

The Winand Word

Week Ending December 1-8

Your Student's Grades and Assignments

- Keep the line of communication open with your student's teacher (s).
- Make sure you have a parent account, directions are attached in the original email, so you can view all assignments and keep up-to-date with their grades.
- View feedback provided on assignments.



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, November 2023

Pre-S 88%

Pre-K 88%

Kindergarten 95%

First Grade 88%

Second Grade 93%

Third Grade 93%

Fourth Grade 93%

Fifth Grade 93%

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

Counseling Corner

Dear Parents and Guardians,

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 preK-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 Winand 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 feel free to contact me with any questions about the program. I can be reached via phone at 443-809-0613 or via email at shiestand@bcps.org.

Ms. Knight, School Counselor Winand Elementary School

Nurse's Corner

Welcome to our New Health Assistant

Please give a warm Winand welcome to our new Health Assistant, Ms. Tamoya Williams. Ms. Williams comes to us as an experienced CNA, neighbor, and fellow BCPS parent. We are very fortunate to have her help in our busy Health Suite. She will be at Winand Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please stop by when you are in the building and say hello!

Staying Healthy

Thank you to all Winand families for all that you do to keep our children safe and healthy! It is that time of year when we spend a lot more time indoors. It may sound basic but reminding our students (and ourselves) that washing hands frequently, wiping down surfaces and doorknobs, eating healthy foods, getting plenty of sleep and exercise, and minimizing stress, can all go a long way in helping to ward off illness. Unfortunately, even when we try our hardest, we all do get sick sometimes. Below are a few requests and reminders to help keep everyone safe, healthy, and learning as our season starts to amp up. Feel free to call with any questions.

Basic Information about when to keep your child home per BCPS protocol:

Please do not send a sick child to school. While we do work hard to minimize unnecessary absences, parents should keep a student home if visible signs or symptoms of a communicable disease are present. *A few guidelines are as follows:*

- a. Fever: Students should be afebrile (have no fever) for 24 hours without using any fever reducing medication before returning to school. Fever is defined as an oral or mouth temperature of 100°F(37.8°C) or higher; a rectal, ear, or forehead temperature of 100.4°F(38.0°C) or higher; or under the arm temperature of 99°F(37.2°C) or higher.
- b. Vomiting: more than one episode or associated with fever or diarrhea or two or more episodes of vomiting in a 24-hour period
- c. Diarrhea: Loose or watery stools of increased frequency above the normal for that child that are not associated with change in diet

If your child was sent home from school with any (or all) of these symptoms, or for another sign of a communicable disease, they should not just return the next morning. If in doubt, please call the nurse to discuss, before sending them. If they do come to school while sick, they will not remain in the classroom, and parents or guardians will be called to pick up the student ASAP. Not only is this an added infection risk, but it is often an inconvenience to you, and it ties up resources needed elsewhere in the health suite and in the school. If covid positive, please follow the standard covid protocol. View the BCPS website for a refresher or call to clarify.

Emergency Pick-Up Plan

Please have a planned emergency contact ready to pick up your student from school in a timely manner if you receive a call that they are sick or injured. The school requests that a sick or injured child be picked up within an hour of receiving the call. Please be prepared before this happens! We understand that many families have

busy schedules, however while a child is waiting to go home there is very limited, and sometimes no space in our tiny health suite for other sick or injured students to rest and be seen by the nurse or go home. Sick children left in the nurse's office for extended periods also pose a health risk to the many other students and staff who visit the nurse. Again, thank you for helping to keep all students and staff at Winand safe and healthy!

Change of Clothing

All students should have a season-appropriate change of clothes in their lockers. Valuable learning hours are being spent missing class due to not having dry or clean clothes after a spill, a fall in the mud, a bathroom accident, bloody nose, etc.

Medication in School

As a reminder, no medication may be brought to or from school by a student, prescription or otherwise (even cough drops). All student medications must be accompanied by a doctor's order with detailed instructions regarding administration, signed parent consent, and then signed into the health suite by an adult. Consent forms to give to the child's doctor are available. Please contact the nurse to request a consent form, or if you have questions about this policy.

We are here to help! It is a pleasure getting to know your children. If you have questions or concerns do not hesitate to call the Health Suite at 443-809-6046. Have a safe, healthy, and wonderful holiday season!

We Would Love Your Feedback

We would love your feedback; please consider responding to a few questions.

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Thank you,
Ms. Ramos and Mr. Day



Calendar Reminders

December 2023

12-22-2023~ Christmas Holiday/Winter Break After School~ Virtual Learning at Home

January 2024

1-2-2024~ Schools and Offices Reopen

1-15-2024~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Schools and Offices Closed

1-19-2024~Second Marking Period Ends – Schools Close 3 Hours Early for All Students -1:05 p.m.

Grade Reporting and Data Analysis** – Teachers on Duty

1-29-2024~ Report Cards Available on FOCUS at 4:20 p.m.

February 2024

2-9-2024~Schools Closed for Students~ PD for Teachers

2-19-2024~ Schools and Offices Closed-Presidents' Day, Washington's Birthday

March 2024

3-22-2024~ ***Spring Break Begins at the End of the Day***


