

# The Winand Word

February 15, 2024

## 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.

### Week Ending February 15

Pre-S 86%

Pre-K 92%

Kindergarten 96%

First Grade 93%

Second Grade 95%

Third Grade 94%

Fourth Grade 94%

Fifth Grade 93%

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.

## Math Night at Winand

Math Night is Tuesday, February 20. Thank you to the parents that have returned the RSVP for the event.

If you have any further questions, please email Ms. Yun ([myun@bcps.org](mailto:myun@bcps.org)).

We look forward to seeing you at Math Night!



# Winand Elementary School



## Math Night

Date: ~~February 6, 2024~~

NEW DATE

February 20<sup>th</sup>

Time: 5:30-6:30 p.m.



Join us to learn strategies and techniques to help your student practice their math skills!



Literacy Night~ Save the Date!

Save the Date!

March 19<sup>th</sup>

5:30-7pm

## LITERACY NIGHT

Winand Elementary School  
GAMES, LEARNING, and FUN!



## Nurse's Corner

### News from Nurse Dietz

**Vision and Hearing Screening Tues. Feb 27, 2024 through March 6, 2024**

Vision and Hearing Screening will be held at Winand Elementary from Tues. Feb 27, 2024 through March 6, 2024, for all students in PreK-4, Grade 1, and Grade 4. Also screened will be kindergarteners who were not screened last year, and students in grades 2, 3, and 5 who are new to Baltimore County Public Schools. Screening will also be available to students in grades 2, 3, and 5 who are referred by teacher or parent request due to a concern. If your student is not already being screened and you would like to request a screening, please notify Nurse Alyson Dietz at [adietz@bcps.org](mailto:adietz@bcps.org) or 443-809-6046.



### FEBRUARY IS DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Community College of Baltimore County Kids Spring Smile-tacular providing free dental services to kids

Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024, 8:00 am until 12:00 pm

Location: CCBC Dundalk Dental Arts Building 7200 Sollers Point Rd Baltimore, MD 21222

Services: The CCBC Dental Hygiene students provide a free preventive dental hygiene visit for children ages 5-17. The visit includes an exam, cleaning, and fluoride treatment.

Appointments are required. To request an appointment, call 443- 840-3340 and leave a message with your name and daytime phone number. You will receive a return call to schedule an appointment on your child/children's behalf.

### Important Update For Parents and Guardians of PreK Students:

There has been a recent increase in cases of measles in the US, including in Maryland. If your student has turned 5, please be sure to schedule an appointment with their healthcare provider for updated vaccines. The shots scheduled for 5-year-olds include a booster for measles and provide extra protection against measles. These shots are required vaccine to begin kindergarten.

## 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.

## 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%200Volunteer%20Services%20ADA.pdf](https://cdn5-ss3.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_9046799/File/Updated%20Documents/Application%20for%200Volunteer%20Services%20ADA.pdf)

## 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

### February 2024

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

2-20-2024 Math Night 5:30-6:30

### March 2024

Week of 3-18-2024~ Spring Book Fair

3-19-2024 Reading Night~See Flyer

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

### April 2024

**MCAP Testing Grades 3-5-Stay Tuned for More Details from Mr. Day and Ms. Higgins**

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

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

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

