

SOARING SEAGULL NEWS

OLIVER BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

November 2019

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Thought for the Month: *“Education is the key to success in life, and teachers make a lasting impact in the lives of their students.”*

Solomon Ortiz

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November	1 – 15	Food Drive for Hunger
	8	School Closes at 12:15 for Students – 1st Marking Period Ends
	12	6:30 – PTA Meeting
	14 – 15	6:15 – The Aristocats
	21	Report Cards Distributed
	18 – 21	American Education Week/Book Fair – 9:00 – 11:30
		11/18 – Grades 2 and 3
		11/19 – Grades 1 and 5
		11/20 – PreK and Kindergarten
		11/21 – Grade 4
	22	School Closed – Conference Day
	28 – 29	Happy Thanksgiving – School Closed
December	20	Christmas Holiday/Winter Break Begins at End of School Day
January	2	Welcome Back!

Greetings From Mrs. Palmer

Our first quarter marking period will come to an end on Friday, November 8, 2019. Report cards will be distributed on Thursday, November 21. Please review your child’s report card with them and check to see if a conference is requested by the teacher. If one isn’t and you wish to confer with the teacher, please schedule a conference. Teachers are always willing to engage you in the learning process- we need you as partners.

American Education Week will be held from November 18-21. Please plan to visit your child’s classroom during this week to observe the many exciting instructional activities in which students are participating. In order to accommodate our many visitors during this week, we have designated a visitation day for each grade level. We hope to see many of you. Please remember that we cannot accommodate adults in the cafeteria so please be sure students understand that parents and sibling will not be able to join them at lunch. The schedule is provided to you below. American Education Week will be held from 8:45-11:30. Also, the PTA will hold their book fair during this time so you will have a time slot to go with the class to purchase books if you choose.

- Monday, 11/18: Grades 2 and 3
- Tuesday, 11/19: Grades 1 and 5
- Wednesday, 11/20: Grades PK and K
- Thursday, 11/21: Grade 4
- Friday, 11/22: Conference Day (Schools closed for students)

Our students will be performing in our annual school play, *The Aristocats*, on the evenings of November 14 and November 15. The students are very excited and have been practicing daily. We hope you can join us.

With Thanksgiving drawing near, we reflect on all for which we are thankful. We appreciate your positive energy and support, and for sharing your children with us. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Notes From the Nurse

With the colder temperatures we've seen our fair share of cold weather illnesses! Hopefully, everyone has had a chance to get their flu shots. If not, there is still time! Flu shots are readily available at all doctors' offices and clinics.

Especially during flu season, please do not send kids to school who are ill or have a fever. Students need to be fever free for 24 hours without medication in order to attend class. This allows for kids to get well quicker and return ready to learn, and it protects other students from getting ill.

To help everyone stay healthy, we will embrace good hand hygiene this November. All students will get to learn about and practice excellent hand hygiene in a fun, interactive health lesson ☺

Thank you for your support to keep our kids healthy, happy and ready to learn!

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The Counselor Corner

During the month of November, I will be teaching lessons that help equip our students with the necessary skills to help them resolve conflicts. At OBES we want all our students to feel supported and safe in school. We want all our students to be able to make respectful choices with their personal behavior and their social interactions. The lessons will provide students with tools to use when conflicts arise.

This month, our school will focus on demonstrating confidence. When someone has confidence, they can trust that they “have what it takes” to handle whatever may happen. Someone with confidence feels sure of themselves and enjoys trying new things. Having confidence also means knowing that they are worthwhile whether they win, lose, succeed or fail. Someone with confidence thinks positively, learns from their mistakes, and doesn’t let fear or doubt stop them.

Please remember that magnet school online applications for the 2020-21 school year **must be** submitted by 1:00 p.m. on November 15, 2019.

This month’s SOAR store will be held on October 31st for K, 1st, and 2nd grade students. November 1st will be the shopping day for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. Thank you everyone who contributed items for this month’s store!! I am always accepting donations for the SOAR store. If you see something that you think the students might like, please send it in. Thanks again for helping to make the SOAR store a success and an excellent opportunity for us to reward our students for following the code of conduct.

The charitable club is beginning our school wide food drive. Canned foods will be collected from November 1st – November 15th. The food will be donated to a local food bank serving the Middle River area. The class which brings in the most canned foods will get rewarded with a picnic lunch with Mrs. Stewart. If the school collects 550 or more non-perishable items than we will have a schoolwide pajama day. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!

If you have any concerns or questions, please call me at school 410-887-5943 or email me at sstewart5@bcps.org. I am here to help support your child to make this their best school year ever!

Sheryl Stewart

Physical Education Tip of the Month

- At this time of year as the weather gets colder, it becomes even more important for kids to spend time outside.
- The many benefits of spending time outside include:
- Walking in nature can improve your short-term memory.
- Being outdoors has a demonstrated de-stressing effect.
- Spending time outside reduces inflammation.
- Enjoying the outdoors helps eliminate fatigue.
- Outdoor experiences may help fight depression and anxiety.

-Mr. Telesky

News From the Library

Our Literacy Pumpkin Decorating Contest had a terrific turnout! 30 families entered our contest and each pumpkin entered looked amazing! The students loved recognizing their favorite characters and were excited to show off the stories they read! The judges really had a tough time deciding on just three to nominate for each category.

This was a truly spectacular event. Thank you for all your hard work and for bringing reading to life. I hope you continue to enter pumpkins next year!

I also want to say a special thank you to our PTA for providing the wonderful prizes for the event! And now what you all have been waiting for...

Nonfiction Category:



- 1st Place: **Megan & Julia Greensfelder**
Albert Einstein
- 2nd Place: **Leo & Ethan Orzech**
How to Be a Soldier
- 3rd Place: **Salvatore & Grace Glorioso**
Encyclopedia of Animals

Everybody Category:



- 1st Place: **Maryia Hosley**
Cinderella's Carriage
- 2nd Place: **Brynn & Bentley Ayres**
Stitch from Holiday Mischief
- 3rd Place: **Aubrey & Hailey Houvinen**
Camilla from Bad Case of Stripes

Fiction Category:



- 1st Place: **Aria Earll**
Room on the Broom
- 2nd Place: **Gavin Wagner and Knox, Michael, Ben, and Noah Fried**
True Story of the Three Little Pigs
- 3rd Place: **Johnny & Scarlett Hughes**
Dobby the House Elf from Harry

Please continue reading at home! E-mail Ms. Myers at kmyers3@bcps.org if you would like a parent library card for our very own OBES Library!

Upcoming Events for the Library:

I invited Noel Knepper from the BCPL (Baltimore County Public Library) to come during American Education Week. **She will be here on Monday, November 18th from 9:00-11:30** in the **library**. She is available to answer any BCPL library questions or help you to get library cards for the local branch. She can share upcoming events and more! Please feel free to stop by the library during this time to hear about the wonderful opportunities available at our White Marsh branch!

Vocal Music News

Kindergarten: Students continue to learn the names of and play classroom instruments to the steady beat. We are currently singing songs about autumn.

1st: During the month of November students will begin using symbols to represent written sounds in music!

2nd: We will begin listening to selections of instrumental music in class and discussing mood - the feeling a piece of music gives the listener.

3rd: In November, we will begin looking at how math and music are closely related. Students will discover how adding a dot to a note changes its value. When adding a dot to a note they will need to subtract some notes from the measure.

4th: Students have been working with ostinatos -short rhythm patterns that repeat. In November they will continue to layer ostinatos and sing songs containing our new rhythm, the sixteenth notes.

5th grade: During the month of November students will begin to learn the songs selected for the Winter Concert. We are also learning about Major Scales.

Prekindergarten News

In Pre-K we are completing many activities related to fall. The children are learning to write their name independently. They have learned the sight words no, yes, my, and the. We have previously learned the letters Aa, Ss, Mm, and Dd. This month we are focusing on Pp, Ll, Oo, and Ff. Pre-K is learning how to be helpful and patient. This month we will focus on being thankful.

Kindergarten News

Kindergarten is learning about shapes we see around us and beginning to learn about bugs in the next week. We are measuring with non-standard units in math and started working on dreambox. We had a blast on our first field trip to the pumpkin patch. Kindergarten students are working hard in writing to create a tools book, based on a book we read in language arts.

News from Grade 1

First grade is continuing to build on our letter sounds, learn spelling patterns, sight word recognition and blending words to read our decodables. We are working hard during small groups. We are finishing up our unit on fiction and will be starting our next unit on nonfiction to help us learn about our community. In math we are working on identifying shapes, recognizing shapes in everyday life, and making pictures with shapes. Our next math unit will be working with numbers to add and subtract. In science we are tracking the path of the sun and the shadows it makes.

News from Grade 2

ELA- Students are reading expository texts in order to research animals and create posters about the animal's habitat, diet, appearance, and life cycle.

Science- Students recently began the Whack A Wall science unit. They will work together to design and create a wall that will need to withstand a wrecking ball.

Math- Students are learning the attributes of two and three dimensional shapes, learning the area of rectangles, and learning how shapes can be partitioned into equal parts.

Field Trip- the 2nd grade will be going to the MD Science Center on December 13. More information will be coming home soon.

News from Grade 3

It's hard to believe the first marking period is almost over! In ELA, we are studying fables and folktales. The students have been analyzing stories in this genre and explaining how their morals are conveyed through key details. In Math, the students are applying knowledge of place value and properties of addition, as well as number sense, to solve multi-digit addition and subtraction problems. We will be returning to multiplication and division in the next unit. Please continue to practice these facts at home regularly for fluency and accuracy! In Science, we are working on our Mayfly Mayhem unit,

which explores the relationship between environmental changes and stream health.

News from Grade 4

We have begun the 4th grade Unit 2 author study of Kate DiCamillo. She is a very talented writer, author of *The Tale of Despereaux*, *Because of Winn Dixie*, *The Tiger Rising*, *The Mercy Watson* series, and many other books. We will read with the purpose of determining, how the author's life and experiences influence her writing and consider how family and friends shape the people we become.

In math we are in the Multiplication Unit and learning various ways to multiply whole numbers. Please continue to encourage your child to practice their basic facts since we will be multiplying one digit numbers by two-three and four digit numbers!

In science, we continue working in the Geologic Journeys unit where we are learning about forces that change landforms.

News from Grade 5

The fifth grade is working hard! In math, students are working on multiplication of whole numbers and decimals. In ELA, students are learning about the Revolutionary War and studying primary and secondary sources. We are finishing up our unit on the colonies in social studies and will be starting science soon. Information about conferences will also be sent out soon.