Updates from your Proud Principal...

First, I wanted to thank you for a wonderful month of November! I am so thankful to be a part of this amazing school community. I know that our generosity and support will continue through December and the Holiday Season.

In December, we have many exciting activities for our students and families. The PTA will be setting up the Book Fair, December 6th – 10th. Each class will have a viewing day on Monday or Tuesday, and then a buying day Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday. Teachers will provide the dates and times.

The BCPS Starlab will be visiting us from December 15th – 22nd. Grades K-5 will go to the Starlab to learn about the constellations and planets. We are very excited to be able to participate in this unique opportunity.

Our virtue for December is gratitude. Please talk with your child at home about the importance of showing gratitude. Students that show the virtue will be voted as the PAWsitve Paw Award winner.

CLASS DOJO

Dojo!! That’s amazing! If you have not already signed up, please contact your child’s teacher. I will be sharing important information through Class Dojo all year!

We are continuing to utilize Class Dojo as our communication system. It is a great way to receive notices on your child’s behavior, communicate with the teacher, and receive updates on events that are happening at school. We currently have 347 parents that are signed up for

We look forward to another great month and I want to express how thankful I am for our incredible teaching staff, our hardworking students, and our parents and families for their engagement and support of our school. Please take some time to THANK a teacher or staff member with an email, a note, a kind gesture, or a small treat! It would really bring a smile to their face and let them know that you appreciate all the hard work they do for you children!

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!
Nurse's Corner
A message from Nurse Gorman

The nurse’s suite is very low on student face masks. Please make sure you are sending your child with a spare mask to keep in their backpack. It’s also a good time to send in an extra set of clothing (pants, shirts, underwear, socks) for the new season to keep in your child’s locker for emergencies.

PTA Corner News ...

Our Book Fair is coming! We need volunteers to help make this a successful week for our students and teachers. If you haven’t done so, go on the BCPS website and click on the Volunteer link. If you go to BCPS.ORG click on the Community tab which will take you to the Volunteer link.

Check us out on Facebook! We post school updates as well as event pictures. If you have pictures that you want to share on our page or for the yearbook, send them to EssexPTA@gmail.com.

Don’t forget out next PTA meeting, Monday, December 6th at 7 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Volunteer At The Book Fair

Counselor's Corner
A message from Mrs. Palmerino

As part of our School Counseling Program, your child’s class will be participating in a counseling core curriculum lesson during the month of December on personal safety and decision-making. The lessons are based on Baltimore County Public Schools' Personal Safety Program K-5: Making Healthy Decisions curriculum. This program includes age-appropriate information on body safety and neglect and abuse prevention strategies and highlights the importance of telling a trusted adult about uncomfortable situations. Our goal is to help children be better able to handle the issues of personal safety should they arise.

Keeping your child safe is a priority to all of us at Essex Elementary. It is our hope that these lessons will help to reinforce the information and strategies that you have already given your children, and that your family can discuss together the important information presented in these lessons.

Please remember to send your child to school wearing a mask. We also recommend sending your child with an additional mask in case of emergencies, such as broken straps or lost masks.

Donations of facemasks for children would be greatly appreciated.

After School Club Contacts

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**NEW SCHOOL PHONE & FAX NUMBERS:**
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Healing Starts Here

Pediatric appointments are available for children ages 5 to 11.
First, Second, and Third dose appointments are available for ages 12 and over.

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Vaccines Save Lives!

What parents and caretakers need to know:

- The vaccine has met FDA standards for safety
- Your child is fully vaccinated two weeks after the second dose of the vaccine
- Remind your child to keep doing their part to prevent the spread of the coronavirus by wearing a mask, social distancing, and washing their hands regularly

www.baltimorecountymd.gov/vaccine

www.vaccines.gov

Keep the paper vaccination card you receive at the first dose appointment. Do not laminate this card so that the second dose information can be recorded here. Do take a photo of the card. Bring it with you to the second dose appointment.

* Please note that anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult

Appointments Required
COVID Hotline: 410-887-3816

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Marathon Kids
Monday – Friday
8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
Dress appropriately
Your child must be signed up for Marathon Kids to participate. Contact Mrs. Howell, at chowell@bcps.org for more information.

PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

PTA Calendar Dates:
December  Book Fair  12/6 – 12/10

PTA Meetings are Virtual, First Monday of every month, 7pm- EESPTA is the code