
The Winand Word

Week Ending 10-6-2023

Attendance Matters

Let's Have 100% Attendance As A School for October!

Research shows that chronically absent Kindergartners and First Graders are less likely to read on grade level when they are in 3rd grade.

MSDE attendance standard is 94% attendance. Winand Elementary's standard should be at least 94% but we would like 95% attendance.

Please remember to send in a note to your child's (ren) homeroom teacher when they are absent. Sample note templates were sent home for your use, should you need.

Attendance for the month of September

PS~ 96.6%

PK~92.5%

KG~94.4%

1st~94.7%

2nd~96%

3rd~93%

4th~95%

5th~95.2%



BCPS Wants Your Feedback

Superintendent Dr. Myriam Rogers will host five “Community Conversations” regarding the development of the BCPS Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget. Please join us to provide input on the process and share ideas on areas you believe BCPS should prioritize in the budget and investments the system should make to ensure it provides the greatest public education to every student. In addition to the budget forums, Team BCPS staff, parents, students and members of the community are [encouraged to complete the FY 25 Budget Priorities Stakeholder Survey](#). The survey is available in multiple languages.

The dates and locations of the *Community Conversations* on the operating budget are as follows:

Thursday, October 12, 6-7 p.m.

Sparrows Point High School—*Cafeteria*
7400 North Point Rd, Sparrows Point, MD 21219

Tuesday, October 17, 6-7 p.m.

*livestream
Pikesville High School—*Cafeteria*
7621 Labyrinth Rd, Pikesville, MD 21208

Wednesday, October 25, 6-7 p.m.

Loch Raven High School—*Cafeteria*
1212 Cowpens Ave., Towson, MD 21286

Thursday, November 9, 6-7 p.m.

Parkville High School—*Cafeteria*
2600 Putty Hill Ave., Baltimore, MD 21234

Tuesday, November 14, 6-7 p.m.

Western School of Technology High School—*Cafeteria*
100 W. Kenwood Ave., Catonsville, MD 21228

Spanish interpretation will be provided at each meeting. Interpreting services for other languages are also available upon request at no cost to participants. Please contact 443-809-1250 as early as possible to request.

[Complete the FY 25 Budget Priorities Stakeholder Survey](#)

La superintendente escolar, la Dra. Myriam Rogers ofrecerá cinco “Conversaciones comunitarias” para hablar del desarrollo del presupuesto operacional del año fiscal 2025 de BCPS. Le invitamos a que participe con nosotros dando su opinión durante este proceso y nos dé sus ideas en las áreas que usted cree que BCPS debe dar preferencia en el presupuesto y en sus inversiones, para ofrecer así la mejor educación pública para cada estudiante. Así mismo invitamos al personal del Equipo BCPS, a los padres, a los estudiantes y a los miembros de la comunidad a [completar la Encuesta de partes interesadas sobre las prioridades presupuestarias del año fiscal 25](#). La encuesta está disponible en varios idiomas.

Estas son las fechas y horarios de las *Conversaciones comunitarias*:

jueves 12 de octubre, 6-7 p.m.

Sparrows Point High School—*Cafetería*
7400 North Point Rd, Sparrows Point, MD 21219

martes 17 de octubre, 6-7 p.m.

Pikesville High School—*Cafetería*
7621 Labyrinth Rd, Pikesville, MD 21208

miércoles 25 de octubre, 6-7 p.m.

Loch Raven High School—*Cafetería*
1212 Cowpens Ave., Towson, MD 21286

jueves 9 de noviembre, 6-7 p.m.

Parkville High School—*Cafetería*
2600 Putty Hill Ave., Baltimore, MD 21234

martes 14 de noviembre, 6-7 p.m.

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Habrá servicio de interpretación en cada una de las reuniones. Si desea servicios de interpretación para otros idiomas por favor llame al 443.809.1250. Este servicio es gratuito.

Kindness Matters

If you can join us, please do so!

September through November is “Kindness Matters.” The goal is to engage students and staff by exploring the importance of being kind to themselves and others.

Wear a Color for Character is the week of October 17 – 21. This activity, for students and adults, involves wearing a color to represent positive character traits. Share photos on social media using #BCPSCares.

*This is optional!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Color	BCPS Blue	Green	Orange	Red	Purple
Word	Civility	Equity	Unity	Respect	Positivity

Donations are Appreciated



Our teachers and staff are in need of the following, donations appreciated.

- Clorox Wipes
- Tissues
- Baby Wipes

Thank you for your consideration.

All About Grading and Reporting



Lost and Found

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

Items remaining at the end of each month will be donated.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Want to Know Where Your Child's Bus Is?

BusWhere APP

Download

BCPS is pleased to announce the countywide implementation of BusWhere, a location tracking software that allows subscribers to see bus locations in real time on a mobile phone or computer. Via the BusWhere app, subscribers may opt to receive notification as the bus is approaching a designated bus stop or if there are significant delays.

BCPS families can expect to receive an email invitation from BusWhere to create an account the week of October 1, 2023. Watch [this informational video](#) to learn more about BusWhere!

For more information, please contact the BCPS Office of Transportation at 443-809-4321.

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[BusWhere Video](#)

BCPS se complace en anunciar la implementación en todo el condado de *BusWhere*, un software de información sobre la ubicación que permite a los suscriptores ver dónde están los autobuses escolares en tiempo real en un teléfono móvil o computadora. A través de la aplicación *BusWhere*, los suscriptores pueden optar por recibir una notificación cuando el autobús esté acerca a una parada designada o si hay retrasos importantes.

Las familias de BCPS recibirán una invitación por correo electrónico de *BusWhere* para crear una cuenta la semana del 1º de octubre de 2023. Hay [un video informativo](#) en inglés para obtener más información sobre *BusWhere*.

Si tiene preguntas o comentarios, comuníquese con la Oficina de Transporte de BCPS al 443-809-4321.

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Cell Phone Policy Update from BCPS

Dear Team BCPS:

We are writing to provide an important reminder about student cell phone use and expectations. While students may bring personal phones to school, the phones should not be used during class time or used inappropriately at any time during the school day. Failure to follow these rules will result in disciplinary actions against your child. We understand there are a number of reasons why parents/guardians have their children bring phones to school, however, **they are a distraction and cause significant disruption to the learning environment.** Please let your child know that cell phones and school time don't mix and students who violate the cell phone policy **will receive consequences.**

As a reminder, students may have their cell phones on school property and during school-sponsored activities; however, students may not use their cell phones until the end of the instructional day with the following exceptions:

1. When instructional staff, in Grade 3 and above (**Winand ES will not be using cell phones in school**), has permitted such use for instructional purposes during instructional time.
2. High school students may use their cell phones during student lunch periods.
3. Middle school students may use their cell phones during student lunch periods, as determined by the school administrator of each individual middle school.

Team BCPS families, we need your help to ensure our schools are safe, welcoming, and distraction-free. Effective teaching and learning can't happen when students are breaking the rules and distracted by their devices. Thank you for your support in reinforcing our cell phone policy at home.
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Counseling Corner



Samantha Knight, Counselor

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Develop A Sleep Routine- Why Enough Sleep Is Important!

Getting enough sleep is critical for a child to be successful in school. Children who do not get enough sleep have difficulty concentrating and learning as well as they can.

- Set a consistent bedtime for your child and stick with it every night.
- Have a bedtime routine that helps your child settle down and fall asleep. This may involve a bath/shower, reading with them, and tucking them in and saying good night.
- Have your child turn off electronic devices well before bedtime.
- The optimal amount of sleep for elementary aged children is 10-12 hours per night. ·

More information- Healthy Sleep Habits

Character Trait of the Month- Respect

As the month comes to an end, continue to review with your child what respect looks like both at home and at school. Enjoy this story about respect- A Little Respectful SPOT

MAGNET EXPO!

Saturday, September 30, 2023 from 10am-1pm
Delta Hotel Hunt Valley
245 Shawan Road
Hunt Valley, MD 21031

Want to Donate Some of Your Clothes

We would graciously accept the following clean and gently used clothing:

- Shirts
- Shorts
- Pants
- Sweaters/Sweatshirts

Please send to Ms. Knight. Thank you so much!

Nurse's Corner



Please have a planned emergency contact ready to pick up students from school in a timely manner if 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. Thank you for helping to keep all students and staff at Winand safe and healthy!

Medication in school

As a reminder, medication may not be brought to or from school by a student, prescription or otherwise (even cough drops). All medication must be accompanied by a doctor's order with detailed instruction regarding administration, 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.

If a student has had a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea within the last 24 hours, they should remain at home. Please do not send a sick child to school. Thank you!

Nurse Dietz~ (443) 809-6046

Calendar Reminders



October

10-20-2023~ Schools Closed for Teachers and Students-MSEA convention

November

11-3-2023~ 1st Marking Period Ends~ Three Hours Early Dismissal 1:05 p.m.

11-13-2023~Diwali Observed~ Schools Closed for Students~ PD for Teachers

11-14-2023~ Report Cards Available Online at 4:20 p.m.

11-14-11-17-2023~ American Education Week~ Stay Tuned for More Details

11-20-2023~ Pre-K Conference Day~ No Pre-School or Pre-K Students

11-21-2023~Pre-K and Elementary Conference Day~ No School for Elementary Students

11-22-11-24-2023~ Thanksgiving Holiday~ Schools and Offices Closed

December

12-22-2023~ Christmas Holiday/Winter Break After School~ 3 Hr Early 1:05 p.m.

January 2024

1-2-2024~ Schools and Offices Reopen