

LYONS MILL ELEMENTARY

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Dear Lyons Mill Families,

We are getting ready to start the fourth quarter for our fourth year at Lyons Mill Elementary! Please read our newsletter to find out all of the wonderful activities our students can participate in during these next few weeks.

The Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) formally known as PARCC begins on April 26th. Grade 3, 4 and 5 students will be taking these mandatory assessments until May 21st. While state mandated testing is happening throughout our building, visitation to classrooms will be restricted. We appreciate your understanding.

Report cards for the third quarter will be distributed on Tuesday, April 23rd. Please take a few minutes to review this report card with your child.

SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGES

Wednesday, June 5th is now a school day for students. It was originally a professional development day with no school for students.

The last day of school will now be Monday, June 17th. Dismissal is 12:20 PM to 12:30 PM. The school year was originally scheduled to end on Friday, June 14th.

We look forward to seeing you at our first musical, **Seussical Kids**, on April 10th and our first **Explorer Paint Night** on April 15th.

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Mrs. Maralee Clark, Principal



Upcoming Events

March 25th - April 18th
Yearbooks on Sale

Friday, April 5th
Early Dismissal 12:30 PM

Wednesday, April 10th
Spring Musical 6:30 PM

Monday, April 15th
Paint Night 6 - 8 PM

April 19th - April 22nd
Spring Break

Tuesday, April 23rd
Report Cards Distributed

April 26th - May 21st
MCAP Testing Grades 3, 4, 5

Tuesday, May 14th
Family Night of Code 6 PM



Vision

Lyons Mill Elementary School creates a safe, healthy, and nurturing atmosphere which fosters collaborative partnerships among students, teachers, families and community members. Our diverse learners are empowered to build 21st century skills by exploring rigorous, engaging and relevant student-centered learning while integrating innovative resources. We inspire each other to be lifelong learners who are caring, productive citizens of a dynamic global community.

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April 10 @6:30

LYONS MILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Presents



Book by **Lynn Ahrens** and **Stephen Flaherty** Music by **Stephen Flaherty**

Lyrics by **Lynn Ahrens**

Conceived by **Lynn Ahrens**, **Stephen Flaherty** and **Eric Idle**

Based on the works of Dr. Seuss

Director

Deborah Alleman

Music Director

Erika Safford

Choreographer

Donna Hesen

Stage Managers

Marni Friedman

Lauren Apt

*Seussical*TM *KIDS* is presented through special arrangement with
and all authorized materials are supplied by
Music Theatre International, New York, NY
(212) 541-4684 mtishows.com

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 3:20 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.



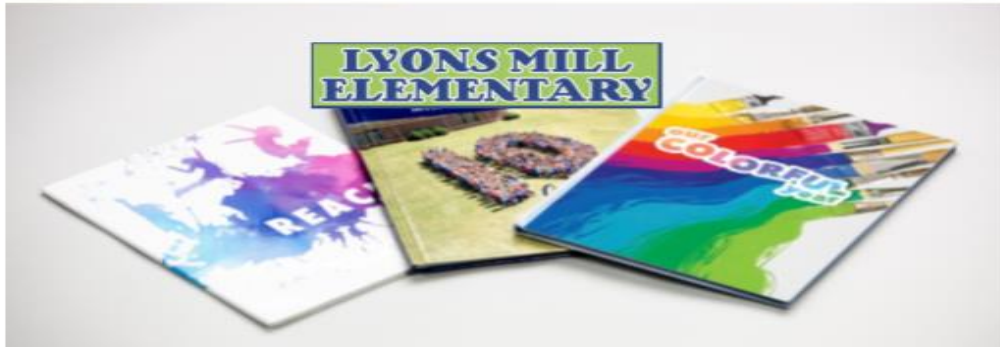
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LMES Yearbook Now on Sale!

Don't miss your chance to
order a yearbook!

Last day to order your yearbook is Thursday, April 18, 2019



Order your yearbook at

ybpay.lifetouch.com

with your yearbook ID code: 12533519

Look for order form envelopes to come home soon in your child's take home folder.
The Basic Full-Color Yearbook cost is \$21.00.
Personalized options and other special additions available for an extra cost.

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Kindergarten Round-Up

2019-2020

Kindergarten

Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year is about to begin! We will hold kindergarten registration on Thursday, April 25, 2019. Go to our website: lyonsmilles.bcps.org to find the Kindergarten Pre-Registration form. Complete the form and email it to Ms. Vaughn at svaughn@bcps.org. You will be contacted by email when the registration packet is ready to be picked up.

Jazz Band

The Jazz Band students have had a blast jamming with our Towson Student Intern, Mr. Stacy and with Señora Chupnick this month. We've learned to improvise our own short melodies using phrases from the songs we're playing. We can't wait to show off our skills at the May 21st Spring Concert. You're not going to want to miss it!



TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

Walkers

Thank you for following the daily procedures in the afternoon during dismissal.

Carpool

When dropping off and picking up your students, please pull to the end of the car loop to allow the LMES staff to load and unload as many students as possible at a time. If you arrive after the 8:45 am bell, please drive to the main office entrance.

Bus Riders

We are working diligently with the BCPS Office of Transportation to ensure all busses arrive on time daily. You may contact Baltimore County Public School's Office of Transportation by calling 410-887-4321.

Please Note

When visiting LMES, please park in our staff and visitor parking lot. Please be mindful of the families that live in the Ballard Green neighborhood by not blocking their driveways when visiting our school.

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EXPLORER PAINT NIGHT

Monday, April 15, 2019

6 pm – 8 pm

Enjoy a fun filled night with family and friends as you paint the night away at Lyons Mill Elementary! Each one of our students will receive a complimentary 16 x 20-inch canvas and apron. An adult must accompany each student at this event. The painting instructors will "guide" you and your parent/guardian to create your own unique painting together. At the end of the night, we invite all our artists to walk around the school and enjoy the artwork on display while your painting dries. Please contact Mrs. Kruchey with any questions by email jzdyrski@bcps.org or call 413-809-1719.

Complete the form below and return it to Mrs. Kruchey in room 201 to reserve your spot today. There are only 20 paintings for either option so don't delay!



Registration Deadline: Friday, April 5, 2019

Cut here & return _____

Cut here & return _____

Painter's name: _____

Parent/Guardian Attending: _____

Email: _____

Please mark your 1st and 2nd choice of the paintings below.
With limited spots you may be placed in your 2nd choice painting room.



HotSpots

Greetings LMES Explorer Families! Thank you to all the families who attended our Parent HotSpots Association Night! It was wonderful to spend an evening with you and share some Education!

We hope you took home a flyer for Summer Camp and enjoyed hearing about that exciting new addition to our HotSpots out of school time connections. If you haven't heard about Camp Hot Spots, please check them out at www.camhotspots.com!

Open Enrollment for 2019-2020 School Year has begun so please make your plans now, spots are filling up quickly. We would love to have some new additions to our HotSpots at Lyons Mill Family.

Our students are about to participate in our Market Day theme. They will learn about goods and services, budgeting, and advertising. Together in groups, they will design a good or a service and we will hold a store day where they will be able to buy and sell their own and each other's items!



Enroll Now for 2018-2019
School Year!

Visit www.hsecp.org to learn more!



ENROLL NOW!

ACTIVITIES OFFERED
Zip Line • Drama • Mountain Biking
Dance • Ropes Course • Art
Rock Wall • STEM • Archery
Swimming • Sports • Field Games
and so much more!

OUR MISSION
The mission of our camp is to provide a safe, positive, and child centered experience that will continuously meet the needs of all children.

PACKAGES OFFERED
Active Arts Package - \$295 weekly
Adventure Package - \$295 weekly


HOURS OF OPERATION
Before Care - 7:00 to 8:30 AM
Camp Hours - 8:30 to 4:30 PM
After Care - 4:30 to 6:00 PM

FREE TRANSPORTATION
provided from select HotSpots
Extended Care Program locations

CONTACT INFORMATION
info@camhotspots.com
camhotspots.com

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BCPS SCHOOLGY


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Do you have a BCPS One account? Have you accessed your child's BCPS One account? Have you explored our brand-new Learning Management System-Schoolgy? If you've answered "no" to any of the questions, visit www.bcps.org and click on the BCPS One icon in the upper right corner so that you can get started. Schoolgy will give you access to your child's classes, grades, and instructional resources. You can also communicate with all your child's teachers via Schoolgy. Please contact Mr. Jackson, S.T.A.T. teacher by email jjackson3@bcps.org with any questions.

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.
All students MUST HAVE ID badges.

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.



Counselor's Corner

At the end of this month, Lyons Mill Counselors will have delivered 264-character education lessons to students. As a continuation of last month's important theme of emotional regulation, April's focus will be on coping skills. Stress, anger, frustration, sadness, as well as any other emotion, affect everyone differently. With the multitude of daily stressors our children encounter, it is important to equip them with the resources and knowledge they require to sufficiently maneuver these fluctuating feelings. Dealing with difficult emotions at school can interfere with students' ability to pay attention, learn new

information, and perform at their best. When experiencing a difficult emotion, emotions can absorb attention and negatively affect behavior.

To help students better handle these situations, class discussions and activities this month will center on calming strategies, mindfulness, self-reflection, and soothing/distracting activities. By providing students with a safe, private, non-judging channel to express thoughts and feelings, we can potentially reduce the impact of the overwhelming or challenging emotions. It can be helpful to learn strategies to calm and soothe one's self by activating the "relaxation response" which counters the stress or anger response. One of the worst things we can do when we're stressed, anxious, or angry, is to passively sit around ruminating about how we feel. Instead, utilizing soothing or distraction activities can shift our attention, giving us time to settle and ultimately enable us to engage in learning.

At home, work with your student on various breathing exercises (ask your child what different exercises were learned this month), practice guided imagery, and model progressive muscle relaxation. Additionally, encourage your student to pinpoint what calming or distraction strategies work best. Music? Artistic expression? Taking a walk and getting a drink of water? Not all strategies work for everyone, but it is important to determine personal preferences so that in the moment we are able to successfully cope with those emotions. It is equally important to realize that there are environmental factors that can limit our options (for example: unable to listen to music while at school). Make sure to explore situational constraints so that your student is able to identify environment specific coping strategies. If you need any follow up discussion activities to help guide the home-school connection related to this topic, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Menikheim or Mrs. Dudley for suggestions.

If you ever need to speak with a counselor, please call us at (443)-809-1719 and specify which counselor you are requesting. We are split up by grades:

Mr. Menikheim has grades Kindergarten, Second, and Fourth

Mrs. Dudley has grades First, Third, and Fifth

Nurse's News

Asthma & Allergy Awareness

Asthma and allergy season are fast approaching. Allergic disease is the leading cause of missed school days for children. If you or your child suffer from allergies, you know the symptoms: coughing, sneezing, itchy eyes, runny nose, and scratchy throat. Common allergens and irritants found in and around the home are pollen, dust mites, mold, insect droppings, pet dander, and secondhand smoke. Exposure to these allergens can even bring about a serious asthma attack.



During an asthma attack, airways become narrowed and breathing can become extremely difficult. Other asthma triggers include: respiratory infections, pollen (trees, grasses, weeds) air pollution, food allergies, cleaning products, perfumes, exercise, and cold air exposure. Common asthma symptoms include wheezing, shortness of breath, chest tightness, and coughing. Asthma cannot be cured but it can be controlled.

Other tips to help prevent asthma and allergy symptoms/attacks: Clear your home of allergy/asthma triggers; choose not to smoke; keep bed linens clean; keep pets out of the bedrooms; clean up the mold and get rid of excess moisture; fix leaky plumbing; limit use of pesticide sprays; dust and vacuum regularly; and use air conditioning when possible.

Additional Spring Safety Tips: Make outdoor time a safe time – wear a helmet when riding bikes, skateboards, and scooters. Knee pads and elbow pads are easy to wear and add more protection. Poison Ivy, Oak, and Sumac contain oil causing an allergic skin reaction that looks like swollen itchy red bumps and blisters appearing wherever the oil has touched the skin. Check the areas around your home and teach your kids to recognize and avoid it.

- Stinging insects are back – If you are stung, remove the stinger as soon as possible with a scraping motion. Wash with soap and water and apply a cold compress. If you are having trouble breathing, have severe swelling or fainting occurs, call 911 or an emergency number right away.
- Ticks are already a problem in our area – use tweezers or fingers to grasp as close to the head as possible and pull the tick away from where it is attached. Call the pediatrician for symptoms of a rash or fever.

If your child requires an inhaler in school, please contact our school nurse for the paperwork needed.

Jennie Limmer, RN
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Wellness Policy for Schools

Policy 5470: Wellness

This 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.



Math Homework Helpers

Does your child love math? Need a little extra math help? Want to be on TV? Like to win prizes? If you answered “Yes” to any of these questions, we are here for you. Give it a try, have your child “Tune In” and “Call In” to Math Homework Helpers every Wednesday, from 4:30-5:30 on BCPS-TV, Comcast Channel 73 or Verizon FiOS Channel 34. After each call, your student will win a cool prize mailed to his/her school. The phone number to call on Wednesday is: 410-494-1459.

Attendance Announcements

Attendance is an essential component to a student’s academic and social success. Each day, the material presented in class establishes a foundation for future learning. Missed instructional time can lead to breaks in the learning process. If an absence or tardiness cannot be prevented, it is important to explain the reason for the absence or lateness. It is also important that you and/or your child request make-up work.



Volunteer Information



Continue to complete volunteer applications if you would like to help in and around Lyons Mill. Even if you completed the training last year, it is required that a new volunteer application and training certificate be submitted each

school year. All training is completed electronically. If you do not have access to the internet, arrangements can be made to utilize a computer at Lyons Mill. Please contact the school to make arrangements. The volunteer application and training module can be accessed at. Once you complete your application and the Safe Schools Training, send your application and your certificate to bmenikheim@bcps.org or tdudley@bcps.org



Join us for Family Code Night!

A fun FREE Parent University event for parents & kids (grades K-5) to experience computer programming for the first time – together!
No prior coding experience necessary!

May 14, 2019

Location: Lyons Mill Elementary School, 9435 Lyons Mill Rd. 21117
Time: 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. (Pizza)
Event: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Space is limited so please sign up today!

[Click this link on SignUp.com](#) or call Rai Cary at 443-809 4496 rcary@bcps.org



PTA



The PTA would like to thank all the families who participated in our Joe Corbi fundraiser. We truly appreciate your support. The top seller was Autumn in Mrs. Andrulonis’ class and the runner-up was Brianna in Mrs. Passmore’s class. They both sold over 40 items and will have the opportunity to grab in the money machine. Our fundraisers are used to support our students in such things such as: t-shirts for our

book club, the upcoming Seussical Kids musical, the end of the year planting party for SLIME Club, teacher appreciation, promotion ceremonies and a host of other events and items for our students.

If you would like to be on the PTA board for next school year, please contact us at lyonsmillpta@gmail.com.

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PTA Cultural Corner

March was Women's History Month. We would like to honor two amazing people: Kalpana Chawla and Marley Dias.

Dr. Kalpana Chawla was an American astronaut and engineer. She was born on March 17, 1962 in Karnal, India. She was the first woman of Indian descent to travel to space and was a mission specialist on the Space Shuttle Columbia. In 1998, Kalpana began working for NASA where she researched spacecraft take-off and landing. She participated in two space missions and spent a total of 30 days, 14 hours and 54 minutes in space. Sadly, Kalpana died on February 1, 2003 when her spacecraft disengaged upon re-entering the Earth's atmosphere. After her death, she was awarded the Congressional Space Medal of Honor. (credit of Wikipedia)

Although not quite a woman, this 14-year-old is worthy of recognition. Born January 3, 2005, Marely Dias is an American of Jamaican and Cape Verdean descent. At the tender age of 11, Marely complained to her mother about the lack of diversity in books she was required to read at school. She wanted to see more books with black girls as main characters. In 2015, she launched her #1000BlackGirlBooks campaign. Her goal was to collect 1,000 books to donate to black girls. Within a few months, she collected more than 9,000 books! She graciously donated many of those books to children in Jamaica. Because of her standing up and standing out, a lot of attention has been brought to the lack of diversity in children's literature. Marely has written and published her own book and recommends diverse literature for younger readers. (credit of Wikipedia)

The month of April is busy with religious festivals and holidays including; Passover, Easter and Rama Navami.

Passover is a Jewish holiday that begins at sundown on Friday, April 19th, and ends in the evening on Saturday, April 27th. Passover is celebrated to remember the Israelites' Exodus from Egypt and their freedom from slavery. During Passover, people refrain from consuming foods that contain leaven and eat many traditional foods like haroset and matzah ball soup.

Rama Navami occurs on April 14th and is celebrated by Hindus all around the worlds. It commemorates the birth of the Hindu god Rama. On this day, many recite stories and readings about Rama. Some people celebrate by visiting a temple or praying with others at home. Others take part in a bhajan or kirtan which is a storytelling time that includes music. Rama Navami is also a time of moral reflection for Hindus and many will fast on this day.

Christians celebrate a holiday known as Easter. This holiday falls on April 21st and is also known as Resurrection Sunday. It is a celebration of Jesus's resurrection from the dead, which occurred three days after he was buried. The time period from Ash Wednesday (March 6) to Easter is referred to as Lent. During this time, people give up foods or things they really enjoy for a period of 40 days. Many Christians celebrate Easter by spending time with family and indulging in a great feast of traditional foods.

Spanish Passport Program



Some important things to know and keep in mind for Spanish class:

1. MISSION 2 in both grades have now been turned in. They were due from March 15—29 depending on the class. Please look for them in your child's folder. I stapled the graded rubric to your child's project and the directions page they used to complete it.
2. Most classes have started Unit 3. Please see below for things you can review with your child.
3. Please take advantage of reviewing what we learn in class by going on Schoology weekly with your child. **IDEA:** Have your child teach you what we learned that week as a way of reviewing the skill.
4. Please continue to check your child's take-home folder for your child's weekly assessments so you can gauge his/her progress.
5. Below, you will find a list of topics that your child should continue to practice (in both 4th & 5th grade). He/She should be able to ask someone about this and answer the question in a complete sentence in Spanish. Some skills were explicitly taught, and some we do in class together every week. I will include the update for Unit 3 in the next newsletter.

- * How to introduce yourself and your family members
- * How to state today's date and your birthday
- * How to express some favorites (color, animal, etc.)
- * How to describe someone and/or something (family, self, food, animals, etc.)
- * How to express things we like to do and more details about preferences
- * How to express how you're feeling in the moment
- * How to say what the weather & season is today
- * How to greet someone appropriately based on time of day (morning, noon, evening)
- * How to start a conversation in general

There are a lot of ways you can help your child at home to prepare your child to be as successful as possible throughout the year and even into next year.

- * Ask each week what they learned in class & look on **Schoology** to review the skill.
- * Ask what they are working on in **Middlebury** and ask them to show you in Schoology. (It's self-paced.)
- * Get some Spanish books out of the library and look for words you know and/or recognize.
- * Remind your child to **ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE** in class at all times. (This includes **repeating** the words/phrases, **acting out** the vocabulary, staying **focused**, and **following directions**.)

Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions or concerns! **Please also check Twitter to see all the fun things we do in Spanish class!** I try to post weekly. I thank you for all your support and involvement in your child's education.

Señora Chupnick

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