Principal's Corner

Dear Hernwood families,

October is shaping up to be an extremely busy month! Our Hernwood faculty have been working feverishly to plan exciting activities for families that are fun but also support our overall school goals in the areas of reading, math and climate. I invite you to visit our school's website at https://hernwoodes.bcps.org/ to look at a snapshot which provides information relative to these goals. The one page document titled School Progress Summary, will also be available and discussed during our upcoming PTA meeting scheduled for October 7, 2019 at 6:30 PM immediately following our Fifth-Grade Parent Information Night also scheduled on October 7, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

Please remember, Friday, October 4, 2019, is Picture Day at Hernwood. All students will be photographed, but only students submitting payment can order photographs.

On Friday, October 11, 2019, please join us for a continental breakfast as we host our annual Muffins with Moms event. The guest speaker for this event will share information that supports our school-wide Climate goals. Ms. Moore-Thames will share with attendees information pertaining to the Conscious Discipline plan currently being implemented to assist children with building a positive school climate. We hope to see our moms and other female role models during this event which begins at 8:00 AM.

In partnership with the Hernwood PTA, we are preparing for the upcoming Harvest Celebration / Monthly Incentive which is scheduled for Thursday, October 31, 2019. This event will take place in the gymnasium beginning with primary grades at 12:30 PM. Parent volunteers are welcome and encouraged to attend.

During the evening of Tuesday, October 29, 2019, we invite you to join us for Literacy Night. Students are encouraged to dress up as their favorite storybook character as they Fall into reading skills that are fun and engaging but also support our school-wide academic goals. During this event a light dinner will be served.

As a reminder, in order to maximize instructional time and reduce distractions to the total school program, birthday parties are not permissible during school hours. In lieu of birthday parties, students are recognized during morning announcements and will also receive a special birthday treat.

Lastly, school begins each day at 8:45 AM. To ensure student safety, please refrain from dropping students off prior to 8:40 AM. Conversely, our school day ends at 3:25 PM, so we ask that students are picked up promptly at this time. Thanks so much for your assistance with creating safe and orderly dismissal operations.

Sincerely,

Nashae Bennett
Principal

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Follow us on Twitter @HernwoodES
Arrival and dismissal are the busiest times of the school day for our school community. The safety of every Hernwood student is always paramount, particularly during these important times of the day. As a school community, we are committed to regularly examining our arrival and dismissal procedures to ensure that our students arrive in our building safely and leave safely. Arrival time is 8:45 A.M. and dismissal is 3:25 P.M. If your child has a change in the way they dismiss, please inform their teacher through e-mail and call the office.

Thank you for your support as we continue to work together to maximize student safety at Hernwood. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding our arrival and dismissal procedures, please feel free to contact the school at 410-887-0732.

Title I Updates

Hernwood Elementary is a Title I school. This means that we receive additional funds from the federal government that are used for additional teachers and resources. An important component of Title I is the parent school relationship. A requirement of Title I is that parents and schools develop a family engagement plan. This document clearly defines the responsibility of teachers, students, and parents, and indicates a commitment to work cooperatively to provide an effective instructional program for our students.

Vision Statement

Hernwood Elementary School is a learning community focused on literate, respectful, and globally competitive students in a safe and positive environment characterized by equity, access, and excellence for all.
Grade Level Spotlight

This month - PRE-KINDERGARTEN... Pre-K is busy getting to know each other and becoming a school family. We have read many stories about a character named Shubert. We are learning how to use our BIG voice when we want something. In math, we are learning about 2D and 3D shapes. eflaherty@bcps.org

This month - OGE-3 and OGE-4... Welcome to school! Our 3 and 4 year old students have been learning about school. They are learning school routines and school vocabulary. The students are also learning about emotions and ways to calm themselves. The three-year-old class will wrap up, "Welcome to School Unit" soon and start a new unit on colors and Fall. The 4-year-old class will complete the first unit, "Welcome to Pre-K" and start "All about School" in October. As the weather cools, please remember to label your child's coats. This helps our staff match coats to students correctly. Happy Fall! sbaldwin3@bcps.org

This month - KCALS... A great deal of exploring and growing is happening in Ms. Montini's CLS K/1 class this fall. Our students are getting to know the daily routine, meeting new friends, and teachers.

Circle time is the highlight of our morning and our reading and math review is getting our friends ready for academic growth. Sensory and tactile play/learning is an integral part of our daily routine. We look forward to a very productive Fall full of fun and interactive learning! jmontini@bcps.org

In Ms. Branch's CLS Community of Learning, students were excited about starting school. They were: On Time, Prepared, Responsible, Respectful, Eager to Participate, Willing to Learn, and Challenged to become lifelong learners. We work together as a team where every person is valued and treated with dignity. As we start the new year, we will be "Raising the Bar and Closing the Gap" so all students are successful. This month's Virtue is "Empathy." Students demonstrated their understanding of the importance of feelings. Our Kindness Tree is filling up with acts of kindness. Students are excited about going to Larriland Farm on October 17. We will select pumpkins and go through the straw maze on foot and try to find our way out. We can't wait! abranch@bcps.org

This month - PCLS/ICLS... We are off to a wonderful start in Ms. Corrieri's PCLS class! We have been learning about how we can work together as a team in our classroom to ensure that we are all being kind, safe, and having fun! Next, we will engage in science experiments. We will use our five senses to study different objects. We will use our sense of sight, hearing, smell, and even taste during all of our experiments! At the end of the month, we will attend Larriland Farms for our first Community Based Instruction trip, so be on the lookout for more information! If you have any questions, please let me know ncorrieri@bcps.org

We are off to a great school year in the Intermediate CLS class! We have been learning about our rights as citizens of the United States. The Constitution and the Bill of Rights were written so that the people of our country can have freedom. But along with our rights comes responsibilities. We have responsibilities at home, at school, and in our community. Next month, we will begin our unit about the Scientific Method and Investigations. We will also take a field trip to Larriland Farm on October 17, so be on the lookout for more information! As a reminder, please make sure to pack your child a snack each day. If you have any questions or concerns, you can write a note in your child's communication log or email me. Thank you for your support! dgliadney@bcps.org

This month - KINDERGARTEN... Kindergarten is off to an amazing start and students are adjusting very well to our daily routines. In Reading, we will begin Unit 1: Take a New Step where students will discuss the essential question, "What can we learn when we try new things?" In Phonics, we will focus on identifying letter names and sounds of the letters A-H. We will also identify sight words. In Math, students will continue to work on Unit 1: Counting and the Number System. In this unit, students have been counting objects, collecting/discussing data about our class, and sorting/comparing how a variety of objects are the same or different from each other. Please stay tuned for information regarding our future field trip to Clark's Eliak Farm. smorgan@bcps.org
Grade Level Spotlight

This month- FIRST GRADE...Welcome back to school! Our first graders are busy learning all about first grade! We are reading fiction stories during Reading and talking about story elements: characters, setting, events, problem and solution. In Math, we are learning how to solve addition and subtraction story problems within 20 in addition to comparing numbers. Please be sure to check folders daily and Agendas for any important notes or information.
tfeeney@bcps.org  smorton@bcps.org

This month- SECOND GRADE...Hi Second Grade Families! Since the beginning of the school year we have been working hard in Reading by using story elements to let us know how friends depend on one another. We have begun to integrate Conscious Discipline into our daily activities. Students have learned to use their Big Voice to help resolve conflict on their own. In Math, we have been learning efficient ways to add and subtract. It would be beneficial for families to continue to practice telling time on analog clocks and counting coins at home. Please remember to read 20 minutes a night and complete the homework pages daily. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to email your child's teacher! Be on the lookout for an exciting event in October!  acharikofsky@bcps.org  jpile@bcps.org  chill3@bcps.org

This month- THIRD GRADE... Welcome to third grade! What an outstanding start to the new school year! In math, students are focusing on learning multiplication facts and strategies. Please be sure to practice with your child at home. In reading, students are learning about the relationship between humans and nature, and we have learned humans affect many different endangered animals. Talk to your child about the endangered animal they are researching! We are also learning about being a school family, and how to show kindness, be helpful, and show empathy towards each other. Thank you for all you do!
tbenhke@bcps.org  rgoodwin@bcps.org  ksaunders@bcps.org

This month- FOURTH GRADE... In the past few weeks of school, our fourth graders have been busy getting to know their new teachers, new routines, procedures, and expectations. In Reading, students are reading biographies and autobiographies in order to discuss the characteristics of memorable people and how their actions have impacted others. In Health, we are covering our first unit about personal wellness. We have also focused on how to deal with our emotions when we feel upset or angry. In math, students are finishing up unit one which is based on place value, estimation, and adding and subtracting numbers with regrouping. Word work homework is sent home in the beginning of the week, and it should be returned every Friday. The students need to complete three activities within the word work packet. On Fridays, the students will take a spelling test to demonstrate their understanding of the spelling pattern.
amulvey@bcps.org  ssstevens3@bcps.org

This month- FIFTH GRADE... The 5th grade is currently working on Unit 1, Innovation and Discovery, in Language Arts. In Unit 1, students will read nonfiction texts about transformative ideas and how passion and persistence can help people achieve their goals, turn their ideas into action, and transform their world. In Unit 1 of 5th grade math, students represent powers of ten using exponential notation and apply place value concepts so that they can compare, order, estimate, and round decimal numbers. Students also calculate sums and differences of decimals by using models, properties of operations, and place value understanding. In Unit 1, the Advanced Math curriculum, students focus on the deep understanding of our number system through fluency in computations with whole numbers and decimals. Students also work on finding common factors and multiples. In Unit 1, 5th grade Social Studies, students will explore the effects of colonial regions, location and its impact on economic development of Colonial life.
ljordan@bcps.org  kphillips3@bcps.org  kmylotte@bcps.org
Want to Volunteer?

Remember you must be volunteered trained to help at any school functions. Complete training and application at www.bcps.org/community/volunteer_info/. Please return the completed application and certificate to your child's teacher.

We are off to a great start in Physical Education this year. In the month of October, Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades will begin a throwing and catching unit. The students will learn the overhand and underhand throw as it's a basic skill required in many games and sports. Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will begin a flag football unit. Flag football is a version of football which reduces body contact by requiring players to pull a flag rather than touching the ball carrier, compared to standardized football.

Reminder: Please make sure your child has tennis shoes during the days they have P.E. so that they can fully participate in class.

Mr. Potts
P.E. Teacher
cpotts@bcps.org

Hello my Hernwood family! All grades partaking in Library are learning how to find, shelve, check out, and check in books to foster a long life skill. It is wonderful to see so many students picking out books. The students are reading oldies but goodies such as Harry the Dirty Dog, Captain Underpants, and Dogman, and new favorites like New Shoes, The War that Saved My Life, and New Kid. I love the enthusiasm of students checking out books. It really makes my day because I want your child to know that this is their library and that they are always welcome!

Ms. Gauldin
Media Specialist
sgauldin@bcps.org
September is off to a great start at Hernwood! We celebrated the character value of Empathy for the month of September. Students learned what Empathy meant and how to practice being empathetic. Also, this year a new mental health campaign will be featured every month. For the month of September, we highlighted #Iwilllisten. Students watched a public service announcement by our own Baltimore Ravens Haden Hurst about the importance of having someone to talk to and really listen to them. Let’s sit down and talk!

Reminder for 5th graders: The magnet program applications will be available from the BCPS Magnet Programs' Web site starting at 12 noon Monday, September 16, 2019, until Friday, November 15, 2019. You can visit tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet for more information! The magnet application deadline for the 2020-2021 school year is Friday, November 15, 2019. Magnet applications may be submitted online until 1 p.m. Applications may also be mailed to BCPS Magnet Programs, and must be postmarked by Friday, November 15, 2019. Please be reminded that it is the responsibility of the parent to submit the application. School staff should not submit an application on behalf of any parent.

Mrs. Mumby
Guidance Counselor
smumby@bcps.org

My name is Mr. Weigle, and I am the new art teacher at Hernwood Elementary School! I am very glad to welcome you and your child to the art studio this year. I graduated from the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) with a Masters of Art in Teaching degree and Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting degree. This will be my first year teaching, and I am so excited!

I believe that art class is a time for children to grow in their fine-motor skills, engage in risk-taking, and partake in "creative play." Art class is a crucial time for children to reflect on the knowledge they are absorbing from their general education classes. Your children will create meaningful artwork that is centered around their interests and individual interpretations of prompts. I am excited for them to engage with a wide variety of media, including: painting, drawing, printmaking, ceramics and collage. We will have fun learning and growing as artists!

As an educator, my approach to teaching is student-centered and holistic-based. If you would like to meet with me or if you have any questions my email is tweigle@bcps.org. I look forward to meeting you!

Mr. Weigle
Art Teacher
tweigle@bcps.org
Welcome Parents to a new school year! I am so happy to tell you that all Grades at Hernwood will be exploring and working on Music Theory! The nuts and bolts of music. Our first area of exploration is Rhythm. We are working on basic rhythm patterns and progressing to more challenging rhythms and rhythmic patterns. I’m pleased to announce that many of our students are really grasping the information and are enjoying performing their knowledge on percussion instruments!

Mr. Leo W. Weems Jr
Vocal/General Music

Students in Exploratory Music are making percussion instruments using a variety of materials, including recycled bottles. They are also getting the opportunity to write a piece of music to perform in groups and playing the instruments they made.

Fifth grade band and string lessons start on Wednesday, October 2. Fifth grade students may still sign up to play an instrument. If you have any questions, please email me at sschucht@bcps.org. Thanks!

Ms. Schucht
Instrumental Music Teacher
sschucht@bcps.org

The new season of Math Homework Helpers begins Wednesday, October 2nd. Get ready to join the fun, call in - 410-494-1459, and win a prize! Math Homework Helpers is a BCPS *LIVE* call in show, hosted by two math teachers and a crazy, fun-loving puppet to help our BCPS friends with math homework. Students are encouraged to watch Math Homework Helpers live every Wednesday, then call in! The call-in number for the show is 410-494-1459. **Prizes are awarded to ALL callers**

Why should I watch? Because it’s so much fun, AND you finish your math homework, AND you win a prize!
What Day? Every Wednesday beginning 10/2
What Time? 4:30 - 5:30 pm
How do I Watch? Comcast 73 and Verizon 34
How do I win a prize? Call in, 410-494-1459 during the show
When will I get my prize? If you call in, your prize will be mailed to your school
Hall of Fame

Recognizing and Celebrating Student Achievement

The Hall of Fame will spotlight Hernwood’s K-5 students who have excelled in the areas of academics, character education and attendance. These students will be honored at a special assembly where they will receive a certificate and a special award. Quarter one assembly will be held Tuesday, November 26, 2019. The criteria for accomplishing these awards are outlined below.

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We hope to see your name in Lights!
Please join us for

MUFFINS with MOM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2019
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM

HERNWOOD ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA
9919 Marriottsville Road • Randallstown, MD

Please join us for breakfast and a presentation on
Conscious Discipline from guest speaker, Erika Moore-
Thames, from the Division of School Climate and Safety.

Students are invited to bring Mom or other
special female adults to this event!

Please RSVP by October 4, 2019

Student Name: ______________________ Grade: _____
Parent Name: ________________________
Email: ___________________________ Cell Phone: _______________

_____ Yes, I will attend Number Attending: ____

Please return the bottom portion of this form to your child's teacher.
Hernwood Elementary School invites you

Fall into Literacy Night!

Tuesday, October 29, 2019
6:00pm - 7:00pm

- Play literacy games and activities!
- Dress as your favorite story book character!
- Enter the raffle for a grand prize!
- Each child will receive a book to take home!
- Enjoy a light dinner in the cafeteria!

Please RSVP by October 22, 2019

Student(s) Name: ____________________________ Grade: ______

Parent Name: ________________________________

Number Attending: _____________

Please return the bottom portion of this form to your child's teacher.
PREPARING FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL JOURNEY

- Is your child a 5th grade student?
- Is your 5th grader academically and socially ready to transition to the 6th grade?
- Do you know what to expect from middle school teachers?

Join us on Tuesday October 8, 2019 as we hear from two 6th grade teachers about the middle school experience. Learn how you can begin to prepare your student for success in the 6th grade.

When: Tuesday, October 8, 2019
Where: Hernwood Elementary Library
Time: 5:30pm
Elementary, Middle, and High School

Magnet Programs

Application Deadline: November 15, 2019

Magnet applications for the 2020-2021 school year will be available on the BCPS Magnet Programs’ Web site (tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet) beginning at 12 noon on Monday, September 16, 2019.

Magnet EXPO!

September 28, 2019
Sollers Point Technical High School
1901 Delvale Ave.
Dundalk, MD 21222

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Application Information Meeting at 9 a.m.

Over 100 programs!
Explore the possibilities.

Also on display:
Career and Technology
Education Exhibits

Magnet Showcase Events

October, 2019
Schedules available online

For additional information, please visit the BCPS Magnet Programs’ Web site (tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet) or call (443) 809-4127.

Magnet Application Meetings

Learn about the magnet application process!

Tuesday, October 1, 2019
Kenwood High School
501 Stemmers Run Road, 21221

Thursday, October 3, 2019
Milford Mill Academy
3800 Washington Avenue, 21244

Program starts at 6:30 p.m. in Auditorium