

SOARING SEAGULL NEWS

OLIVER BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

October 2019

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Thought for the Month: *“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.”*
Benjamin Franklin

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	3	6:30 – PTA Meeting
	4	School Pictures
October	9	School Closed for Students – Yom Kippur
	16	Storybook Pumpkin Contest Deadling
	17	6:00 – 8:00 PTA Trunk or Treat
	18	School Closed for Students – MSEA Convention
	31	School Spirit – Wear Orange/Black (no costumes in school)
November	8	School Closes at 12:15 for Students – 1st Marking Period Ends
	12	6:30 – PTA Meeting
	21	Report Cards Distributed
	18 – 21	American Education Week/Book Fair
	22	School Closed – Conference Day
	28 – 29	Happy Thanksgiving – School Closed

Greetings From Mrs. Palmer

It is October and we are already in the middle of the first quarter of school. Where has the time gone? Our faculty and staff would like to thank you for sending us your children. The beginning of the school year has gone smooth and students are actively engaged in learning. Please remember that for students to be successful, they must attend school daily. Please make sure that students are present daily and on time. There is a strong correlation between student achievement and their attendance.

This is the time to review some of the safety rules with families. As you know, safety is our priority at Oliver Beach and your assistance is needed to ensure that everyone is safe. Please remember that our doors do not open until 8:30 am and there is no adult supervision outside. All staff members are not on duty until 8:30 and are not responsible for supervising children before that time. Please do not drop children off prior to 8:30 unless an adult is present for supervision. Also, if you are driving in the car line, please do not try to pass other cars in the front loop ever. As you know, there are parked cars in the front loop which limits the amount of space to safety go around the cars. Please wait patiently until the cars in front of you have passed. If you need to leave immediately at 8:30, please arrive early so your car will be the first in the loop once arrival

begins. Also, some students are arriving early and playing catch with their balls outside. When they miss the ball, they are running in the car loop or parking lot to get the ball. This is not safe as there are cars everywhere during arrival. Please also remind your children that walkers should always cross the street with the crossing guard to ensure their safety. Thank you for working with our school community to ensure that OBES is safe for our families. We are looking forward to a great school year.

Notes From the Nurse

Welcome to another Fall season at OBES! Here are a few important health reminders for our students and families:

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 one of the free flu-shot clinics in one of 7 Baltimore County locations on Saturday, October 19th:
<http://resources.baltimorecountymd.gov/Documents/Health/flyers/flushots.pdf>
2. Practice good hand washing technique with your children at home and everywhere you go. Allowing kids to pick a favorite soap, special towel or fancy hand sanitizer gives them an extra incentive to keep hands clean and germs and illness away.
3. 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 our other students from contracting potentially contagious viruses.

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

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The Counselor Corner

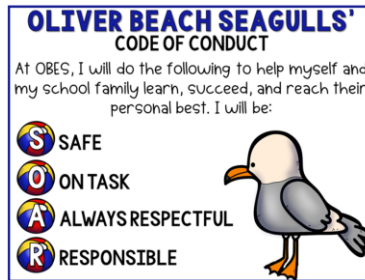
My name is Sheryl Stewart and I am excited to be returning for my fourth year as the school counselor here at Oliver Beach Elementary School. I consider myself blessed to work with the students, families, and staff at “the beach”. In September, I introduce myself to all the students and explain my role as the school counselor. I strive to develop meaningful relationships with all students. I am an advocate for all students and partner with teachers, administrators, families, and others to support all students’ learning. I teach classroom lessons, work with small groups and individual students as well as consultations with parents and teachers.

In October, my classroom lessons will revolve around the following questions.

- What does bullying behavior look like?

- What strategies do you use to handle bullying?
- How can I be good friend?

Here at OBES we are continuing to hold class meetings. During class meetings, relationships strengthened, connections made, successes celebrated, goals made, the virtue of the month discussed, and class news/events shared. This meeting time also provides the class with the opportunity to discuss our school code of conduct and school-wide expectations.



Each month OBES focuses on a virtue. In September we focused on demonstrating responsibility. Demonstrating responsibility means someone gives their best effort, keeps their promises, learns from their mistakes, and is willing to make amends. In October we will focus on demonstrating perseverance. Demonstrating perseverance means sticking to something, staying committed, no matter how long it takes or what obstacles appear to stop you.

The SOAR store has returned again this year. Students grades K – 5 receive an opportunity each month to shop at the SOAR Store using the Dojo points they have earned for their positive behavior. Kindergarteners get to shop in a “mini SOAR store”. Students in first and second grades have many choices for how to spend their points. Grades 3, 4, and 5 may choose to either spend or save their earned DOJO points at the SOAR store. (Students earn DOJO points for their positive behavior.) This unique opportunity gives students a chance to make their own selections. If you are able, we are accepting donations all year long for this special SOAR store. Thank you in advance!!

Here are seven ways you can help your child be more successful in school.

1. Take your child’s attendance seriously
2. Maintain communication with your child’s teachers
3. Complete the volunteer training so you can be involved with the school
4. Teach your child organizational skills
5. Establish a daily routine with mealtimes, homework, chores and bedtime.
6. Reinforce learning by showing your child the skills they're learning are applicable to everyday life
7. Make time to talk to your child about school every day

If you have any concerns or questions, please call me at school 410-887-5943 or email me at ssewart5@bcps.org.
Sheryl Stewart

Physical Education Tip of the Month:

Break a sweat EVERY day!

How Sweating is good for you?

The almost 1 liter of **sweat** our bodies produce per day can strengthen our immune system and give us **healthy**-looking skin. ... **Sweating** also increases the blood circulation in the body.” The drips of perspiration is proof our body has a built-in mechanism for keeping cool, which can help open up and unclog pores. Lastly, sweating cleans your body's system of impurities.

Whether it is doing WORK or PLAY, break a sweat each and every day!

-Mr. Telesky

Library Pumpkin Fun for Everyone

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 may bring in a decorated pumpkin to the school library and enter it into our contest, **October 14th through October 16th**. **All entries must be received by noon on Wednesday, October 16th**. Information about the contest was sent home during the week of September 24th. A representative from BCPL 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!

Vocal Music News

Kindergarten: We are singing songs in class that focus on following directions, counting, and moving to the steady beat.

Grade 1: Students will practice finding and moving to the steady beat in songs and instrumental listening pieces.

Grade 2: Students are singing and listening to songs that have multiple verses (parts that are different) and a chorus/refrain (the part that repeats multiple times). We are also identifying notes and rests in rhythmic examples.

Grade 3: Students are practicing switching between patting the steady beat (same sound) and clapping the rhythm (the way the words go). They are practicing this using body percussion and classroom instruments. We are also identifying notes and rests in rhythmic examples.

Grade 4: Students are singing songs that create community. This month we are working on learning a song in Spanish. We will focus on singing with proper posture and volume to create a balanced pleasant sound. We are also identifying notes and rests in rhythmic examples.

Grade 5: Students are singing patriotic songs and making connections to events in American History. Students will complete an assessment at the end of the unit.

Prekindergarten News

In Pre-K we are adjusting to being in school for the first time. The children are learning how to use their "big voice" and explain their feelings. We are working on learning the letters in our name and practicing writing it. So far we are having a fantastic beginning to the school year!

Kindergarten News

Kindergarten is in full swing. Students are learning new letters, sight words and are learning about rhyming words through nursery rhymes. In math students just finished their unit on exploring manipulatives and are beginning their measurement and counting unit. This month Kindergarten will go on their first field trip to Beachmont Farms to explore seasonal changes and the life cycle of a pumpkin.

News from Grade 1

First grade has been working so hard this month! We reviewed how to correctly write our letters, and are now learning about letter sounds and the stories that go along with them. We are using our skills to sound out words and read sight words during small groups as well! In math we have been practicing counting a set of objects, representing them, and solving addition story problems. Keep reading at home and practicing Dreambox as well!!

News from Grade 2

We have worked hard to establish classroom routines. We are demonstrating how to be a responsible member of our classroom family. In phonics, we have been reviewing short and long vowel sounds. In reading, we have been working on retelling stories by describing their plot elements. Ask your kiddos how we summarize stories using the roller coaster model! In math, we have practiced making equivalent combinations with money. We've been identifying coins, counting them, making exchanges, and showing different possible combinations. We've also been practicing telling

time to the hour and half hour. Our first month has been amazing! We look forward to a great year in 2nd grade.

News from Grade 3

The third graders have learned a lot since the start of school! In ELA, the first unit focuses on the relationship between humans and nature. We have been working on reading skills such as using text features to gain information, identifying the main idea and key details, sequencing events, and locating cause and effect relationships. In Math, we are learning to represent and solve problems involving multiplication and division, and also apply properties of multiplication. In Health, we are studying topics such as personal responsibility, encouraging others, and making good decisions. Please remember to read each night and practice math skills taught in class.

News from Grade 4

In 4th grade ELA, we have been reading non-fiction texts about memorable individuals who have had a significant impact on others. We have read about Craig Kielburger, Jackie Robinson and Milton Hershey, to name a few. Did you know that Milton Hershey had a ticket to board the Titanic, but changed his travel plans due to business? We have been working on identifying the main idea and supporting details. We are working on determining whether a text is a 1st or 2nd hand account and analyzing the focus of the information provided in the two texts.

In math we are just finishing Unit 1 which focused on place value and addition and subtraction of whole numbers. Unit 2 lessons center around multiplication so please review basic facts with your child.

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

News from Grade 5

In Math we are working with whole number and decimal operations. Advanced Math is working on operations with addition and subtraction with decimals. In ELA we are wrapping up our first unit on Innovation and Discovery. We will be creating infographics about the invention of television.