



Owings Mills Elementary School

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JANUARY 19 - MARCH 3
MAP TESTING - K-5

FEBRUARY 2
Board of Education Meeting
Jefferson Building E, Towson 6:30 p.m.


FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17
Half Day Professional Development
Schools Close at 12:30

FEBRUARY 6 - 10
National School Counseling Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20
Presidents' Day
Schools and Offices Closed



WEDNESDAY - MARCH 1
NAEP TEST 4th Grade
(Selected Students Only)



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Throughout February we are celebrating Black History Month. Each day, we are reading about a famous African American on the morning announcements and engaging students in fun Fact Finds. Songs from famous African American artists will also be played throughout the month.



Listed below are some websites highlighting famous African Americans. We encourage students to visit the websites not only during the month of February, but throughout the entire school year and learn about the ways many great African Americans contribute to the development and growth of America.

- <http://www.timeforkids.com/minisite/black-history-month>
- <http://www.nickjr.com/black-history/>
- <http://pbskids.org/aaworld/>

OMES YEARBOOK SALE

Yearbook order envelopes are coming home in today's Monday folder. They will be on sale until April 7th. This year there are two ways to order our OMES Yearbook. Return the order form/envelope to your child's homeroom teacher with cash or check made payable to "OMES Yearbook" in the amount of \$16.00. **OR**, new this year, Place Your Order Online. **Go to: ybpay.lifetouch.com and enter the school code: 4847017** (follow the prompts)



MAP TESTING

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing has begun for students in grades K thru 5 at OMES. The window for the MAP assessment will be January 19 thru March 3. Teachers will provide specific information regarding your child's actual test date during this period.

OWINGS MILLS FACEBOOK



Owings Mills Elementary School is on Facebook! All important school news can be viewed on our Facebook page. Like our page and get updates!



VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Volunteer orientation is available online. To ensure the safety of BCPS students, parents, and staff members, the volunteer application and brief orientation video must be completed before anyone is allowed to volunteer in the building or on fieldtrips. The website can be accessed by visiting www.bcps.org. Select the community tab and then select volunteer training. The mandatory training sessions are easily accessible and can be completed via computer anytime. The application and training video is also available at OMES. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Stackus, school volunteer coordinator, at 410-887-1710. Thank you for volunteering your time to help our school community.

FAMILY FUN

Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture

www.lewismuseum.org \$

830 E. Pratt St. Baltimore, MD 21202

The museum offers information and inspiration about the lives and contributions of African American Marylanders.

National Great Blacks in Wax Museum

www.greatblacksinwax.org \$

1601-03 East North Avenue Baltimore, MD 21203

The museum provides a variety of opportunities to educate students about African American Heritage and the significant contributions to civilization by people of African descent.

Black History Month at the B&O

B&O Railroad Museum February 1 - February 28

Visit the B&O Railroad Museum's [Makers of the Railroad](#) exhibition that celebrates the contributions of African Americans to the railroad industry.

Greetings and Readings: Story Time

Hunt Valley Every Wednesday & Saturday @ 11:00 a.m.

Join Miss Bonnie or Miss Lee every Saturday at 11:00 a.m. for Kids Story Time. Our readers carefully select the books to make this a fun experience for ages 2-6! Visit the café afterward for a free balloon!

LEARN ABOUT S.T.A.T.

S.T.A.T. (Students and Teachers Accessing Tomorrow) is the multi-year transformation of BCPS into a complete 21st century technology learning environment to prepare globally-competitive graduates. BCPS is redesigning curriculum in the core content areas to define what instruction will look like in a blended learning environment. This year we are happy to announce, all of the students in grades K - 5 have personal devices to access the curriculum as one of the components of the initiative.

HEALTH NEWS

2ND AND 3RD GRADE PARENTS

CAVITIES ARE THE PITS:

SEAL THEM OUT

Baltimore County Department of Health, Dentistry division will be coming to offer the Dental Sealant Program to your child. Dental sealants help prevent tooth decay on the chewing surfaces of molar teeth, where most cavities form. Dental sealants protect these areas by sealing out plaque and food that causes tooth decay. This service will be offered to your child free of charge. Parental consent forms will be coming home with your child before the Dental Sealant Program is to start. Students will not be able to participate without a signed parental consent form. If you have any questions, call the Baltimore County Department of Health at 410-887-2780 for more information.

YEARBOOK LOVE ADS

Time is almost up to purchase a Love Ad for your child! 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 today's Monday folder and return it to your child's

STAKEHOLDERS SURVEY

Parents, we need your help! The BCPS Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey is now available online for all Team BCPS stakeholders to offer their opinions about what the school system is doing well and areas for improvement. The goal is to double last year's historic participation from 40,000 to 80,000 responses in order to hear from even more of our stakeholders.

The survey may be completed on a smart phone, tablet, or computer, and takes only five minutes to complete. Individual responses are confidential and available in several languages for parents/guardians and community members.

The survey can be accessed at the BCPS website:

www.bcps.org

The school's computer lab will be open this M-W-F (2/6, 2/8 & 2/10) from 4:30 to 6:00 pm for parents to fill out the survey.