

Westchester News 2018



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| Tuesday, Oct. 2 nd | PTA Meeting at 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday, Oct. 3 rd | Lifetouch Picture Day |
| Thursday, Oct. 4 th | Interim Reports Go Home |
| Monday, Oct. 8 th | Pre K Trip to Clark's Farm |
| Tuesday, Oct. 9 th | PTA Trivia Night 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm |
| Friday, Oct. 12 th | Kindness Assembly/ Scouting Assembly |
| Thursday, Oct. 18 th | Kindergarten Trip to Summers Farm |
| Friday, Oct. 19 th | MSEA Convention, School Closed for Students |
| Tuesday, Oct. 31 st | Halloween Parade at 2:30 pm |



Principal's Message



Thanks to the many parents and caregivers who attended our annual “Back to School Night” on September 11th. It was wonderful to see so many of our families here at this event. We look forward to seeing you at other upcoming school events where you will have an opportunity to interact with WES staff members. Let’s continue to work together to provide the best educational experience we can for your children.



Assistant Principal's Message



In September, current 4th and 5th grade students that took PARCC received an individualized report. The report identified overall performance and comparisons to our school, district and state. Student performance towards grade-level expectations is categorized into 5 different levels ranging from “minimal” or Level 1 to “distinguished” or level 5. Level 4 and Level 5 are considered meeting and exceeding grade level expectations respectively. The chart below is a comparison summary, by grade level and content, of the students meeting and exceeding grade level standards at Westchester, Baltimore County Public Schools, and the State of Maryland.

| 3rd Grade Math | |
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| WES | 59.10% |
| BCPS | 41.70% |
| MD | 42.20% |

| 3rd Grade Reading | |
|-------------------|--------|
| WES | 41.90% |
| BCPS | 37.10% |
| MD | 38.80% |

| 4th Grade Math | |
|----------------|--------|
| WES | 62.50% |
| BCPS | 39.60% |
| MD | 43.10% |

| 4th Grade Reading | |
|-------------------|--------|
| WES | 74.00% |
| BCPS | 35.90% |
| MD | 38.70% |

| 5th Grade Math | |
|----------------|--------|
| WES | 58.80% |
| BCPS | 37.30% |
| MD | 38.00% |

| 5th Grade Reading | |
|-------------------|--------|
| WES | 60.80% |
| BCPS | 40.30% |
| MD | 42.10% |

As we continue to get a little bit better every day, it is imperative that we reflect and analyze our growth, strengths, and weaknesses to ensure a quality education for each child. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Amanda Crabb at acrabb@bcps.org.



Parent Visitation and Volunteerism



Your child's safety is extremely important to all of us. To ensure the safety of everyone, all visitors coming into the school building must report to the front office to sign-in and obtain a visitor's or volunteer badge, which must be visibly worn throughout the duration of the visit.

Parents are welcome to visit their child's classroom at any time. To ensure there is minimal disruption, we ask that parents have a specific room number and staff member to whom they will be reporting. The office staff will check with the identified teacher prior to any visitor or volunteer going to a scheduled appointment. We ask that all visitors and volunteers please wait in the office until the office staff indicates that the staff member is ready for the scheduled appointment. Visitors and volunteers should not walk throughout the school building to "visit" other classes or staff without a prior arranged, specific appointment. At the conclusion of your visit, please report back to the office to sign out. Additionally if you are dropping off a forgotten snack, lunch, assignment, etc. please leave these items in the office. The office staff will get these items to the teacher to give to your child. Thank you again for adhering to this policy and putting instruction and safety first!



Counselor's Message



Counselor's Corner

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ATTENTION all Pre- K & 5TH GRADE PARENTS!!

A reminder about Elementary & Middle School Magnet Programs for students entering Kindergarten & 6th grade next school year (2019-2020):

Your student should have received a brochure during the week of September 4-7th. There are several important dates included in that information.

- **Magnet Showcase Events:** October & November, locations & times vary
 - **Applications Released:** MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018
(www.tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet)
 - **The application deadline is: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2018**

Calling All Volunteers!

We appreciate help in classrooms, the cafeteria, and other areas of the building. If you are interested in volunteering this school year, please complete **both** the Volunteer Application and Online Volunteer Training (both must be completed annually).

- Volunteer Instructions can be found at:
http://www.bcps.org/community/volunteer_info/.

- Once complete, please turn **both** the Volunteer Application & Online Volunteer Training to the front office. *We will only contact you if there is a problem with your paperwork.*
- If you are interested in going into a classroom, please email that teacher directly. If you would like to help volunteer in the cafeteria or other area of the building, please contact me at rjones14@bcps.org.

Quarter 1 Virtues:

- **Kindness:** The act of being friendly, generous, and considerate.
- **Patience:** The ability to accept delays and understand that things can happen in a different order than planned.
- **Respect:** Behaving in an appropriate and acceptable manner toward people and objects.
- **Helpfulness:** The quality of giving or being ready to give help.
- **Peacefulness:** The practice of being quiet, calm, and handle conflict with respect.



Safety



The front parking lot will be open to visitors daily from 9:30 am – 2:30 pm. However during inclement or cold weather, we may block off the front parking lot in order to provide the students another area for their recess. The side parking is still available for parking and there is also parking available in front of the school on Old Frederick Road. If you need assistance getting into the building during the day, please contact the front office at 410-887-1088. Thank you for understanding our need for to safely accommodate our students.



Change of Dismissal Plans



Occasionally, a student's dismissal plan needs to be changed. If this should occur for your child, we ask that you e-mail the teacher and the office of the change **and call the office as a back-up**. Teachers are busy with instruction and sometimes the teacher is absent, therefore, the e-mail is not always read prior to dismissal and the school is then not be aware of the change. The office e-mails are: jbaldwin3@bcps.org and lfoster3@bcps.org



Where to Find Information



School Website: <http://westchesteres.bcps.org>

PTA Website: www.westchesterespta.org



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You are invited to follow what is going on here at school by connecting with ***Twitter.com/westchesterelem***

BCPS School Status Information Line - 443-809-5555