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Dear Lyons Mill Families,

We hope you will help us celebrate all of our fabulous staff members during **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK** starting on Monday, May 13th. We will be thanking all of our staff members a week later than most schools. Please take a few minutes to send in a note of appreciation to your child's teachers. Thank you to our PTA members and HotSpots for helping with our "Teachers Bloom" theme this year. Please check out the back page of this newsletter for more Teacher Appreciation Week information.

The MCAP/Partnership of Assessment for Readiness of College and Careers (PARCC) testing will continue through May 21st. Grade 3, 4 and 5 students will be taking these mandatory assessments. May is a very busy month featuring our very first Family Code Night, Spring Concert, Sports Days and MAP testing in Kindergarten, First and Second grade.

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.

Wishing everyone a strong finish to the end of the year!

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Mrs. Maralee Clark, Principal



Upcoming Events

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

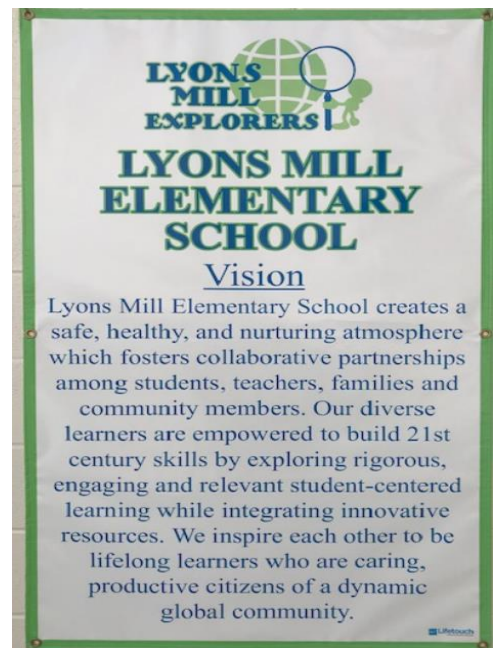
Tuesday, May 14th
Family Night of Code 6 PM

Tuesday, May 21st
Spring Concert 6:30 PM

May 22nd - May 30th
LMES Sports Days

Monday, May 27th
No School: Memorial Day

Friday, May 31st
3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade
Career Day



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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



Seussical Kids

Lyons Mill Elementary School performed its first musical, "Seussical Kids" on April 10, 2019 and it was an AWESOME event. Thank you to all that helped, all that watched, and especially, all that performed. The musical staff is already busy planning for next year's production. If parents are interested in getting involved, please contact Mrs. Alleman dalleman@bcps.org. All volunteers must be BCPS certified.



Spring Concert

Lyons Mill Elementary Spring Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Performers include the Dance Team, Gr. 4 Chorus, Jazz Band, Concert Band, and String Orchestra. You won't want to miss this awesome display of our students' talent. See you at the concert!



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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SLIME CLUB

SLIME club is wrapping up for the year! The first Friday in May is our planting day, where we will clean up the library courtyard garden and plant flowers donated by our PTA. In addition, we made teacher appreciation gifts out of recycled bottle caps and leftover art supplies. Remember to keep recycling over the summer! Stay green LMES!



2019-2020 Kindergarten Registration Information



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is currently being held for children with birthdates between September 2, 2013 and September 1, 2014. Parents must provide their child's birth certificate, immunizations, and proof of residency. Registration is by appointment only after you pick up the registration packet. Our next school tour is scheduled for Monday, June 3, 2019 at 9:15 a.m. If you have additional questions, call the school 443-809-1719.



Lyons Mill Sports Day 2019

We are excited to announce our FOURTH annual Sports Day for Lyons Mill Elementary. All students will participate with their grade level during their scheduled day. Please mark your calendar now. Team colors will be sent home soon.

Schedule:

First Grade May 22, 2019 - 9am-11am

Fourth Grade May 23, 2019 1pm-3pm

Third Grade May 22, 2019 - 1pm-3pm

Kindergarten May 29, 2019 9am-11am

Second Grade May 23, 2019 9am-11am

Fifth Grade May 30, 2019 9am-3pm

What your child will need!:

- *Sneakers!!!*
- *A change of clothes*
- *Teams color t-shirt (colors will be written in planners)*
- *A water bottle!*
- *Please apply sunscreen at home in the morning!*

Parents are invited to attend as spectators! Bring your lawn chair, camera, ID to check in, and spirit to join us for an action-packed, fun filled day for all!

Any questions, please call 443.809.1719 or email ecrouthamel@bcps.org

Mr. Crouthamel

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.



Dance Team Performance May 21, 2019

Both the Lyons Mill Junior Navigators and Navigators will be performing their Spring dance routine at the Spring Music Concert on Tuesday, May 21, 2019. There will be a daytime performance for our students and an evening performance for our families and friends.

Lyons Mill Chess Team

On Saturday, April 13th, five of Lyons Mill's finest chess players participated in Baltimore County's Elementary Chess Tournament at Cockeysville Middle School. We are very proud of the effort and determination our students displayed at the tournament.



Lyons Mill placed in 1st place out of 25 elementary schools in Baltimore County. Congratulations to Oluwaseun O (5-0-1), Rohan P (5-1), Rohith P (4-1-1), Aamir E (4-1-1), and Ashlesh P (4-1-1) for representing Lyons Mill and displaying their mastery of the game of chess at the highest level. Also, congratulations to Rohan for finishing in 6th place and Oluwaseun finishing in 2nd place as individual award winners.

Coach Broome is very proud to have worked with this group this year and we look forward to another successful year next year. If your child will be a 4th or 5th grader next year, please consider having them join chess club. Thanks to everyone for their support this year and again, congratulations to the 2018-2019 Lyons Mill Chess Club.



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 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.

Hot Spots



Greetings LMES Explorer Families! HotSpots would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all the families who attended our camp Ice Cream Social! We were excited to share how we extend learning not just through the school day but through the summer time! Check us out at www.camhotspots.com. We have also started the enrollment process for 2019-2020 school year. We would love to have you as a part of our Hot Spots family!



Our students had such a great time with the Market Day Theme! We had: a gift box shop (they made gift boxes for all themes - be happy, feel better, make new friends), a toy shop, a hair and clothing accessory store, and much more! Moving into May, our theme is GAMES! We love games at HotSpots and during an Administration Meeting Mrs. Maile shared that the curriculum at LMES is looking for games to help with basic skills! Collaboration is our middle name! With our curriculum, LMES students will be getting their well-rounded curriculum through the whole day! We also were able to give the grade level teams a book of game-based lessons involving skills teachers requested more support for from our annual teacher survey! We are so ready for summer fun, it is around the corner!

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!

PACKAGES OFFERED

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

FREE TRANSPORTATION

provided from select HotSpots
Extended Care Program locations

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.

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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camhotspots.com

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**Rita's of New Town Village
Partnering with
Lyons Mill Elementary**

Quart Fundraiser

Purchase a quart of delicious Rita's Italian Ice for \$5.00!

Lyons Mill Elementary

will receive \$1.50 for each quart purchased!

All proceeds will benefit our 5th grade end of year activities and our LMES Chess Club.

Fundraiser Dates: May 03, 2019 – May 24, 2019

- > This is a prepaid fundraiser. Sign up on the attached form and make your payment directly to the seller. Cash only – Thanks!
- > At the conclusion of the selling period, each seller will receive Rita's quart lids to be distributed for each prepaid quart. Lid distribution will be within two days of turning in your fundraiser money.
- > Each lid can be redeemed for one quart of ice during the 2019 season.
- > Lids can be redeemed at the following location:

Rita's of New Town Village
9708A Groffs Mill Drive, Owings Mills, Maryland 21117
410-654-0711
www.ritasofnewtownvillage.com

Sales Incentives:

- Top seller wins an Amazon Kindle!
- Top selling class will receive an Italian Ice Party!
- Top selling students for each grade level (minimum 10 quarts sold) will receive:

1 st Prize	20 Free Regular Ice Coupons
2 nd Prize	10 Free Regular Ice Coupons
3 rd Prize	5 Free Regular Ice Coupons

All incentive coupons can be redeemed during the 2019 season!



BCPS SCHOOLGY



Do you have a BCPS One account? Have you accessed your child's BCPS One account? Please visit www.bcps.org and click on the BCPS One icon in the upper right corner so that you can get started. Schoology will give you access to your child's classes, grades, and instructional resources. You can also communicate with all your child's teachers via Schoology. Please contact Mr. Jackson, S.T.A.T. teacher by email jjackson3@bcps.org with any questions.

Counselor's Corner

With 297-character education lessons delivered to students so far this school year, we have had the opportunity to explore many vital social-emotional topics. This month we are shifting our attention onto the outcome of positively embracing the skills and strategies that we have discussed throughout the year during classroom guidance by focusing on careers. College and career readiness at the elementary school level is a critical but often overlooked developmental function to ensure all students graduate with the competencies, habits and skills necessary for success in postsecondary endeavors. A growing body of research

empirically supports the idea that important career-related decisions are being made during the elementary school years. With that in mind, we have constructed this month's lessons around career awareness for our younger students, and career exploration for our older ones. Activities will range from discussing aspirations to researching careers of interest.

Our main hope for lessons is that students leave knowing the importance of exploring their interests and connecting those interests to job related characteristics. Everyone has a unique skill set. There are careers that are more suited for our individual skill sets than others. During this time in their cognitive development, it is vital for students to begin pinpointing their skills so that they can strengthen or expand them. Encourage your student to identify what their skills are. Additionally, take advantage of any opportunity to discuss career related information. Exposure to information helps encourage continued exploration, allowing students to begin pinpointing those careers that align best with their personalities.

If you need any follow up discussion activities to help guide the home-school connection, 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 (443)-809-1719 and specify which counselor you need. We are split up by grades:

Mr. Menikheim has grades Kindergarten, Second, and Fourth

Mrs. Dudley has grades First, Third, and Fifth

Career Day 2019

Unfortunately, our original planned Career Day was rescheduled. The good news is there is still time for you to volunteer to present at this year's Career Day! Our rescheduled date is Friday, May 31, 2019. To supply Career based lessons to all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students, we are looking for interested presenters. We will begin presentations in classrooms around 1:15 pm. If you are interested in being a presenter or would like to provide a contact interested in presenting, please contact Mr. Menikheim at 443-809-1719 or bmenikheim@bcps.org. We are hopeful that we will secure a diverse, engaging roster of careers for our young learners to explore!



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
jlimmer@bcps.org
443-809-6758



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.

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

PTA

Greetings from the Lyons Mill PTA!

Are you a natural born leader or visionary? Do you like planning events or organizing fundraisers? How about keeping financial records or taking notes? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the PTA board is the place for you! The Lyons Mill PTA is currently looking to fill board member positions for the 2019-2020 school year. *If you are interested, please join us during our PTA meeting on May 15th at 6:00 pm.*



PTA Cultural Corner

The month of May not only brings warmer weather, it brings some celebrations as well. On May 5, 1862, the Mexican Army defeated the French Empire at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War. In Mexico, people honor this day through military parades and battle re-enactments. In the United States, however, Cinco de Mayo (the 5th of May) has become a time to celebrate Mexican culture and heritage. Mexican-Americans celebrate this day by watching or participating in parades, attending parties or festivals with mariachi music, Mexican folk dancing and traditional foods like tacos and mole poblano.

Each year, the last Monday in May is observed for Memorial Day. Memorial Day, originally referred to as Decoration Day, is an American holiday dedicated to honoring the heroes who lost their lives serving in the United States Military. On this day, people visit cemeteries, gather with family or participate in parades. The earliest commemoration can be dated as far back as the Civil War. We honor those who have died and thank those of you who are currently serving our country.

May is also Mental Health Awareness Month. Did you know that "1 in 5 adults in the United States experiences a mental health condition in a given year? That's 46.6 million people per year." (National Alliance of Mental Illness) For more information visit www.nami.org. During this month wear green to show your support.

Spanish Passport Program

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

1. **MISSION 3 in 4th grade** will be due at the beginning of May. Students are writing a children's book in Spanish about the activities they and their family members enjoy...plus WHERE, WHEN, & WHY they enjoy doing them.

MISSION 3 in 5th grade will be due around the end of May/beginning of June. Students have been working on them at the end of class and during the day when teachers give them designated times.

2. Students in **Grade 4** have completed Unit 3 and will be handing in their Missions. We will be starting Unit 4, which is all about animals. Please see below for things you can review with your child. Students in **Grade 5** are more than halfway through Unit 3 and are learning how to talk about our school.

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 learned in Unit 3** (in the boxes). Your child should be able to ask someone about these topics and answer the question **in a complete sentence** in Spanish. All class notes are updated weekly on Schoology. These skills will be used to complete Mission 3 in complete sentences. Please continue to practice these skills as well as Units 1 & 2.



In 4th grade, we now know how to:

- * explain activities/sports we enjoy doing & playing.
- * explain activities/sports our **family** enjoys doing/playing.
- * explain **WHY** we like to do various activities.
- * explain **WHY** our **family** likes to do various activities.
- * explain **WHEN** we like to do activities (seasons/weather).
- * explain **WHEN** our **family** likes to do various activities.
- * explain **WHERE** we like to do activities (places).
- * explain **WHERE** our **family** likes to do various activities.

COMING UP:

- * UNIT 4: All About Animals

In 5th grade, we now know how to:

- * identify our favorite class and explain why we like it.
- * identify our least favorite class and explain why we don't like it.
- * explain what we have to do in our classes.
- * explain what school supplies we need in our classes.
- * explain where things are around our school.
- * explain who works in our school and what they do.

COMING UP:

- * telling time in Spanish format. (learning #'s 31-60)
- * explain when our classes begin & end (telling time).

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.

- Please remind your child how important it is to learn a second language and to ALWAYS try their best.
- Please remind your child to always put forth their best effort, even when things become challenging!
- 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**.)
- Get some Spanish books out of the library and look for words you know and/or recognize.
- Watch a familiar TV show in Spanish and listen for words you recognize.

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 & involvement in your child's education.

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TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

MAY 13-17, 2019

Join the PTA in thanking our Lyons Mill Elementary School teachers and staff. Choose a day or two (or all five) to participate, then show your teachers that they are loved and appreciated!

Monday-You make us BLOOM

Bring your teacher his/her favorite flower (fresh, or hand drawn), or bring in something with floral print.

Tuesday-Teachers are NOTEWORTHY

Write your teacher a note to explain how he/she has impacted your life.

Wednesday-SUPPLY them with Thanks

Pick up any supplies your teacher is running low on for your class.

Thursday-My Teacher's a Treat

Treat your teacher with his/her favorite snack, beverage or candy.

Friday-Thanks are in the CARDS

Bring your teacher a gift card for his/her favorite store, restaurant or coffee shop.

