



Principal's News



It is hard to believe that the second marking period is over, and we are more than half way through the school year! Cold weather has been the story, as well as those annoying four to five-inch snow showers during morning rush hour, making it a tough decision between a 2-hour delay and closing! The second marking period ended on January 25, 2019 and we are almost five weeks into the third marking period. Interim reports will be distributed on March 8, 2019. Please contact your student's teacher to schedule a face-to-face conference if you are concerned about any grades. This is the best way to address all questions/concerns.

Speaking of March, Spring is certainly sneaking up on us. Spring proves to be a very busy time for the faculty and staff at Oliver Beach. Winter MAP testing has been completed by all students. Moreover, the office staff is preparing for Pre-K and Kindergarten Round Up, PARCC Assessments, Pre-K and Kindergarten Conference Days, spring band and chorus concerts, and several grade level field trips. Thank you to the PTA Executive Board, all PTA members, parent volunteers, and community members who support OBES during this very busy time.

Notes from the nurse



As spring is rapidly approaching, I'd like to send a big *Thank You!* to our families for understanding that children need to be fever free for 24 hours, without medication, before returning to school. Keeping sick kids at home has kept the spread of the flu at bay and allowed students to stay healthy and attend school ☺

This month's health tip is about bike safety. As the weather gets warmer, more and more students bike to school, which is great for their health and the environment! Please keep these few safety tips in mind:

- **Always** wear a helmet, it's the law for kids 15 & under
- Kids 10 & under should use the sidewalk
- Practice riding the way to school with your child so you can show them what safe riding looks like. It's also a great way to stay active as a family and get valuable together time that you'll all enjoy!

Thank you for your support in keeping our kids healthy, happy & ready to learn,

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Kindergarten Registration Information

If you have a child that will be attending Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year and is not enrolled in our Prekindergarten program you will need to call the Oliver Beach office and request a registration packet. The number is 410-887-5943. You may also email Pat Chisholm at pchisholm@bcps.org.



The Counselor Corner

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Happy March everyone! I am looking forward to the arrival of the spring season!!



The topic for this month's classroom guidance lessons is emotional regulation. The essential questions of these lessons will be

- How can I address my emotions in a positive way?
- How can I address conflict in a healthy manner?
- How can I resolve conflicts peacefully?

Self-regulation is an important skill for children to develop. Students with good self-regulation can pay attention to classroom activities, ignore distractions, remember the teacher's directions long enough to carry out a task and resist impulses. Having good self-regulation skills, helps give students an advantage to succeed in school. Emotional self-regulation is important for helping children manage how they express and experience emotions. This is such an important life-long skill to develop. Regulating your thoughts, emotions and behaviors is crucial for success in school, work and life in general.



Schoolwide, throughout the month of March, we will be learning about the two virtues of reliability and loyalty. Students

will be encouraged to add these virtues to their personal "tool box" along with the other virtues that we have focused on this school year.



Reliability means others can depend on you to keep your commitments. Reliability is doing something that you have agreed to do, without forgetting or having to be reminded. When you demonstrate reliability, you care about doing what you said you would do. Being reliable also means showing up on time and putting supplies away properly. Give your best effort and if a problem arises, find another way. Most importantly, reliability is keeping your word. I love this quote I found, "Trust is built on consistency."



At OBES we truly strive to give everyone at our school a sense of community. Every member of our school family is important with so much to offer. One of our goals is for every student to be a lifelong learner. Demonstrating loyalty is staying committed. Showing loyalty is not always easy. Sometimes you stand up for something you believe in without changing your mind. Being faithful to your family, friends, school, country, or ideals is showing loyalty. When you practice loyalty, others know they can count on you.



It has been such an exciting year seeing the students enjoy shopping once a month at our SOAR store using their DOJO points. It is a valuable learning time for our students to decide if they would like to spend their points or possibly save their points and shop the following month. Thank you to the PTA for purchasing items for the SOAR store!!! Thanks also to everyone who has made contributions! Without these items the SOAR store would not exist.

If you would be interested in volunteering your time and help in the SOAR store you have a few more opportunities left this school year. In order to volunteer you must have successfully completed the volunteer training process. The dates that the store will be held in the next two months are: Wednesday, March 27th and Thursday, March 28th; Wednesday, April 24th, and Thursday, April 25th. As a volunteer you would record how many points the student spends at the store. (It is that simple.) I ask if possible that you arrive about 8:15 am and you should be able to leave by about 9:00 am. Please email me at sstewart5@bcps.org if you are interested in volunteering in this capacity. Thanks so much!!!



We have scheduled our annual Career Day on Monday, June 3, 2019 from 9 – 12 am.

Currently, I have four parents who have volunteered to share with our students about their career. **I really need your help!!** I need more individuals who can speak with our students about how you use reading, math, writing, science, etc. in your career. Anything that you can bring in to show our students about your career to make it hands on is always exciting. **Please consider if you could volunteer in this manner.** Our requirement is that you have been successfully approved this school year to volunteer. **Please, can you share.** Maybe you could volunteer, but not the entire time from 9 – 12 am, that would be fine. I am very flexible. **Thanks again!!!! We look forward to hearing about your career on June 3rd.**

I am so thankful to be a part of the school family at Oliver Beach Elementary School. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you might have.

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A Note from the Librarian

Oliver Beach ES honored Dr. Seuss during Read Across America Week by hosting a Seuss themed Spirit Week. Oliver Beach celebrated from March 4th through March 8th. Students had the opportunity to read books to a younger class throughout the week.

At home, you may consider celebrating by:

- Bringing home Dr. Seuss books! Did you know we have over thirty-nine copies of his books?

- Start your kids' days with green eggs and ham. Consider adding green food coloring to your eggs. Be extra silly and create silly rhymes as you eat together as a family.
- Call a loved one, a grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin, friend, and have your child read to that person over the phone or have that person read to your child.
- Checkout www.seussville.com for fun props, activities, and resources to celebrate.

A note from Music

K: Last month, students learned songs about bears and hibernation. We read stories using speaking and signing voices and added sounds to accompany a story.

1: Students have been practicing reading quarter notes, eighth note pairs, and quarter rests. They have also been writing music notes and rests to complete a musical sentence! This month we are learning about PITCH- the highness or lowness of a sound. Students will learn about pitch patterns using pitches: SO and Mi.

2: Students are learning all about the orchestra. Over the next month, students will learn about the four families that comprise an orchestra. They will make connections between the size of an instrument and how high or low it plays.

3: We have begun our RECORDER KARATE Unit. **Students will need to come to class every week with: a folder specifically for music class, their recorder, and their**

planner. If they do not have these items, they will be marked as unprepared and will not be able to fully take part in portions of the class.

4/5: Boys and girls are learning upbeat songs for the Spring Concert. We are reviewing many music elements in our preparations including: dynamics, tempo, rhythm, diction, and pitch. **The Spring Concert for grades 4 and 5 is currently scheduled for April 9th.** This concert counts towards their mandatory performance grade. Every effort should be made to ensure all students are present.

****If you know your child will not be present for this show, please e-mail me ASAP!** at amichael2@bcps.org**

A note from PE

Could you add a mark your calendars / save the date for these two events?

Color Run: 5/24 (Rain Date 5/31.)
Sports Day 6/7 (Rain Date 6/10.)

Thanks,
-Mr. Telesky

A note from Art

Things are going great in Art class. Fifth grade is getting ready to start learning sewing skills as they create their sock monkey. Fourth grade is learning about proportion as we work to create our self-portrait. Third grade is using their creativity to fly to another land with their "Tar Beach" inspired landscape. Second grade is learning how to weave using yarn to make a monster. First grade is using shapes to

create a dwelling for a creature, animal, or person. Kindergarten is reading “Ten Apples Up on Top” and drawing a picture of themselves with their favorite fruits and veggies balancing high atop their head.

When discussing artwork with your littles a great question to ask is “Tell me about your artwork”. You can follow it up with “this makes me feel”, or “this reminds me of” which are both great questions to get your child talking and interacting with their work on an emotional level.

PreK News

Let’s Investigate is the new unit we are starting in Pre-K. The students are pretending to be detectives to compare and observe different objects. They have added new sight words (in, down, go, like) to their vocabulary. In math we are working on ABB, ABC, and AB patterns. We cannot wait for St. Patrick’s Day so we can create traps to catch leprechauns!

Kindergarten News

Kindergarten is working on their sixth ELA unit. We are learning about the seasons and different types of weather. Students have been learning sight words and reading them in text, while identifying familiar letters and sounds to decode. In math students just finished up their geometry unit, just ask them about shapes. Kindergarten students are working hard learning virtue language and applying it throughout their day. Students are learning about weather in our science unit weather wonders.

First Grade News

First graders have been enjoying measuring in math. We are working hard to compare distances and lengths. So far, we have measured with cubes, tiles, craft sticks, baby steps, basketball player steps, and our own feet. We are practicing finding the difference when we compare lengths.

In phonics, we have been practicing reading and writing words with r controlled vowels. We explored words with ar, er, ir, or, and ur. As always, we continue to add to our sight word wall. Also, it’s been fun learning about adjectives as we describe nouns in more detail.

In reading, we are enjoying reading nonfiction books in order to learn what makes different animals unique. By the end of this unit, students will have a compilation of facts describing the unique qualities of animals.

Our science unit is piggy-backing on our reading unit. We are learning the unique features of animals and how we could mimic them to solve a human problem. For example, a turtle has a hard shell. We can mimic that unique feature to protect our head by wearing a helmet.

We are always having fun in 1st grade! We are looking forward to spring!

Second Grade News

Second Grade is currently working on Unit 06: Addition, Subtraction, and the Number System 3 in Math. Over the course of this unit, students will continue to build their

understanding of place value (ones, tens, hundreds) as they compose and decompose numbers into tens and ones and work with contexts and models for the base-10 number system. In Health, students are working on Module 3: Safety and Protection. Students are learning how to avoid dangerous situations and how to keep themselves safe. In Reading, students are working on Unit 4 M (Mysteries). During this unit students have been introduced to the mystery genre and are exploring vocabulary specific to mysteries such as, mystery, clue, hunch, motive, and suspense. Also, students are reading mystery books and will conclude the mystery unit by writing an original mystery story.

Third Grade News

The third grade is working on fractions in math this month and historical perspectives in ELA. In science, we are still learning about the forces that are going to effect our safe racers. We will be re-building and modifying our cars soon. Please encourage your student to read at home and practice their math facts.

Fourth Grade News

In ELA, 4th grade finished up their Black History Month infographics and they look great! We are beginning Unit 4 this week with narrative and free verse poetry. In math, we have begun Unit 4 fractions. Our science unit is “Rubbish Rescue” and we are looking forward to all of the recycling material your children will be bringing in so that we can create our prototypes. In Social Studies we working on a geography unit focusing on map skills.

Our classes are closely following the Iditarod Race in Alaska this week. Ask your child about their favorite musher!

Fifth Grade News

5th grade: We are diving in to our newest ELA unit “Writing Worth Reading” and novel study! Each group is reading one of the following novels: *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson, *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Koningsburng, or *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. We will end the unit by writing our own original narratives!

Upcoming Dates



4 – 8 – Read Across America Spirit Week
See schedule above

10 – Turn clocks ahead One Hour



11 – PTA Meeting 6:30 pm

14 – Kids Helping Hopkins Varsity Show
6:30 pm

18 – Joe Corbis Order Due

22 – PTA White Marsh Library Family
Movie Night



1 – 4 – Book Fair

2 – Spring Concert – 6:30 pm

5 – Third Marking Period Ends Elementary
and Middle Schools Close 3 Hours Early
(12:15 pm for Oliver Beach)

17 – Class and Individual Pictures

18 – Joe Corbi’s Pick Up

19 – 22 Spring Break Schools Closed

23 – Report Cards Distributed

25 – STEAM Night 6:00 – 8:00 pm



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