply the new Spanish knowledge at his/her own pace.

I am looking forward to our next adventures in Spanish class (las aventuras en la clase de español) as we continue learning at Lyons Mill!

¡Hasta luego! Srta. Chupnick

Our Very First 2015-2016 Yearbook on Sale Now

The Lyons Mill Elementary School 2015-2016 yearbook is available to purchase Monday, February 22nd through Friday, March 18th. The price is \$20 for a standard yearbook, payable by exact cash only. You may also purchase a personalized version of the yearbook for \$25 which includes your child’s name and picture on the front cover. Please send in the payment with the completed order form and remember to write your child’s name, homeroom teacher, and total amount enclosed. This full color keepsake is a great way to record your child’s elementary school years. We are excited for you to see the very first Lyons Mill Elementary School Yearbook, don’t miss out on capturing our first year in pictures with this incredible keepsake. It includes candid photos as well as the yearbook photos taken at the beginning of the school year. You may also purchase the yearbook online by visiting ybpay.lifetouch.com and entering our schools ID code which is: 12533516. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Tripple at atripple@bcps.org or call the main office 410-887-1719.

Explorers Art News

March will be another exciting month for the Lyons Mill art department! Our very own fifth grader, Joseph Simmons has completed a self-portrait which has been selected to hang on display at the Superintendent's State of the Schools luncheon. What an honor, congratulations Joseph!

The Walters Art Museum will be hosting Baltimore County's Youth Art Month Exhibit. Our very own fifth grader, Jillian Tamayo and first grader, Medha Iyer will have their artwork on display from March 1 through the March 13, 2016 followed by an artist reception. Congratulations Jillian and Medha. Way to go explorers!

Hearing and Vision Screening

In accordance with the Maryland State Law students in Baltimore County Public Schools are screened for possible vision and hearing problems. Trained hearing and vision screeners will be screening students at Lyons Mill Elementary on March 16 -18, 2016 and March 21-21, 2016. There will be a retest day on April 6, 2016. All first and fourth graders will be screened. Any kindergarteners who were not previously screened in Pre-K will also be screened. In addition, any student who is new to the Baltimore County School System will be screened.

You will receive a referral form to take to your child's doctor if your child fails the screening.

If your child wears glasses or contacts, he/she should wear them every day and bring them to the screening. If your child is already under care for a hearing or vision problem, or you do not wish your child to be screened at school, please notify me in writing. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Robynn Segall, School Nurse, at 410-887-6758 or rsegall@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.

ScholarChip Pilot Program



The ScholarChip Pilot Program has now ended. We will use our STARS attendance system that we used in the beginning of the school year. Students will no longer tap in or use their key fob when entering the building. Students must wear their ID badges at all times. Thank you for your support.

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.

Register for Kindergarten



Kindergarten Registration & Early Admission to Kindergarten

Students are eligible to be registered for kindergarten if they turn 5 years old on or prior to September 1, 2016. Lyons Mill Elementary School will host a Kindergarten Round-Up on Friday, April 22, 2016. Please complete the attached form and return to the main office by Friday, April 15, 2016. Please share this information with any neighbors or friends who reside in the Lyons Mill Elementary School zone. We are offering a tour for prospective kindergarten parents on Friday March 18, 2016. Please call the main office at 410-887-1719 to place your name on the list.

- **Children Eligible for Early Admission into Kindergarten:**

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) may request early admission testing into kindergarten if his/her child turns 5 years old after the September 1 entrance date established by the Maryland State Department of Education, and no later than October 14th of the school year for which early admission is requested.

- **Deadline for Early Admission Requests:**

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) may submit written requests for early admission into kindergarten for his/her child beginning January 15, 2016.

- May 1, 2016, shall be the deadline for a written request from parent(s)/guardian(s) residing in Baltimore County.

Reminder: Parent(s)/Guardian(s) providing documentation of a move into Baltimore County after May 1, 2016, may have his/her child tested:

- *If the child's birthday falls between September 2, 2010 and October 14, 2010.*
AND
- *If the request is made by the first day of school year 2016-2017.*

Save the Date!

Registration will be held on Friday, April 22, 2016. To enter kindergarten, students must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2016. This means your child was born between 9/02/10 and 9/01/11.



Lyons Mill Counselor Connection

Happy March! I wanted to make sure I shared the Lyons Mill Elementary School Counseling Mission Statement with the Lyons Mill community. I have a unique job because I get the opportunity to work with every student in our building. Please allow me to be your point of contact to discuss any concerns about your child's success at Lyons Mill. **Lyons Mill Elementary's School Counseling Mission Statement:** To facilitate a comprehensive and developmental counseling program that promotes school success, positive decision-making and career awareness and competencies for understanding self and others. The school counseling program is aligned with National Standards identified in the American School Counselor Association's National Model as well as the specific population at Lyons Mill Elementary in order to prepare students to become critical thinkers, effective communicators, collaborative learners and creative, caring citizens.

Many children who sign up to see me often do so because they are having issues with other children; the issues often involve teasing or name calling. I feel fortunate that Lyons Mill students feel comfortable enough to share this information with me. Please help me by discouraging the use of the word "snitch". The "snitch" mindset can keep a child from letting an adult know about significant concerns. I *do* need to know if someone is making your child feel uncomfortable or unsafe. Please call me if your child shares that someone at Lyons Mill is treating your child in a way that makes your child feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

Students and their families who have applied to BCPS Magnet schools will receive written notification of their admission status from the Office of Magnet Programs. Due to our active winter weather, letters will be mailed on March 16, 2016. For students who are admitted and offered a seat in a magnet program, please follow the instructions in the letter.

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



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Kindergarten Pre-Registration Form 2016-2017

Please return the completed form in person or by email to Lyons Mill Elementary by Friday, April 15, 2016. You will receive a phone call or email to pick up your registration packet at Lyons Mill. Your registration packet will also include your appointment time for Friday, April 22, 2016. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Vaughn at svaughn@bcps.org or call 410-887-1719.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE

Place an X in all boxes which apply to your situation.

Child's Full Name:									
Birth Date:					Sex:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	Female
Mother's/Guardian's Name:									
Home Phone:				Work Phone:					
Cell Phone:				Email Address:					
Father's/Guardian's Name:									
Home Phone:				Work Phone:					
Cell Phone:				Email Address:					
Parent's Guardian's Home Address (Where the child is residing):									
Street Address:									
City:					State:			Zip:	
Residency Information:		<input type="checkbox"/>	Rent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Own	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other		
<i>If your name does not appear on the lease or deed, please mark "Other".</i>									
With whom does the child reside?		<input type="checkbox"/>	Mother	<input type="checkbox"/>	Father	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:		
Do you have legal custody of this child?		<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:		
Do you have any court documents concerning this child?				<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes (If yes, we need a copy.)		
Is a language other than English spoken in the home?				<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes (language):		