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Upcoming Events

December 5

PTA Meeting
6:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Family Math Night
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

December 11 – 15

Scholastic Book Fair

December 12

Book Fair Family Fun Night
4:15 - 6:30 p.m.
Winter Concert
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

December 22

School Closes at the end of the day
for the Winter Holiday Break

January 2

School Reopens

Dear Lyons Mill Families,

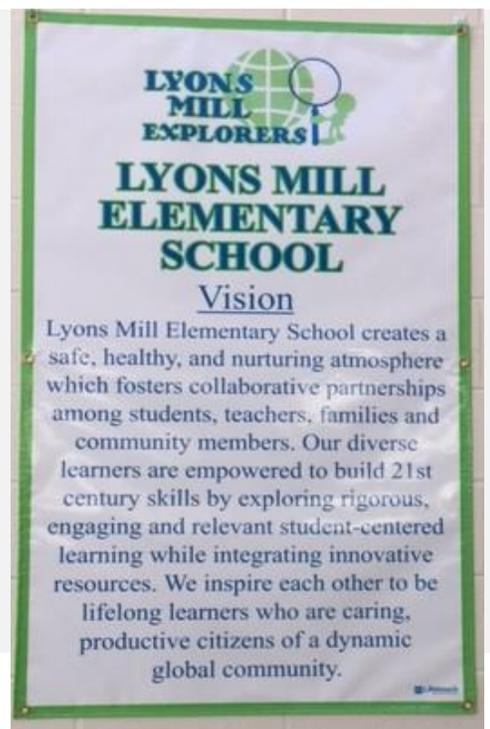
Best wishes to you and your family for a happy and healthy holiday season. November was a busy month with many activities and events such as November's Fall Fun Run, Grade 4's Living Wax Museum and American Education Week. We enjoyed seeing many families as our A'Capella Singers entertained a large crowd at Foundry Row on Saturday, November 25th.

The month of December is filled with some exciting opportunities too! On Tuesday, December 5th, our Carnival Math Night will engage parents and students in fun, educational activities. Workshops for parents and games for the whole family start at 6:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, December 12th, our 3rd Annual Winter Concert will feature our A'Capella Singers, American Sign Language Club, Dance Team as well as our Concert Band, Jazz Band, String Orchestra and Chorus. Please plan to bring out the whole family so you can shop at the Scholastic Book Fair from 4:15 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. before the concert. Royal Characters from Medieval Times are reading to students starting at 5 p.m. as part of our Book Fair event.

Wishing you a Happy New Year,

Mrs. Maralee Clark
Principal



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Counselor's Corner

American Education Week Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in American Education Week 2017. We had a total of 544 family members visit Lyons Mill Elementary between Monday, November 13th and Thursday, November 16th to celebrate this awesome week! From engaging, interactive classroom lessons to 4th grade's Living Wax Museum all of our teachers, students, and families showed why LMES truly is an amazing community!

Counseling Update

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

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

December's virtue is Responsibility. Throughout the month, we will be looking for students and classes who are demonstrating responsibility both in and out of the classroom. Our staff loves giving students virtue vouchers when they are caught demonstrating the virtue that is highlighted for the month. We know 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.

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 at (443)-809-1719.

Career Day Planning

Mr. Menikheim and Ms. Mongold are in the process of planning a Lyons Mill Career Day for May. If you would like to volunteer as a presenter, please send an email of interest to Mr. Menikheim (bmenikheim@bcps.org) or Ms. Mongold (tmongold@bcps.org).

Have a great December and a wonderful holiday season!

Mr. Menikheim & Ms. Mongold
(grades 1, 3, 5) (grades K, 2, 4)

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.
- 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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Nurse's News

The health suite is still in need of gently used clothing. All sizes will be accepted.

Hearing & Vision Screening

Hearing and Vision screening will be held at Lyons Mill from January 5th to January 18th. All students in kindergarten, first and fourth grade students will be screened. In addition, any students new to Baltimore County Public Schools in grades second, third and fifth will be screened. If you have any questions about the screening, please do not hesitate to contact Nurse Segall at 443-809-6758.

When should I keep my child home?

The cold weather is here and the flu season is coming. The question always arises when to keep your child home from school? Children who have the following symptoms should stay home and not come to school until these symptoms have been gone for at least 24 hours without the help of medication, or until your doctor sends a note that states the condition is not contagious and it is OK for your child to come back to school.



- **FEVER** - If a fever over 100 degrees is present, don't send him or her to school. It doesn't help your child's health to give medicine for fever and send him/her on to school...that only reduces the fever for a short time, and doesn't take care of the illness that is causing the fever. Children must be fever-free for 24 hours, without the use of medicine, before returning to school.
- **VOMITING/DIARRHEA** - Until we know that these are not signs of a contagious illness, such as a stomach virus, your child should be kept home. If the vomiting or diarrhea happen more than once that day, or if they are associated with fever, you must keep your child home.
- **SKIN RASHES**- If the rash has any fluid or pus coming from it, the child must remain out of school until the rash has been treated and a note from the doctor states it is ok to return to school, or until the rash is gone, dried, or scabbed over with no new spots appearing. **Anytime a rash is associated with fever, the child may not come to school until that fever is gone for 24 hours without medication.**
- **RED EYES, ESPECIALLY IF THERE IS ALSO DRAINAGE OR CRUSTING AROUND THE EYE** - this can often mean your child has **conjunctivitis**, also known as **pink-eye**. Not all pink-eye is contagious. Sometimes it is just allergies or other irritations that are causing the red color, but until we know for sure, which means we must have a note from the doctor stating the condition is not contagious, or until the redness and drainage are completely gone, your child must remain out of school.

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.

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

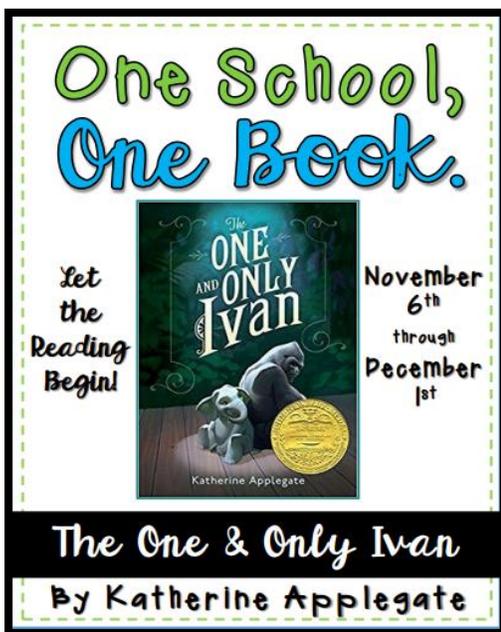
Please submit \$5.00 in cash in a sealed envelope clearly labeled with your child's name addressed to Ms. Stacey Enty, Assistant Principal. The new badge will be printed and given to your child's teacher.

Walkers: Arrival & Dismissal Updates

In order to ensure the safety of all Lyons Mill Walkers, all Lyons Mill Walkers must be escorted by the crossing guards. **Students are not permitted to be dropped off in the school parking lot or any other areas.** All Lyons Mill Walkers must enter through the Lyons Mill Walker designated entrance. Thanks again for your support.



Literacy Updates



Lyons Mill teachers and students are participating in the One School, One Book project during the months of November and December. All students in grades four and five received a copy of the book The One and Only Ivan to read independently, as well as to read along as their teachers read aloud. Students in grades one, two, and three have been listening to their teachers read the story aloud

throughout the last month. Kindergarten students also got a chance to listen to the picture book version of the story about Ivan the Gorilla!

Each week on the morning announcements, a One and Only Ivan trivia question is provided for the school. Each class has the opportunity to respond to the question by putting their answer into a raffle. A winner is selected each week! The winning classes for weeks one, two, and three have been: Mrs. Mitchell's class, Mrs. Manger's class, and Mrs. Reider's class! So far, classroom lunch bunches have been the reward of choice. ☺ Happy Reading!

New Wellness Policy for Schools

Policy 5470: Wellness

This new 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.

Traverse Rock Wall

After 2 years of fundraising and figuring out all of the paperwork, we finally have a Traverse Rock Wall in the Lyons Mill gymnasium!!! The wall was installed on November 17th. Students will begin using the Traverse Wall in physical education class the last school week in December. We are really excited to be able to provide all of our students with another unique physical activity that helps empower their bodies and minds as we lead them to becoming life-long movers! Thank you so much to everyone for all of your help and support as we worked together to fundraise for the wall.



Mr. Santangelo, Mrs. Roth, Ms. Hammersla, and Mr. Mummert explore the Traverse Rock Wall after it was constructed.

Fall Fun Run 2017



On November 20th, every student at Lyons Mill Elementary participated in our 3rd annual Fall Fun Run. Students braved the slightly chilly weather and ran around the perimeter of our school during their special area time. Students worked to complete as many laps as possible before the end of the 50 minute



period. Four laps around the building equals one mile. We had some students who completed 12 laps totaling 3 miles! Our top fundraising students will be smooshing a PIE in a teacher's face at the end of Family Math Night on December 5th. Thank you to all of the Special Area teachers for their help and support during the day and to all of the Lyons Mill staff and parents/families who joined us to run with or cheer on our Lyons Mill runners!

Thank you Mr. Crouthamel for a great Fall Fun Run event!



Family Math Night
Tuesday, December 5, 2017
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

COME ONE, COME ALL TO....

LMES Math Night 2017

MATH GAMES, PARENT WORKSHOPS, AND MAKE & TAKE ACTIVITIES

Watch your teachers get pied!

Tuesday December 5, 6:30-8:00PM



Lyons Mill Elementary 2017 Winter Concert
Tuesday, December 12th
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.



LYONS MILL ELEMENTARY
WINTER CONCERT 2017

American Sign Language Club
Dance Team
A' Capella Choir
Jazz Band
Concert Band
String Orchestra
Fifth Grade Chorus

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 6:30 PM

Book Fair Family Fun Night 4:15 - 6:30PM

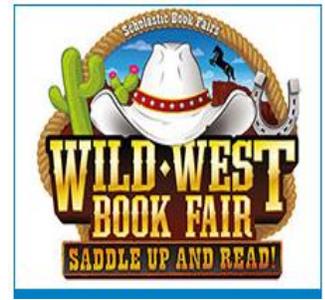


Our Winter Concert will feature our American Sign Language (ASL) Club, Dance Team, A' Capella Choir, Jazz Band, Concert Band, String Orchestra, and Fifth Grade Chorus (all Fifth Grade students). Performers are asked to report to Lyons Mill Elementary School by 6:15

p.m. A notice with information about performer dress code and report locations will be forthcoming. See you at the concert!

Scholastic Book Fair – Students Shop All Week!

The Scholastic Book Fair is right around the corner - Monday, December 11th through Friday, December 15th. Please see the schedule to find out when your child will shop. We are still in need of volunteers for each day and class. If you are available to volunteer, please email Sheila Beyer at sbeyer@bcps.org or Marley Max at mmax@bcps.org, or call the school at 443-809-1719.



Please make sure all money is sent to school in a sealed envelope with your child's full name, homeroom teacher's name, total amount of money and purpose for the money. Please remind your child to give the envelope to his/her teacher first thing in the morning.

This year's Scholastic Book Fair is larger than ever! Your child will have the opportunity to buy carefully selected quality books and products at affordable prices. At the book fair, you can also help build your child's classroom library with the Classroom Wish List program. Simply select one or more book wish donation cards from the Wish List display. Each title is handpicked by the teacher. The book will become a permanent addition to the classroom library, and your child's name will appear on a bookplate inside the book. As always, our Scholastic Book Fair promises to be a great event for literacy. We look forward to seeing you there!!!

*** Our book fair accepts cash and credit cards. **Please remember to include tax for each purchase.** ***

Do you love fairytales? Story time? Reading? All of these?
Come join story time with the Royals!

Tuesday, December 12th at 5:00 pm
You can decorate your own crown and then
hear a story or two from the royals!



This event will take place during Family Shop Night during the Book Fair.



Scholastic Family Fun Night



Tuesday, December 12th from 4:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Families will have the opportunity to shop the book fair and get prepared to watch the wonderful winter concert. The concert will be 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the gym.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Questions can be directed to:
Sheila Beyer (sbeyer@bcps.org) & Marley Max (mmax@bcps.org)

Book Fair Schedule for Students

Time	Monday December 11	Tuesday December 12	Wednesday December 13	Thursday December 14	Friday December 15
9:00 - 9:50	No Volunteers Needed	Ms. Hammersla 4th Grade	Ms. Mitchell Ms. Reider 4th Grade	No Volunteers Needed	Mr. Santangelo Ms. Sager 4th Grade
9:55 - 10:45	Ms. Cianelli 5th Grade	Mr. Broome 5th Grade	Ms. Schill 5th Grade	Ms. Askew 5th Grade	Mr. Russell 5th Grade
10:50 - 11:40	Ms. Roth 3rd Grade	Ms. Ginex 3rd Grade	Ms. Williamson 3rd Grade	Ms. Leonard Ms. Heslen 3rd Grade	Mr. Penn 3rd Grade
12:15 - 1:05	Ms. Carbaugh 1st Grade	Ms. DuBritton 2nd Grade (Due to concert)	Ms. Diener 1st Grade	Ms. Lentz Ms. Davis 1st Grade	Ms. Shipp Ms. Stakem 1st Grade
1:10 - 2:00	Ms. Ward Kindergarten	Mrs. Leonard Kindergarten	Ms. Hudspeth Kindergarten	Mr. Mummert Kindergarten	Ms. Carringer Kindergarten
2:05 - 2:55	Ms. Manger 2nd grade	Winter concert rehearsal	Ms. Sanner 2nd Grade	Ms. Molofsky 2nd Grade	Ms. Conyers Mr. Gifford 2nd Grade

Family STEAM Night

On November 16th, Lyons Mill partnered with Our School and HotSpots to host a STEAM Family Night. Families participated in hands-on family activities such as a family microgreen taste test, a healthy snack, an engineering of recyclable planters and a parent information session. This family night followed up on the activities and lessons that were taught during the school day based on healthy eating and sustainability.

The LMES SLIME Club is so excited to continue the learning as we continue the year. Please remember to donate used clothes and other items for our Savers donation drive during the week of December 11th - 15th. The proceeds of this fundraiser will benefit our SLIME Club and our bike program. A flyer is included in this newsletter and will be in your student's Monday Folder. Please contact Mr. Russell (trussell@bcps.org) with any questions.

**HELP US RAISE \$\$\$
WITH OUR FUNDRIVE FUNDRAISER**

ITEMS WE ACCEPT AND THE PRICE WE ARE PAID FOR THEM

SOFT GOODS
20¢ PER POUND

- CLOTHING
- SHOES
- BEDDING / TOWELS

- ACCESSORIES - HATS, MITTENS, SCARVES, TIES, SOCKS, PURSES, WALLETS, BACKPACKS, BAGS, BELTS, JEWELRY

HARD GOODS
10¢ PER POUND

- ELECTRICAL ITEMS
- TOYS & GAMES
- KITCHEN ITEMS

- KNECK-KNACKS
- SPORTING GOODS - BALLS, BATS, FRISBEES, TENNIS RACKETE, BASEBALL GLOVES

BOOKS/CDS/DVDS
2¢ PER POUND



400 BAGS = \$10000!

Collection Dates at Lyons Mill Elementary: Monday, December 11 – Friday, December 15, 2017

Proceeds will benefit our LMES Bike Program and SLIME club activities.

FUNDrive KICKSTART YOUR COMMUNITY FUNDRIVE



Please contact Sheri Hudspeth shudspeth@bcps.org or Travis Russell trussell@bcps.org 443-809-1719 with any questions.

Hot Spots Virtues Highlights

HOTSPOTS
EXTENDED CARE PROGRAM

Join us for the 2017-2018 school year!
ENROLL NOW

Visit www.HSECP.org to enroll today!

At Hot Spots, we have been focusing the Mindfulness virtue in order to be responsible and own up for our actions. The best example from our Group Meeting was given by a third grader: “A good way to be mindful is when the teacher has to do something real quickly and has to stop talking to the group don’t start talking, wait until they come back and stay quiet for the rest of what they have to say.” The Positive Behavior Shout Out Board has shown two new group winners this month! Groups 1 and 2, have ten people win the HotSpots Gold Slip Raffle. Our virtue work is helping us focus on creating a more connected community.

STEM Expo at Lyons Mill Elementary

The 2017 STEM Expo was held at Lyons Mill for the 2nd year in a row and was a major success. As an official Maryland STEM Festival event host, the 2017 STEM Expo was held on Saturday, November 4th and was open to the general public. A special thank you to the Baltimore Robotics Club for bringing VEX IQ Robots so students could play freeze tag as well as bringing drones so students could code, program, and fly them around our cafeteria. The YoungSTEMs Expo was designed for younger students with the theme of Agriculture and Aquaculture. Students could learn with hands on activities to help facilitate the experience of being a farmer, dentist, pharmacist, and a scientist. The first ever 2017 STEM Expo Chess Clash was a chess tournament for experienced players. There was a total of 28 players, and first and second prize were taken home by one Lyons Mill family. Congratulations to Amy and Alan for winning the top prizes! One of the most popular hits was "Escape the Classroom." Teams of parents and students were locked in a classroom and needed to use the clues around the room combined with perseverance and collaboration to break out of the room. Once they broke out the room - SURPRISE! - the teams also had to break out of the school. The feedback was tremendous and we have already started planning for next year.

2nd Annual Vex IQ Fall Classic Robotics Tournament



The VEX IQ Fall Classic Robotics Tournament hosted 36 teams from 11 different schools and organizations to compete in the VEX IQ Ringmaster competition. Lyons Mill Elementary fielded 3 teams, Team(s) 3131A, 3131B, 3131C. Our student engineers have been designing, building, testing, and programming their robots since last April, preparing for tournament season. With over 300+ guests, live streaming video and a spot to the state tournament hanging in the balance, the Lyons Mill Engineering Squad performed phenomenally and represented LMES well. Team 3131A made the final Top 10 round! This was a first for the Lyons Mill Engineering Squad. Team 3131A was awarded the Design Excellence Award for their wonderful performance and excellent interview with the field judges. By winning the Design Excellence Award, they punched their official ticket to the Maryland State Robotics Tournament, which will be held at Owings Mills High School in March. We have several more tournaments before the State Tournament, so please cheer on and encourage Team 3131B and 3131C to continue to strive for excellence. If you are an interested parent or student engineer, we always encourage you to attend a tournament to help build understanding of the rules and strategies of the game. It is a meaningful learning experience for all that attend!

A Message from our Lyons Mill PTA

LMES PTA Family Day

Hot Skates

1706 Whitehead Road

Saturday, December 2nd 12 pm-3 pm

Pay at the door and remember to mention that you are here with the Lyons Mill PTA to receive the discounted admission rate of \$5.

Come out and enjoy an afternoon of fun and a visit by the Trolls!



Tuesday, December 5th
@ 6:00 PM

before Math Night!

PTA Meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month.

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