



News From Lutherville Lab Elementary School

1700 York Road, Lutherville, Maryland 21093

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Message from Mrs. Bissell

Dear Parents,



What a wonderful first month it has been! We have had an awesome start to the school year and it looks like the sun is here to stay! We have a new addition to the Lutherville Lab Team with our School Resource Officer, Officer Frank. He will be at our school various times throughout the week as he also services many of the schools in the area. Officer Frank and I have had the opportunity to go into every classroom over the past few weeks to introduce him to the students. If you have any questions, please call the school.

We completed our first Enhanced Lockdown Drill on September 20th. The students and staff had the opportunity after the drill was complete to ask and answer questions. The student's questions were on target! If you have any questions regarding the new procedures, please email me, mbissell@bcps.org or schedule a time to come in to school to discuss.

This Friday, October 5th is a PTA sponsored event the Fall Festival! Please join our school community during this fun evening! The Festival begins at 5:00 p.m. at Lutherville!

November is quickly approaching, and American Education Week is November 12th to 17th. Each grade will have a day for visitation in the morning from 9:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The schedule for this week is as follows:

-  November 12th - 5th Grade
-  November 13th - 3rd Grade
-  November 14th - 1st & 2nd Grade
-  November 15th - 4th Grade
-  November 16th - PS, PreKindergarten and Kindergarten

Continue reading with your children each night!

Have a wonderful week!

Notes from the Office

Early Dismissals – Please send in a note in the morning with your student to school. After 3:40 p.m. we will not be able to dismiss students from school as classrooms are preparing for the end of the day and dismissal procedures.

Field Trips – Information will be coming home with field trip information about paying on-line. Please take a look and call the office if you have any questions or concerns. Information about paying on-line will come home with your child when a field trip for their grade level has been schedule

Bus Loop – Please do not enter the bus loop during arrival and dismissal. It creates a safety concern when cars are passing buses as students are loading. The bus loop is closed from 8:45 a.m. to 9:10 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. to 4:10 p.m. If you need to visit the school, please park in the parking lot adjacent to the car dealership. If you have any questions, please call the school at 410.887.7800.

Emergency Contact Forms – It is extremely important that we have accurate contact information for every child. Please remember to contact your child's teacher and the main office, **in writing**, if changes need to be made.

Art Corner

A message from Mrs. Eisler...Lutherville Lab students celebrated international dot day, September 15, 2018 by reading Peter Reynolds "The Dot" and designing their own unique dot.



For parents that don't have a myBCPS account:

- Create a myBCPS account by going to <https://bcpsone.bcps.org/> and clicking **Log in to BCPS One**.
- Instead of logging in, click Create Account.

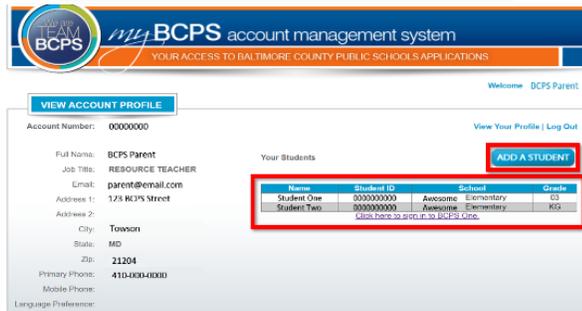
Follow the on-screen instructions to create your account. Be sure that the e-mail you use to create your account is the same e-mail address that the school has on record.

For parents that already have a myBCPS account, but do not see the child in Schoology:

- **Make sure the e-mail used to create your account is the same e-mail address that the school has on record.**
- Connect your students by logging in to BCPS One and selecting the **My Profile** link at the top.
- The next screen will display a list of any students currently attached to the account.
- To reconnect or add additional students, click the **Add Student** button and enter the school and student DOB when requested.

The new students should now display in the list, and the parent will now be able to access the student activity in Schoology using the additional instructions provided on the [Learn More About Schoology Page](#).

Additional parent resources, including printable handouts and video tutorials, have been created to support parents with Schoology are located at on the [Learn More About Schoology Page](#) in BCPS One.



STAT News

A Note from Mrs. Solter, STAT Teacher

Hello Lutherville Families,

Welcome back to another school year! This year parents and guardians will view the progress of their child through BCPS One.

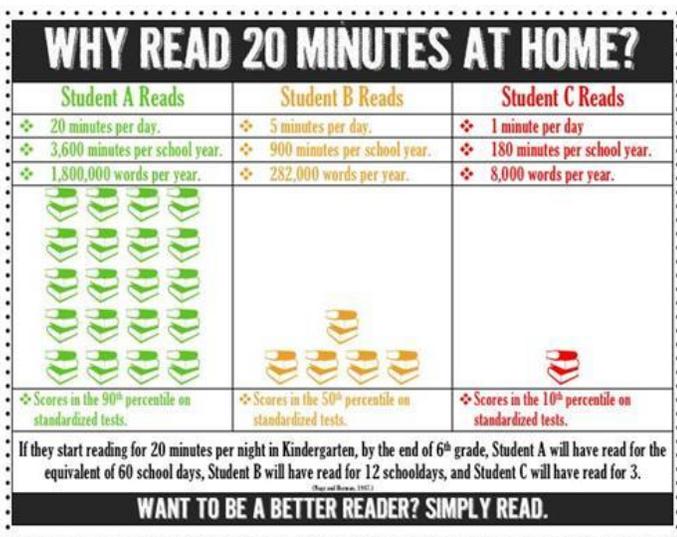
In BCPS One we are now using the Schoology platform to access students' grades. Please refer to the screen shots to the left for how you can connect to your child.

Reading Corner

A Note from Mrs. Henderson, Reading Specialist:

Welcome to another wonderful school year! I am so excited to see all of the smiling faces of our students and can't wait to watch them grow with their reading skills this year.

Parents often ask for suggestions about how they can help their child at home. One of the most important things you can do to support your child is to read with them every day. Twenty minutes of daily reading with your child will expose your child to over 1,800,000 words per year as compared to reading one minute a day which exposes them to only 8,000 words per year. There is a definite link to daily reading and achievement on standardized tests. The chart below is very helpful.



I've also included links to some wonderful articles detailing the value of reading daily with your child. Read to your child every day from birth to high school and beyond. Those few minutes of bonding time are valuable in so many ways.

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-your-child>

<http://www.nea.org/grants/facts-about-childrens-literacy.html>

<https://edsource.org/2015/study-says-reading-aloud-to-children-more-than-talking-builds-literacy/82045>

Happy Reading!

Health Suite News

Welcome back!!! Please take a few minutes to read and review the following important information. This will help me care for your child when they visit me in the health suite.

- [Health Suite Emergency Contact Information:](#)

While most of you have filled out our Discretionary Medication/Contact Form, we are still missing some. Please check with your child to make sure the **GREEN** form has been returned to our office. Additionally, please keep in mind that if your child has any new health concerns, medications, or anything that could possibly impact your child's health, as well as **ALL** contact information (cell phone, work phone, home phone numbers) should change during the school year, please notify the nurse's office, in writing so that I can update your child's records.

- [Medications:](#)

Please know that I am happy to assist students who need to take medication during the school day. However, the Baltimore County Public Schools Medication Policy requires the following in order for any type of medication to be given in school. [Medications](#) **MUST** be in the original properly labeled container. Please check the expiration date prior to bringing it to school. [Medications, both prescription and over the counter, require a physician and parent authorization.](#) We have a specific form that must be used. It can be found at the following web address:

http://www.bcps.org/offices/sss/health/pdf/BEB_CO-2804-Med-for-Students-in-School.pdf.

Copies are also available in the nurse's office.

- [Attendance Policy for Illnesses:](#)

[Temperatures/Fevers:](#) 100 degrees or higher is what BCPS considers a fever. Children must be kept home until fever free, without the use of fever reducing medication, i.e Tylenol, Advil, Motrin, or Ibuprofen for 24 hours prior to returning to school.

[Red/inflamed eyes:](#) With discharge present, if the discharge is yellow, keep your child at home. It is highly likely that they have infectious conjunctivitis and will need to use prescription eye drops for 24 hours prior to returning to school.

[Vomiting/diarrhea:](#) If your child has vomited in the 8 hours prior to school, please keep them at home. If your child has had two or more episodes of diarrhea in the 8 hours prior to school, please have your child remain at home. Please contact the school nurse directly if you are not sure if your child is well enough to attend school or you have any questions.

The Health Suite can be very hectic during the school day. If you send me an email, or leave a message with the front office, please know that I may not get back to you until the end of the school day. The best way to reach me is to call my office directly. I can be reached directly at 410-560-9886, my email is svita@bcps.org. Lutherville Lab front office: 410- 887-7800.

Wellness Committee

An invitation from the school nurse to join the Lutherville Lab Wellness Committee...

More and more research is showing that diet and exercise play an extremely important role in our well-being. Eating a well-balanced diet and daily physical activity not only helps our physical health but our mental health as well.

Childhood obesity is on the rise in the United States. Some of our children are being diagnosed with health problems that previously hadn't been seen until adulthood such as high blood pressure and Type 2 Diabetes. More and more of us are experiencing increasing stress and are becoming depressed. The good news is that it is in our power to turn the tide on this epidemic. It all starts with learning about what is truly healthy and making a commitment to make small lifestyle changes.

Experience shows that schools can be powerful places to make behavioral and environmental changes for students, their families and staff. With this in mind Lutherville Lab has decided to form a Wellness Committee. This Committee will be composed of parents, students and staff. We will look at and promote policies and programs that can increase Lutherville's health and well-being.

Your input is **ESSENTIAL**. Please contact me if you are interested in joining us! You can email me at svita@bcps.org or call me (410) 560-9886.

Physical Education News

We are teaming up with the Baltimore Ravens to bring you the NFL PLAY60 Challenge. The PLAY60 challenge helps motivate students to get 60 minutes of exercise a day. The program runs from **Monday, October 1 thru Sunday, October 28, 2018**. During this four (4) week period, students will track **both** their **activity and minutes** each day using their **Student Game Planner** (student activity log for the entire four (4) week program). **Parents will need to sign off** at the bottom of each weekly column. Students must hand in completed and signed Student Game Planners to Mr. Bruns, by **Monday, October 29, 2018**. Students have received their game planners and I'm excited to have them join our team. As an extra incentive, the class who exercises the most minutes during the month of October will win an extra PE class. Also, one student's name will be randomly selected to be the Ravens' *Play60* Ambassador. The student

ambassador will receive either a **spring luncheon at the Ravens' facility, OR possibly win a chance for tickets to a Ravens home game**. The Ravens will choose four (4) ambassadors from all participating BCPS schools to receive tickets to a Raven's home game. Let's Get Moving!

Upcoming Dates



- **October 5th** PTA Fall Festival
- **October 11th** Lifetouch, fall picture day
- **October 16th** 5th grade field trip to Oregon Ridge
- **October 18th** Kindergarten to MD Agricultural Center
- **October 19th** Schools Closed – MSEA Conference



- **November 6th** Schools Closed Election Day
- **November 9th** First Marking Period Ends – 12:55 p.m. dismissal for Lutherville Lab
- **November 15th** PTA Turkey Trot
- **November 12th-16th** American Education Week
- **November 22nd to 23rd** - Schools Closed Thanksgiving
- **November 27th** Report cards distributed
- **November 30th** School Closed-Conference Day