Lutherville Lab Leopard News

August 1, 2017

Hello!

It's August already! The first day of school is five weeks from today! So close and so far.

In this email is helpful information for you about beginning of school events, about the supply list, and about how you can keep your child's mind growing during the summer.

Like many of you, I have been enjoying the summer by spending time outdoors, reading, and relaxing with friends. Ms. Owens and I, along with many of our staff, have also been working on preparing for the new school year. We've participated in workshops, read books and journals, and collaborated to make sure we provide the top-quality environment and instruction for the kids. Our custodial team, Ms. Thornton, Ms. Gardner-Kenion, Ms. Layne-Greene, and Ms. Sherden have been working hard to get the building ready.

How have you been spending the summer? I'd love to hear from the kids about their summer. They can email me, write a letter, or post a picture to our Facebook page (Lutherville Lab).

All for the kids,
Matt Corner

This week

Summer Vacation!
Now - September 4
May you laugh, bond, and read a lot!

Summer Office Hours
10:00 – 3:00
The school office will be open each day during the summer from 10:00 – 3:00. If you have questions or need anything, please call or visit!

Planning Ahead

Summer Mailing
Friday, August 11 mailed out (the goal!)
This will have information about the year ahead, homeroom teacher, transportation information, forms, and much more.

We are looking for volunteers (adults and responsible children) to help put together the summer mailing. If you are able to assist on **Wednesday, August 9 or Thursday, August 10**, please call Glenda Lehman or email: glehman@bcps.org

Sneak a Peek
Thursday, August 31, 5:00-6:00
Come in before school starts to say hello to your teacher(s) and find your desk and locker. Don't forget to bring back any forms from the summer mailing.

First Day of School!
Tuesday, September 5, 9:05 – 3:45
We look forward to having everyone back. This is the first full day of school for grades 1-5. The preschool, prekindergarten, and kindergarten students will have a gradual entry schedule.

Welcome to Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Brunch
Wednesday, September 6, 11:30-12:30
Parents/Guardians will be able to meet other parents in their student's classes, the PTA Board and have any questions answered that they might have. Lite Fare will be served. Questions or RSVP can be sent to president@luthervillepta.org.

Back to School Night
Tuesday, September 12, 6:00-8:00
Join us to receive important updates and to hear from the teachers.

Fall Family Funfest & Movie Night
Friday, October 13, 4:30-9:00
Save the date! Join us for the annual festival sponsored by the PTA. After enjoying games and fellowship, pull out the lawn chairs and blankets to relax and watch a movie on the lawn.

Summer Activities to keep the mind active

Reading Activities

- Visit your public library to participate in the Sneaks Summer Reading program. For more information, go to BCPL Website.
- New summer reading suggestions – Glick's Picks – are posted each week on the BCPS website thanks to Fran Glick, the coordinator of library media for BCPS and an adjunct professor at Towson University.
- Students in grades 2-3 can use their BCPSOne log in to access iReady.

Math Activities

- Students in grades 1-5 can use their BCPSOne log in to access Dreambox.
- A list of activities sorted by grade level. Find the activities at this site: BCPS Math Activities.

Family Activities

- The summer edition of the Parent University TV show suggests day trips and activities free of charge for families. Looking for more fun things to do? Parent University creates a family learning tip for everyday of the year. Don't miss the calendar for August.
- BCPS is again coordinating Baltimore County's Summer Food Service Program to provide free meals to all children (ages 18 and under) free of charge and without applications or registration. Lunch will be provided Monday through Friday at area branches of the Baltimore County Public Library through Aug. 25. List of exact locations and times is available online.

Worldwide Summer Adventure - a free program from Discovery Education
Your child can virtually visit museums, tour monuments, meet inventors, explore national parks, swim with sharks, and do much more right from your home, the library, or anywhere there is access to the internet.

Each week Discovery Education will add new experiences and activities. Pick up the passport for the summer adventure of a lifetime.

To make the most of the adventure, students will need to log into their BCPSOne accounts with their username and password. Open Discovery Education from the Digital Content tab, then open this link **DiscoveryEducation.com/SummerAdventure**

Students can also choose their own summer adventure with Discovery Education. With tens of thousands of videos, games, images, songs, and more, the Discovery Education online media library is a safe destination for exploration and learning all summer and school-year long.

General Information

Employment Opportunity: School Crossing Guards
The Baltimore County Police Department is seeking individuals who are interested in becoming school crossing guards. The current salary is $12.16 per hour. To apply, visit the Baltimore County jobs Web site. Positions are listed at various times throughout the school year. If a specific position is not listed, please revisit the Web site again at a later date.

Parent University – free and low cost workshops
The BCPS Parent University offers in-person workshops throughout the community as well as online resources and videos to meet the unique needs of all families. Through the home page you can find a list of current workshops available: Parent University home page.

PTA Contacts

The PTA website and email accounts are currently being updated. To see information or contact the PTA, please go to the Facebook page: Lutherville Lab PTA

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Supply List