



Oliver Beach News
October 2018

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Principal's News



Thank you for welcoming me to Oliver Beach. I am so honored to be a part of such a wonderful school community. As we look back on the first month of school, our faculty and staff would like to thank you for sending us your children. During the first week of school, our students quickly readjusted from vacation to school time. You sent them with school supplies, book bags and wonderful smiles. We are looking ahead to a year filled with the challenges and excitement of learning. Please keep the channels of communication open and our faculty and staff will strive to do the same.

Please consider putting some of the many planned events this fall on your calendar. We know that everyone leads busy lives, and we truly appreciate the time you spend with us at Oliver Beach. With concern for student safety, we are reminding parents to please refrain from checking email and/or texts on cell phones while driving in our front car loop during arrival and dismissal. Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Our student's safety is our first priority. Thank you for sending your precious children to us every school day.

Notes from the nurse



Welcome back to the new school year! Fall is here, and so is the colder weather and flu season. Here are some important health reminders to help all students, families, and staff stay healthy and ready to learn:

1. **Now** is the right time to get a **flu shot** for everyone in your family.

Protect yourself and your loved ones by getting the flu vaccine. Please see your doctor or preferred source of healthcare, or attend the **FREE** flu-shot clinic in one of 7 Baltimore County locations on Saturday, October 13th.

2. As a reminder, students need to **stay home for 24 hours** after being ill with a fever or active vomiting. This allows them to fully recover and protects all other students from contracting potentially contagious viruses.
3. **Hand washing** is still the best prevention for contracting illness. Practice good hand washing habits at home and use hand sanitizer if soap & water are not available.
4. Please **send your kids to school in sneakers** or other safe, supportive foot wear. This year, students have P.E. twice per week, in addition to daily recess. Strains, sprains or even inflammation can be prevented by sturdy footwear. Students are encouraged bring a dedicated pair of sneakers to leave in their lockers.

Thank you for all you do to support our kids to stay healthy, happy & ready to learn,

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The Counselor Corner

Welcome parents and guardians to the 2018-2019 school year! My name is Sheryl Stewart and I am excited to be returning as the school counselor here at Oliver Beach Elementary School. It is a privilege to work at “the beach”. You, your children, and the staff at Oliver Beach make this an amazing place to learn. BCPS’ goals for school counselors are:

- 1) improve achievement for all students while increasing equity and access to college & career information,
- 2) ensure students have the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to reach their potential as responsible citizens in a global economy and multicultural society,
- 3) develop students’ academic, career, social-emotional abilities by empowering them to make informed decisions and set goals’ and
- 4) promote student success through understanding the needs of students and designing and coordinating learning experiences to meet those needs.

Let's be friends?? ☺

During September, I introduced myself to all the new students. In kindergarten, first and second grades I taught classroom lessons that shared with the students a little bit of information about me as well as my role as the school counselor. All students can request to speak with me either by asking me, through asking a teacher or by completing a self-referral slip. In third grade, students identified problems as either small, medium, or large and we discussed how our reaction to different sized problems should match the problem. In fourth grade,

students learned five strategies to deal with teases and put-downs: do nothing (ignore), stay away, distract or change the subject, agree with the “hook” (tease or put down), or make a joke or laugh. In fifth grade, students recognized the importance of including others and identified ways to include others. The topic for October’s classroom lessons is Bullying Awareness. As the school counselor, I work with all students and provide a comprehensive school counseling program and collaborate with others in the school and community so students can be successful. I want all of the students to do their very best this year!



Here at OBES we are continuing to hold class meetings. At these meetings, relationships are strengthened, connections are made, successes are celebrated, areas to improve/work on are identified, goals are made and class news/events are shared. This time provides the class with the opportunity to discuss our school code of conduct,



as well as the virtue of the week. Every two weeks OBES focuses especially on a virtue. In September we focused on respect and responsibility. In October we will focus on how to demonstrate self-discipline and patience.



This school year, OBES will be a PBIS School. PBIS (Positive Behavior

Interventions and Supports) is an approach to enhance the capacity of schools to educate **all** children by developing research-based, school wide, and classroom discipline systems. The process focuses on teaching and supporting **positive behavior** for **all** students and **all** staff in all settings. The students in grades K-5 earn DOJO points for being: safe, on task, always respectful, responsible, and the virtue of the week. Near the end of each month students will be able to “cash in” their DOJO points to receive a “prize” or an opportunity to have a special reward with a staff member. I am looking for volunteers to help one Wednesday and/or Thursday morning each week from 8:15 – 9:00 am to assist with the PBIS store (SOAR Store). If you are interested in helping, please let me know. Thanks in advance!!



If your child is not sharing too much when you ask the question, “What did you do today at school?” try some of these suggestions.

1. Give your child a little while after they get home to relax before asking him/her about their school day.
2. Ask your child open-ended questions.
3. Try chatting casually with your child. They might speak more freely then.
4. Pause if they don't seem to be engaging with you. Try to speak to them at another time later about their day.

Here are some questions to try asking your child rather than, “What did you do today at school?”

1. What did you like best about your day today?

2. What is/was your favorite thing to do during recess?

3. What are you grateful for today?

4. (My personal favorite) I need a laugh. Tell me something funny that happened today.

The students are starting the year off strong! Thank you for all you do at home to prepare your child(ren) to come to school ready to learn, support their progress, and celebrate their successes! If you have any concerns or questions, please call me at school 410-887-5943 or email me at sstewart5@bcps.org.

Sheryl Stewart

PE News



Hello OBES Parents,

The 5th grade students will be participating in the Ballroom Dance Program from October 29th -November 2nd. In preparation for this unit, please encourage the virtues of respect, perseverance, and courage at home. While this is a challenge for some students, it is a fantastic opportunity to break barriers and gain confidence. Perhaps put on some music and dance with your child at home. This would be a great opportunity to bond and teach at the same time. Meringue, Cha-Cha, Fox-Trot, and Swing will be taught and Friday, November 2nd will be open to parents to visit and participate in the performance.

This year's motto in PE class is "I'm Doing It" (which in my opinion is much better than "Just Do It") as it implies that you have already decided and started on reaching for a goal.

Last, Fitnessgram testing will start soon, so it is of high importance that parents be aware of PE days so students can participate fully and safely by having the proper shoes. Please contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or need to know your child's PE days.

Regards,

-Mr. Telesky

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Library News



The Oliver Beach Library is getting into the fall spirit by having our annual pumpkin decorating contest. OBES students and staff are invited to decorate a pumpkin like their favorite book character! Students and staff may bring in a decorated pumpkin to the school library and enter it into our contest, **October 15th through October 17th**. **All entries must be received by noon on Wednesday, October 17th.** Information about the contest was sent home during the week of September 24th. Councilwoman, Cathy Bevins will be one of our judges this year! In addition, our wonderful OBES PTA is providing prizes for the contest! Questions about the event should be directed to our Library Media Specialist, Ms. Myers at kmyers3@bcps.org. Let the creativity begin!

Art Room News:



Wow, what a great first month of school. Each grade level has focused on cave paintings, some of which are 65,000 years old and have been found in all corners of the earth. Each grade level created a project based on a different aspect of cave paintings and the idea of preserving our way

of life for future generations. All student work will be compiled into one giant “cave painting” and will be displayed as a community project in our halls.

Children should be introduced to scissors and cutting by 2 years of age. Please give your children time with scissors and playdough. Scissors and playdough are awesome ways to build those fine motor skills as well as hand eye coordination. Draw lines and shapes on paper and let your child cut them out. Let them help you cut out your coupons. For those who struggle with cutting, let them rip paper into small pieces. TIP: Steer clear of safety scissors as they often do not cut well and lead to frustration.

Art room wish list: I'd like to collect some basic supplies for the use of all in the art room. If you can send the following items in I would be very grateful.

composition books, (no spirals please)
baby wipes
glue sticks
black permanent markers

PreK News

PreK will be taking a fieldtrip to Beachmont Corn Maze on October 24th.

More information will be coming home soon.

Kindergarten News

Kindergarten students are working hard learning and following the Kindergarten schedule. Kindergarten students are persevering in being in school ALL day. We are reviewing letters of the alphabet, identifying matching sounds and learning to read, write and spell new sight words. In math students are learning how to use tools such as connecting cubes and attribute

blocks. Students have been practicing using their “big voice” throughout the day and using breathing strategies they learned during conscious discipline.

First Grade News

First grade has been working hard this month! We reviewed letters and sounds, and sight words from Kindergarten. We are now working on our phonics and reading skills during small groups and are showing great growth! We have been reading great Conscious Discipline stories about Shubert and how using our BIG voice can help us solve our problems. We have been utilizing the strategy of identifying how we feel and what is bother us, in the classroom with our peers. First grade has started I-Ready and DreamBox rotations. This is a great activity they can do independently at home. In math we have been practicing our counting skills, forwards and backwards, and comparing quantities to determine who has more or less. We started a new workshop game where we have to add or subtract 1 from a number, while using our strategic thinking skills to get a BINGO!

Second Grade News

Second Grade has gotten off to a great start for the 2018-2019 school year! In Math, we are working on Unit 1: Addition, Subtraction, and the Number System 1. We are focusing on counting and comparing quantities, composing and decomposing numbers, and understanding the operations of addition and subtraction. In Health, we are learning about Personal Health and ways to keep our mind and body safe. In Reading, we are working on Unit 1: Friendship and learning different ways friends depend on each other.

Third Grade News

The third grade is working hard on their first multiplication unit in math. We are learning different strategies that we can use to help us solve multiplication problems. In ELA, we are working on our Delicate Balance unit where we are talking about the relationship between humans and nature. We have finished our first health unit and have moved on to science where we will help Murray the Mayfly to survive. Please remember to have your students read for at least 20 minutes each night and practice their multiplication facts.

Fourth Grade News

In 4th grade ELA, we have been reading non-fiction texts about individuals who have had a significant impact on others. We have read about Craig Kielburger and Milton Hershey. Did you know that Milton Hershey had a ticket to board the Titanic, but changed his travel plans due to business? We are learning how to write an opinion paragraph by identifying our opinion and supporting it with reasons and details/examples from the text.

In math we have just finished the place value portion of Unit 1 and are heading into addition and subtraction of whole numbers. Please review basic facts with your child.

As we finish up our Health Unit, we are looking forward to beginning our science unit, “Turtle Trouble”. In this unit, students will learn about the internal and external structures of plants and turtles and how they contribute to their survival, how animals use their senses and specifically, how “light reflecting from objects and entering the eye allows objects to be seen.”

Fifth Grade News

We are wrapping up our Blast Off! Unit in science! Rockets are built and ready to

launch as soon as the weather clears next week! Keep an eye on our ClassDojo and Twitter (@Ms_S_Hall6) for updates! Happy October!

Upcoming Dates

October

2 – PTA Chick-fil-A Family Dinner Night – 4:00 – 8:00 pm

5 – School Picture Day

15 – PTA Meeting – 6:30 pm in the Library

17 – Storybook Pumpkins Due

18 – PTA – Trunk or Treat Fall Festival 6:00 – 8:00 pm

19 – Systemwide Professional Development Day - Schools Closed for Students

22 – PTA Winter Wonderland Fundraiser Due

31 – Halloween – Wear Orange and Black

November

6 – Election Day – Schools and Offices Closed

9 – First Marking Period Ends – Elementary and Middle Schools Closing 3 Hours Early (OBES will close at 12:20 pm)

12 – 16 – American Education Week – Schedules will be sent home at a later date.

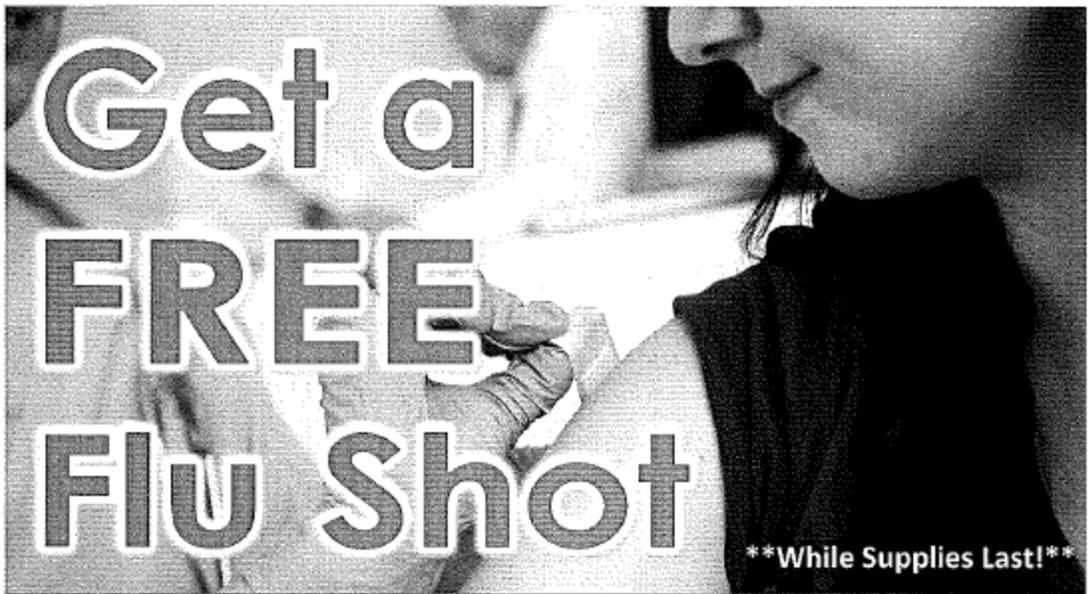
22 -23 – Thanksgiving Holiday – Schools and Offices Closed

26 – Report Cards Distributed

29 – Pre-K Conference Day – No PreK

30 – Elementary Conference Day – Elementary Schools Closed





Saturday, October 13 | 9 a.m. to Noon | Seven Locations!

Pick a Location



- Drumcastle Government Center**
6401 York Road | 21212
- Dundalk Middle School**
7400 Dunmanway | 21222
- Hereford Middle School**
712 Corbett Road | 21111
- Lansdowne Middle School**
2400 Lansdowne Road | 21227
- Middle River Middle School**
800 Middle River Road | 21220
- Pikesville Middle School**
7701 Seven Mile Lane | 21208
- Randallstown Community Center**
3505 Resource Drive | 21133

REV. 8/11/12

Complete a Form



Fill out a form for each family member. The form will be reviewed to determine eligibility to receive the vaccination.

If you ever had a life-threatening allergic reaction after a dose of flu vaccine, or have a severe allergy to any part of this vaccine, you may be advised not to get vaccinated at this clinic.

Get a FREE Shot



Injectable flu vaccine will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to anyone six months and older.

Residents are asked to wear short-sleeve or sleeveless shirts for quick and easy access to the portion of their arm where the vaccination will be administered.

For more information, call **410-887-BCHD (2243)** or visit **www.baltimorecountymd.gov/flushot**



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Stay Informed! Provide Feedback!

- Attend a public information session
- Take the online survey
- Review materials and feedback on the [High School Capacity Study webpage](#)

Background

A capacity study is currently underway for all BCPS high schools to identify potential options and strategies for providing enough seats for growing enrollment.

Public Information Sessions

These sessions will feature new options based on feedback received to date and will consider facility conditions. There will be a brief presentation, and you will be able to discuss options with staff, and complete an online survey. All sessions will run from 7-8 p.m.

- Tuesday, September 18, New Town High School, Auditorium/Cafeteria
- Monday, September 24, Eastern Technical High School, Cafeteria
- Tuesday, October 2, Loch Raven High School, Auditorium/Lobby

Online Survey

- The survey runs from September 18 – October 7, 2018.
- The survey will be translated into six languages: Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

Email comments for the high school capacity study may be submitted to highschoolstudy@bcps.org. All email comments received are public record, and will be logged and posted to the website including your name but not your email address. Please avoid including personal information (e.g. phone numbers, student names, etc.).

