



Owings Mills Elementary School

January 9, 2017

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, January 10

OMES Library Night 6-8pm see below:

Owings Mills Library

Thursday, January 12

Team BCPS Spirit Day - WEAR BLUE

Friday, January 13

Second Marking Period Ends

Schools Close 3 hours early for students

Monday, January 16

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday

Schools and Offices Closed

Tuesday, January 17

Teacher Professional Development

Schools Closed for Students

Thursday, January 26

ARRIVAL and DISMISSAL

If you are dropping students off AFTER 9:00, please park and walk them into the MAIN OFFICE. Transportation changes must be sent by written notice to the school so that they can be verified in the morning. Also, students should not be picked up continuously before 3:25. Thanks for supporting us!

ABSENTEE NOTIFICATION

Parents will be notified by phone or a Connect-ED message at 10:00 a.m. when their child is absent from school. This revision to Superintendent's Rule 5120 has been officially adopted by the Baltimore County

ESOL NEWS

Beginning on Monday, January 9, all English Language Learners (ELLs) in grades K-12 will participate in the WIDA ACCESS English Language Proficiency Assessment. This assessment consists of four parts: speaking, listening, reading, and writing and provides information about how well English Language Learners use the English language within the school context. Testing will conclude on Friday,



INCLEMENT WEATHER

With winter weather in the forecast, please keep this list handy.

Late Openings: No Breakfast

- **One Hour Late** - Students should arrive at school at 9:45 a.m. Students should arrive at the bus stop one hour later than usual.
- **Two Hours Late**- Students should arrive at school at 10:45 a.m. Students should arrive at their bus stop two hours later than usual. *No Morning Pre-K*

Early Dismissals:

- **Half-Day Dismissal**- Students will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m.

Lunches will be served

- **One Hour Early Dismissal**- Students will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m. *Lunches will be served*
- **Two Hour Early Dismissal**- Students will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m.

Lunches will be served No Afternoon Pre-K.

Parents may also find the weather information via the BCPS phone line or website. To hear the latest information about weather related delays or closings, please call 410-887-5555, or log onto, <http://www.bcps.org> anytime. School closings are listed at the top of the page. Information can also be accessed via Comcast Channel 73—The Education Channel and WBAL Radio or Television.



VOLUNTEER REMINDER

Two steps must be completed in order to attend a field trip or help in your child's classroom.

1. Application
2. Online Training and Certificate

If you have not done so already, please complete the online portion of the Volunteer Training. This portion consists of viewing the Handbook and taking a quiz. A certificate will be issued upon completion.



Please go to:

<http://bcpsvolunteers.md.safeschools.com/register/0c626573>

HEARING AND VISION

Last month the Baltimore County Health Department of Hearing and Vision conducted their annual screening of OMES students in grades Pre K, 1st, and 4th. Screenings will also be conducted for students who are new to BCPS this year, including Kindergarten students or those who may have missed the screenings last year. Information is only sent home by testing personnel if parents need to be made aware of any issues. Also, if your child requires a follow up please have your health care provider complete the mailed form and return it to the school nurse as soon as possible. Re-screening for students who were absent during the initial screening or who require re-screening for other reasons will be notified.

Please call the school nurse, Mrs. Rosenfeld, if you



TEAM BCPS DAY

Team BCPS Day is Thursday, January 12, 2017. All members of Team BCPS (current, former and future students, teachers, staff, volunteers, partners, and supporters of the school system) are encouraged to wear blue – #BCPS blue – to show their pride in being part of the Team. Please dress your child in BLUE, so they can show their pride!

HEALTH NEWS UPDATE

Pediculosis (head lice) is a common occurrence in elementary school children. Many times, children will host sleep-overs or go to a friend's for a sleepover. When children have direct head-to-head contact with another child who has lice, they may contract it. Sharing items, such as combs, hats, brushes, and hair accessories, is another way of contracting lice. Younger siblings, such as preschoolers, may bring home head lice. Watch for itching of the head or scratches/red rash on the back of the neck or behind the ears. Lice do not fly and are very small to see. They are brown or black and about 1/8 inch long. The eggs or nits are tan or white in color and may look like dandruff, but they are sticky and difficult to remove from the hair shaft. Head lice are treatable by using an approved topical lice shampoo. The shampoo may be obtained at a pharmacy or ordered by a doctor. It is imperative to remove all of the nits to be sure that the lice do not return. Treating a child for lice may be extremely time consuming and costly, but if done correctly, the child should not miss time from school. Please con-



LOVE ADS

Purchase a Love Ad for your favorite student! A personal line sentiment can be written and printed in the yearbook. Your message can be up to 100 characters, including spaces, for your special child. The cost for an ad is \$5.00. Payment can be cash or check. Please make checks payable to Owings Mills Elementary School Yearbook. Attach your payment to the form included in last month's Monday folder and return it to your child's teacher by Friday, February 3, 2017.



Show your student some love... Purchase a Love Ad today!

OMES will have a school yearbook and we want you to be a part of it!

Submit a personal message to your student to be included in our 2016-2017 yearbook. Your message can be up to 100 characters.

Example of a Love Ad:

Sally Smith – You are a hard worker. We are so proud of you! All our love, Mom and Dad



Please write your message below. Each blank is a character, so make sure to leave a blank for each space and punctuation mark.

Student's Name: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

**DEADLINE FOR LOVE AD SUBMISSIONS:
Friday, February 3, 2016**

This love ad was submitted by:

Name Phone Number Email

I have attached (circle one): cash a check # _____