
Winand's Word

Week Ending September 15, 2023

A Message from Administration!

We are having a great start to the school year. Students are quickly adapting to new routines and expectations and learning is swiftly picking up in classrooms.

Teachers post daily learning objectives and have a daily check for understanding for each lesson. Each week teachers will post at least two grades in Schoology for you to review. This is a great way for you to monitor your student's progress.

Attendance Matters! We miss your student when he/she is absent. In addition to missing important content & academic instruction, students get out of routines when attendance is not consistent. At Winand Elementary, we are striving for above 94% attendance for students.

As always, please reach to Ms. Ramos or Mr. Day with any concerns or questions.

Best,

Ms. Ramos and Mr. Day

Fixed Mindset vs. Growth Mindset

Winand Elementary School Code of Conduct

The Winand Way



The Winand Way is the Code of Conduct this year. Students say the Winand Way each morning and practice throughout the day.

As the students are exhibiting aspects of The Winand Way, they are rewarded with Winand bucks (paper dollars). These bucks can be used for special prizes and the quarterly event.

The Winand Way!

Working Together

Using Inside Voices

Never Giving Up

Acting Responsibly

Using Nice Words

Always Doing Your Best

Cell Phones and Watches



Students are permitted to bring cell phones to school; however, it is expected that once a student enters the school building, the phone will be turned off and put away in their locker. The use of electronic watches is prohibited as well.

Students are not to use their phones while in school. Thank you for your support!

Check Out Winand Elementary School

Join Us On Social Media

We will post all the wonderful things that our students do, join us!



Winand Elementar y School Facebook

All you need to do is use your camera on your phone, click, and like our school page!



Winand Elementar y School Instagram

All you need to do is use your camera on your phone, click, and like our school page!



Winand Elementar y School X (Twitter)

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Chat with Administration



Baltimore County Public Schools Policies



A Few Reminders

- Domestic pets are prohibited in school buildings and or on school property!
- Smoking is not allowed at any time on BCPS property. The Board of Education of Baltimore County is committed to providing a tobacco-free environment for its students and employees. Due to its evidence concerning the health effects of tobacco use, smoking, and passive smoke, Baltimore County Public Schools prohibits the sale and use of any form of tobacco in any school system property at any time regardless of whether students are present.

Volunteer at Winand Elementary School

If you would like to volunteer at Winand Elementary School or participate as a chaperone for field trips, please complete the volunteer information.


[Volunteer Information](#)

If you have any questions about volunteering or need some assistance with the application, please reach out to our counselor, Mrs. Knight at shiestand@bcps.org.

Hope to see you this year!

News from Baltimore County Public Schools

New App

 BCPS parents, staff, students, and community members can now download the #TeamBCPS Focus App. The app will allow users to view information in Focus, our Student Information System, based on their role in the system. Please see the Focus Schoology group directions, Resources, Focus App folder for how to download the app as well as basic navigation.

iOS- <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/team-bcps-focus/id6444195471>

Android- <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.focusschoolsoftware.community.baltimore>

Instruction Sheet - https://cdnsm5-ss3.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_2744/File/Focus_App_Directions_for_Parents.pdf

Student Handbook for 2023-2024

Please review the student handbook with your student (s), thank you.

👍 → https://cdns5-ss3.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_31979837/File/PPS/STUDENT%20HANDBOOK%2021-21/BCPS%20Student%20Handbook%202023-2024%20-%20Final%20for%20Printing%207-18-2023%20.pdf

Please sign page 44 and return to your child's homeroom teacher **no later than September 15th.**

Student Devices and Chargers

A Few Updates

- All students will be provided with a new device and charger once they have returned the devices and chargers from last year.
- Families will be responsible for all damages to devices and chargers; policy is in the student handbook. An invoice will be sent to families to pay for the damages.
- Students should use the device for school work only; the Acceptable Use Policy is in the student handbook.
- Students are responsible for charging their device each night and bringing the device and charger to school each day.
- Devices will be coming home next week!

Should you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Ramos, Mr. Day or Ms. Swan (Tech Liasion.)

Technology Information

How to Complete a Tech Ticket

Should your student (s) have any issues with their device and charger, please click on the link and complete the necessary information.

[Contacting Tech Support](#)

Title One Updates

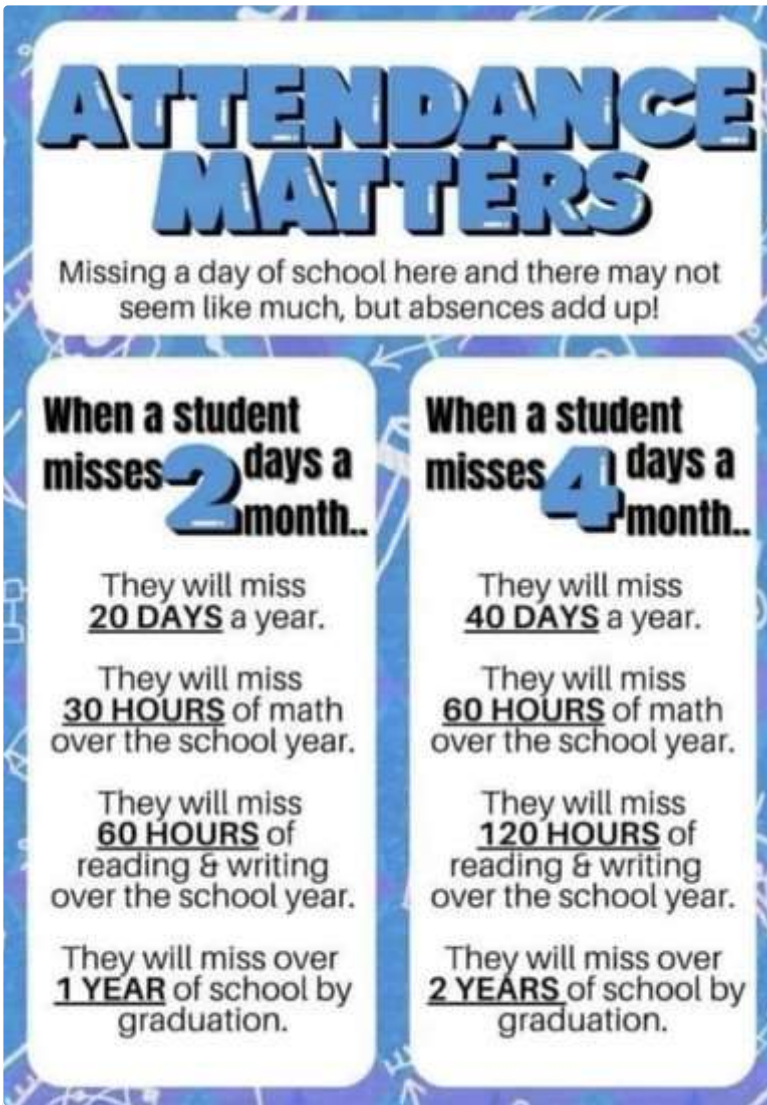
We would like your input with spending the Family Engagement money this year.

Join administration and Ms. Price (Title One Resource Teacher) on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, in the school cafeteria from 9:40-10:15 a.m.

Check out the school website for the most up-to-date information!

<https://winandes.bcps.org>

Attendance Matters



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month..	When a student misses 4 days a month..
They will miss 20 DAYS a year.	They will miss 40 DAYS a year.
They will miss 30 HOURS of math over the school year.	They will miss 60 HOURS of math over the school year.
They will miss 60 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.	They will miss 120 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.
They will miss over 1 YEAR of school by graduation.	They will miss over 2 YEARS of school by graduation.

Updates:

- Our focus is 94% Attendance for students at Winand Elementary, this is the Maryland State Department of Education Guidelines.
- We will always partner with families to provide support. Please contact your child's teacher when your child is absent from school.

- Each student will be bringing home some blank "absent notes" for your convenience. This will need to be completed and sent to the homeroom teacher when they return to school.

As always, thank you for your partnership.

Counseling Corner



School Counselor: Samantha Knight- 443-809-0613- shiestand@bcps.org

Welcome back to the 2023-24 school year! I can already tell it is going to be a great year with so many exciting things happening in the classrooms! As the school counselor, I am here to help all students in the school to help promote positive development in academic, career, and social/emotional domains. This will happen through a variety of ways including small groups, individual counseling, classroom guidance lessons, and consulting and collaborating with parents, teachers, administrators, and students. Please feel free to contact me anytime if I can be of service to your family!

SEPTEMBER GUIDANCE LESSON

I will be going into all classrooms to introduce myself to students, remind them of my role in the school, as well as discuss what it means to be resilient.

Character Trait of the Month: RESPECT

Treating others the way you want to be treated

This month, students are learning and practicing the trait of respect:

Ask your child:

What do you think it means to be respectful and why is it important?

Magnet School Information

All PreK and 5th grade students received a Magnet School Brochure this week. The application opens at noon on September 12th and closes at 1pm on November 3rd.

Check out this link for more information- [BCPS Magnet Program](#)

Transportation Updates

Information About Buses

Check out the Office Of Transportation for the most up-to-date information on any bus delays.

https://www.bcps.org/parents/transportation_status

Food and Nutrition Services

Snacks

Students will need to pay for additional snacks or icecream. Families may add to their student's account through MySchoolBucks at [My School Bucks](#)

Calendar Reminders



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

September

9-11-2023~First Full Day Pre-Kindergarten and IG-3

9-15-2023~Rosh Hashanah~Schools Closed for Students~ PD for Teachers

9-25-2023~Yom Kippur~Schools Closed for Students~PD for Teachers

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



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