



Oliver Beach News  
February 2019

Mrs. Lynne Palmer  
Principal

Mrs. Jennifer Pilarski  
Assistant Principal



*Principal's News*



Welcome to February, a few steps closer to springtime and warmer weather. The groundhog did not see his shadow, so maybe we will have an early spring. February is a busy month for students in grades K-5 because students take MAP testing in the areas of Language Arts and Math. We would like our students to be on time every day, but it is especially important during the morning testing session for the next few weeks.

Test anxiety is a very real and common phenomenon. Many children need help with the balance between taking tests seriously and overreacting. Make sure there is not too much pressure at home. Many children need to be taught realistic academic expectations and test taking skills. When teachers prepare groups of children for testing, emphasis is placed on test taking skills and learning the importance of the test. If your child is feeling anxious regarding testing, please know that support is available through the school counselor.

We continue to have students arriving too early for school. There are no teachers on duty until 8:30. Until then all students are unsupervised. Please do not bring or send your child to school too early. Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe.

*Notes from the nurse*



02/05/2019

The New Year has been off to a busy start! Snow days, flu season, and many reports of colds with fevers have arrived. A big thank

you to our families who kept sick kids home from school, as this drastically reduces transmission of cold and flu germs! Stay healthy this winter and:

- Wash hands frequently
- Do not touch eyes, nose or mouth
- Cover mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing, use a paper tissue and wash hands or use hand sanitizer
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick

Please keep your child at home for treatment and observation for any of these symptoms:

- Fever (100 degrees or greater).
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Chills
- General malaise or feelings of fatigue, discomfort, weakness or muscle aches
- Frequent cough
- Nasal congestion & drainage

Colds are the most contagious during the first 48 hours. Often when a child awakens with vague complaints (the way a cold or flu begins) it is wise to observe your child at home to monitor their condition. Once the fever has subsided for at least 24 hours, your child should be physically able to participate in all school activities upon return to school.

Please feel free to call or e-mail with any concerns,

Eva Merryman, MSN, RN, CPN  
School Nurse  
410-344-1341  
[emerryman@bcps.org](mailto:emerryman@bcps.org)



## The Counselor Corner

### Counselor Corner

Happy February!



My classroom guidance lessons this month will focus on accepting and appreciating differences. Students will be asked to consider how differences make the world a better place. Also, students will consider what qualities make themselves special, different, and unique. These guidance lessons will help encourage students to be empathetic towards others. Developing empathy is such a valuable skill for our students to have. Empathy helps create unity. These lessons are also written to help create positive and supportive relationships among our school family.



Schoolwide, throughout the month of February, we will be focusing on students learning about and demonstrating unity and determination. When students practice unity they can see the specialness in each person. Having unity means problems are solved peacefully by listening and finding solutions. Working together to accomplish more than what any one of us could do by ourselves is having unity. Now that we have completed the first half of this school year it is so important to focus our attention, energy, and efforts on learning and

completing our assignments. Determination helps with this. With determination, assignments get completed thoroughly and to the best of our ability. It feels so good to have determination and meet our goals.

I continue to have lunch bunch groups with the students. This is such a nice time to get to know the students better. I look forward to coming to school every day at the beach. This school is filled with amazing families, students, and staff!! I love serving at “the beach”!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you might have.

Sheryl Stewart - School Counselor  
[sstewart5@bcps.org](mailto:sstewart5@bcps.org)

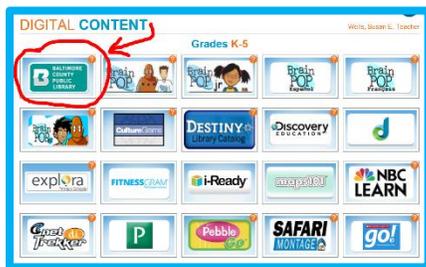
### A Note From the Library

Did you know there is an easy, convenient way to provide your child quality reading material without going to the library or worrying about overdue books or fines?

You can log onto **Destiny Discover** through **BCPSOne Digital Content** and read an ebook! Our library has over 200 ebooks and more than 20 interactive ebooks to choose from. Many of these allow multi-user access. Students have learned to access these ebooks using their BCPS username and password during library class, and should be able to do so with minimal assistance.



Students can also access Baltimore County Public Library resources by logging onto **Baltimore County Public Library through BCPSOne Digital Content**. Students can check out up to five items using their BCPS student identification number. Online access includes downloadable books and online resources such as Rosetta Stone, Mango Languages, Brainfuse, and online databases. Email Ms. Myers at [km Myers3@bcps.org](mailto:km Myers3@bcps.org) if you have any questions.



### ***A note from PE***

In these cold-weather months, Many students are coming to visit Physical Education class without appropriate shoes for play. If you receive a "Sneaker Reminder" in your child's folder don't be alarmed, but please be aware of this safety precaution and plan ahead, even if you must pack a second pair of shoes.

Students who are coached to think and plan ahead are also practicing self-discipline, reliability and dependability (all components of being a responsible person.) Stay warm OBES family!

"We ran the race, the race was won, by running *slowly*".

-Jethro Tull

Regards,  
-Mr. Telesky

### ***PreK News***

We are about to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on February 15<sup>th</sup>. The students are working on learning new sight words and sounding out cvc words. In math we are practicing making different patterns (AB, ABB, ABC).

### ***Kindergarten News***

This month Kindergarten will begin Unit 5 ELA called Wonders of Nature. During this unit students will be discussing how your garden grows, trees, and things that come fresh from the farm. Students are increasing their sight word knowledge and applying those words and skills during read to self. This month students will focus on the letters h, e, f, & r. We will begin a new math unit on 2-D and 3-D shapes.

### ***First Grade News***

First grade has been examining words with long vowels in them. We have been reading books that are full of words containing long vowel patterns and learning many new sight words.

We have also been busy reading folktales and applying the lessons we learn from them to our real lives. The students have had a lot of fun comparing different versions of the stories we have read.

In math we have learned about each other by developing survey questions to ask one another. We have found different ways to record the data, represent the data in a graph, and then interpret the data. It has been interesting to find things out such as, how many students have a pet, how many people like ice cream, and who would rather swim like a whale or fly like an eagle. Our findings have been surprising!

As always, we continue to earn DOJO points for demonstrating Oliver Beach's code of conduct every day. Students have enjoyed cashing in their points for rewards at the SOAR Store.

We encourage you to continue reading together every night and finding time to have engaging conversations together. Have a wonderful February!

### ***Second Grade News***

Second grade has completed Unit 04: Data Analysis in Math and is now working on Unit 5: Patterns, Function, and Change. In this new unit, students will describe and represent ratios, use tables to represent and predict change, and work with numeric sequences as they construct and describe numerical patterns. In Science, second grade is concluding the Whack-a-Wall Unit. Students are getting ready to plan, create, build, and test a wall. In Reading, second grade is working on Unit 4: Live and Learn. During Unit 4, students will read a variety of informational texts related to the big idea, Live and Learn. At the end of the unit, students will research a type of dangerous weather and create a news bulletin and infographic.

### ***Third Grade News***

The third grade is working hard! In math, we are finishing up our multiplication and division unit. We will start our fraction unit in the next few weeks. In science, we are off and running with our safe racer unit. Your students are learning about how to improve on their original safe racer design to make it go farther and to keep the egg safe. In ELA, we are getting ready to start our Historical Perspectives unit that combines some social studies with reading as we learn about explorers. Keep reading

with your students at home and practicing those math facts!

### ***Fourth Grade News***

It's hard to believe that the school year is already half over! In ELA, the 4th graders have been focusing on nonfiction and learning about text features and their purposes. We have also been learning about text structure and practicing writing opinions. Recently, the students began researching a new topic of their choice in order to form an opinion and write an opinion essay. In honor of Black History Month, students will be researching famous African Americans and creating infographics to share their learning. In math, we are dividing greater numbers by single digit divisors. We are also preparing for our Winter ELA and Math MAP testing this month.

### ***Fifth Grade News***

5<sup>th</sup> grade is excited to announce that we are going to Philadelphia in April! Please stay tuned for further information and permission slips! Any questions, please contact Ms. Hall at [shall6@bcps.org](mailto:shall6@bcps.org).

### ***Upcoming Dates***



7 – Report Cards Distributed

18 – Presidents Day –  
Schools and Offices Closed

22 – Winter Ball 6:30-8:00 pm



10 – Turn clocks ahead One Hour



