



# The Winand Word

April 2024

## Message from Principal Ramos

Welcome Back to School!

April begins The Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) Test in Grades 3-5. Please be sure that your student gets a good night sleep and is well rested to begin the test. Breakfast is provide at school daily. We will encourage all students to do their very best! Assistant Principal, Mr. Day can be contacted at [gday3@bcps.org](mailto:gday3@bcps.org) if you have questions regarding MCAP.

We celebrate National Assistant Principal's Week, April 2-5. We are fortunate at Winand Elementary to have Mr. Garry Day as our wonderful Assistant Principal. Mr. Day embraces student learning and consistently supports the community of Winand Elementary. As a Principal, I am grateful for his collaboration.

We are fortunate to have 2 classes of Full Day Pre-K at Winand Elementary School for the 2024-25 school year. It is very important that families register students early; April 10 is our PreK and Kindergarten Registration. Please share this information and contact the school office for an appointment. (443) 809-0763

All the best,

Maria Ramos, Principal

## Attendance Matters

Regular attendance is closely linked to academic success. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to keep up with their assignments, understand the material, and perform well on assessments. Missing school can lead to gaps in learning and make it challenging for students to grasp essential concepts.



If your child is absent, please send in a note upon their return to school.

*At Winand Elementary, the goal is 96% attendance; please help us achieve this goal and provide students the foundation they deserve.*

### Attendance March 2024

KG 90.8%

01 87%

02 93.4%

03 89.7%

04 93.8%  
05 93.3%

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Day [gday3@bcps.org](mailto:gday3@bcps.org) or (443) 809-0763.

## Lost and Found



**Lost and Found** is located in the cafeteria; please encourage your child to look in the bin if they lost something.

## Arrival Reminder

**For safety**, we ask that students not arrive or gather on school grounds prior to 9:10 AM as there is no supervision before 9:10 AM .

**School doors open at 9:10 AM.** The late bell is at 9:20 AM. Students should arrive to school no later than 9:20 AM in order to not be marked late.



## Home Internet Access Resources for Families/Students

Families needing assistance with paying for or obtaining internet access for their children while at home should be directed to the Maryland Emergency Broadband Benefit (MEBB) service. The State of Maryland has partnered with the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) which provides eligible families access to free or reduced internet access for their homes. This internet access can be used for virtual learning, and access to online resources such as job postings, health resources, and other benefits for adult family members and children.

Maryland Emergency Broadband Benefit can be accessed through the MEBB website by going to a Baltimore County Public Library and using the available internet access.

Baltimore County Public Libraries also has a 'Long Term Device Lending Program' where patrons of the library can sign out either a ChromeBook and/or a cellular hotspot for up to six months. More information is available on the Baltimore County Public Library website (<https://www.bcpl.info/services/longterm-lending.html>).

An alternative method is to contact the FCC Affordable Connectivity Program directly by calling (877) 384-2575. Services are available in multiple languages. Families must qualify for the service. A family can also contact one of the internet access/broadband providers on the attached listing directly to find out more about the application process.

## Join Us-PTA Meeting

**Join us on April 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for our in person PTA Meeting.**

At this time, the PTA will try to have a zoom link for the PTA-stay tuned.

## Volunteer at Winand Elementary



We are excited to welcome volunteers at Winand Elementary. All volunteers must be trained. Please complete the online application and send the certificate to Ms. Knight.

**Volunteer information:**

[https://cos.bcps.org/departments/communications/family\\_and\\_community\\_engagement/b\\_c\\_p\\_s\\_volunteers](https://cos.bcps.org/departments/communications/family_and_community_engagement/b_c_p_s_volunteers)

**Volunteer Application:**

[https://cdn5-ss3.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_9046799/File/Updated%20Documents/Application%20for%20Volunteer%20Services%20ADA.pdf](https://cdn5-ss3.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_9046799/File/Updated%20Documents/Application%20for%20Volunteer%20Services%20ADA.pdf)

## Checking Your Student's Grades

You can check your students grades, missing assignments, and test score in Schoology. For more information about setting up a Schoology account or to download the Schoology app click here.

<b>A</b>	<b>90% - 100%</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>80% - 89%</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>70% - 79%</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>60% - 69%</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>0% - 59%</b>

<https://bcpscloud.sharepoint.com/sites/news/Article%20Attachments/Form%20s/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2Fnews%2FArticle%20Attachments%2FC%26I%2FSchoology%20Parent%20Email%20Digests%2Epdf&viewid=e6b0bab6%2D0c35%2D413e%2Da6e6%2D17c0afa9bcaf&parent=%2Fsites%2Fnews%2FArticle%20Attachments%2FC%26I>

## Amira



Amira meshes speech recognition and artificial intelligence with the Science of Reading to deliver personalized and in-the-moment tutoring to students as they practice. Students in grades K-3 should be practicing each night.

[See How It Works](#)

## BCPS Calendar

Just a quick reminder that you can find the 2023-24 BCPS School Calendar on the school system's website <https://www.bcps.org/>

## Calendar Reminders

### April 2024

**MCAP Testing Grades 3-5 Contact Mr. Day or Ms. Higgins with questions.**

4-2-2024~ Schools Reopen

4-5-2024~3rd Marking Period Ends-Schools Dismiss 3 hr Early 1:05 p.m. Teachers on Duty-Grading and Reporting. Please check Schoology for the most up-to-date grading information for your student.

4-10-2024~Schools Closed for Students-Teachers on Duty for PD.

4-10-2024~ Pre-K and K registration for 2024-2025. Call the front office for an appointment.

4-16-2024~Report Cards Available Online at 4 p.m.

4-26-2024~ Schools and Offices Close 3 hr. Early~ 1:05 p.m.

4-29-2024~Pre-K and Kindergarten Conference Day – No Preschool3, Pre-K or Kindergarten Sessions – Teachers on Duty

4-30-2024~Pre-K Conference Day – No Preschool-3 or Pre-K Sessions– Teachers on Duty



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