



Principal Brown's Weekly Updates and Reminders November 8, 2023

Important Dates:

- Mon-Fri, 11/6-10: 5th Grade Ballroom Dancing
- Monday, 11/13: **Diwali Observed**
Schools Closed for Students
- Tuesday, 11/14: Report Cards Posted to Focus Portal at 4:00pm
- Tues-Fri, 11/14-16: TES American Education Week
- Wednesday, 11/15: Central Area Elementary School Capacity Relief Boundary
Study Public Information Session #1, 7:00-8:00pm Cockeysville
Middle School Cafeteria
- Thursday, 11/16: TES Evening Book Fair, 5:00-7:00pm
Central Area Elementary School Capacity Relief Boundary
Study Public Information Session #2, 7:00-8:00pm Loch Raven
High School
Cafeteria
- Monday, 11/20: PTA Dolphin-Thon
- Tuesday, 11/21: **Elementary Conference Day, Schools Closed for Students**
- Wed-Fri, 11/22-24: Schools Closed for Thanksgiving
- Tuesday, 11/28: Picture Day Make-Ups
DEI In-Person Meeting, 7:00pm at School

New Updates & Reminders:

- **PTA Dolphin-Thon UPDATE**
 - Dolphin-Thon is here, and the PTA needs your help to fund all of the wonderful programs within our school community! Please help us meet our fundraising goal of \$20,000. The event will take place during the school day on 11/20/23 – grade levels will all participate during their specials period. We are also excited to announce that Dolphin-Thon merchandise is now for sale!
 - **If we reach our goal of \$10,000 by this Friday, Mr. Scarfile has agreed to a "Pie in the Face" by TESSie.**
 - Visit our PTA website to donate, shop, and find out more information:
<https://www.timoniumpta.org>.
 - As of Monday 11/6
 - 1) 2nd grade is still in the lead for the Kona ice party- and has earned extra recess and show and tell
 - 2) 4th grade is in second place and has earned extra recess
 - 3) Kindergarten is in 3rd place and has earned extra recess
 - We also need adult volunteers to help us run Dolphin Thon on 11/20. Sign up to help during your students time slot :
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4DABAB28AAF49-45183952-volunteer>
- **TES Attendance**
 - Beginning this Friday (11/10), families will receive an automated weekly Friday email directly from FOCUS with their child's absence summary. This easy-to-read report will allow

parents to view all days that students are marked absent and serve as a quick reminder if sick or doctors notes should be sent to the homeroom teacher.

- Questions? Please email Mrs. Torok (storok@bcps.org).

- **TES Lost & Found**

- The TES Lost & Found is getting full! Please visit our website and click the November album to see what items are unclaimed.

https://timoniumes.bcps.org/lost_found

- On November 17th, unclaimed items will be donated.

October STARR Students

The trait was being safe. These students exhibit self-control and always think before they act.



TES Student Equity Club

Penny Drive for Breast Cancer Research was a great success!



Fall Festival



- **Character Education Program for Timonium Elementary**
 - November Trait: **Prepared**
- **DEI Committee In Person Meeting: 11/28, 7:00pm at School**
 - The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) committee of TES's PTA aims to foster a culture of belonging for all members, where access and outcomes are equitable, and we recognize and represent differences within our TES community. Meet other parents who care about DEI, share what's important to you and talk about how we can work together. Recognizing the breadth of work that could contribute to DEI, we will break out into special interest groups of parents and caregivers to focus on shared experiences and concerns, such as neurodiversity, racial justice, LGBTQ+, language, culture and religious inclusivity. We'd love for you to join in shaping this year's work.
 - If you can't join, but have a topic you'd like to suggest to the committee or would like to be included on the email list, please email Megan Linz Dickinson megan.linz.dickinson@gmail.com.
- **The TES Book Fair is coming soon!**
 - Some teachers have created eWallets for the Scholastic Book Fair. If you would like to contribute any funds for the teachers to buy books for their classroom libraries, you can follow the link next to the teacher's name. Not all teachers have created eWallets. Teacher eWallets.docx
 - In order to have a successful Book Fair, we need some parent help with set up, running the registers, and helping students with book selection. Please follow this link to see when we need help and sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044CAAA62EA2FF2-45538642-book>
- **Central Area Elementary School Capacity Relief Boundary Study**
 - The committee welcomes the public to attend all committee meetings or to view the meetings online. All information, including a calendar of meeting times and all meeting materials, has been moved to a new website.
 - The new website for the boundary study is [HERE](#)
 - Submit comments [HERE](#)

Old Updates & Reminders:

- **The Baltimore County Public Library is holding a Chromebook giveaway for families that qualify.**
Below are some details and you can find out more at:
 - <https://www.bcpl.info/blog/2023/library-holds-chromebook-giveaway-to-eligible-families>
 - One Chromebook may go to each household/address if the resident is 18 years old or older, a Baltimore County resident, and participates in one of the following programs:
 - Child qualifies for free or reduced lunches
 - Federal Housing Benefits
 - Federal Pell Grant
 - Income below the 200 percent Federal Poverty Level
 - Medicaid
 - SNAP
 - SSI
 - Veteran's Pension or Survivor Benefits
 - WIC

- **Affordable Connectivity Program**
 - As a result of BCPS' participation in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) that allows students access to breakfast and lunch free of charge, all families are also eligible to receive a discount of \$30 per month off their internet bill. You will need a letter from the school with parent's name and address, your student's name, school name and contact information, and school year in order to apply for this benefit. Please visit <https://getinternet.gov/> to apply and/or ask questions.
- **BusWhere for BCPS Parents: The following video explains the new program.**
 - <https://youtu.be/eGotAExBerw>
- **TES Library Volunteers**
 - Here is the link for the first quarter of library volunteer sign-ups:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044CAAA62EA2FF2-library5>
- **Volunteers Needed for the TES Café!**
 - Please use the link below to sign up.

[TES Cafeteria Volunteer Sign Up](#)
- **Student Handbook Updates**
 - Please click on the link below for information regarding updates and highlights.

[BCPS Student Handbook Updates 23-24](#)
- **Transportation Contact Information**
 - Office of Transportation staff are ready and committed to working through any issues or challenges that may arise. The Office of Transportation's Call Center is open from 6:00 AM to 5:30 PM on school days; schools, parents, and interested **stakeholders can reach the Call Center at 443-809-4321 or contact Transportation via Transportaton_Contact_Us@bcps.org.**
- **TES PTA**
 - To stay current on PTA Events and Announcements please do the following:
 - Sign up for our TES PTA E-Blast - <https://tinyurl.com/2usd8k67>
 - Follow us on social media:
 - Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/TimoniumPTA>
 - Instagram- [@ tes_pta](#)
 - Visit our website- <https://www.timoniumpta.org/>
- **Breakfast and Lunches will be free to everyone.**
 - BCPS will no longer collect Free and Reduced-Price Meal Applications.
 - Families may still add money to a lunch account at MySchoolBucks.com to spend on snacks.
 - Breakfast will be Grab & Go at arrival entrances. Students will eat in their classrooms.
 - [Breakfast and Lunch Menus](#)

- **SEL: Virtual Calming Room**

- If you have not checked out the BCPS [Virtual Calming Room](#), please do! It is a great resource for students and adults alike!

- **School numbers**

- As a reminder, the school office phone numbers changed last year. The following are the **new numbers**:
 - Main Office: 443-809-7661
 - Nurse: 443-809-6032

- **School supply lists are posted on our school website.**

- <http://timoniumes.bcps.org>

- **We LOVE Volunteers!**

- Please make sure you have been trained and have a Volunteer Application on file in the school office. **You must be trained every year.** For information about the Baltimore County Volunteer Program, please use the following link:
https://cos.bcps.org/departments/communications/family_and_community_engagement/bcps_volunteers

- **BCPS Parent involvement**

- We encourage all our parents and guardians to connect to their children's schools. Joining the parent teacher student association, volunteering, and/or attending school events are just some of the many ways you can participate.
- To make a difference at the community level, please consider attending [area educational advisory council](#) meetings or joining a council. There are also councils or committees focused on [career and technology education](#), [gifted and talented education](#), and [special education](#).
- In addition, we invite parents to learn more about [BCPS Parent University](#). In collaboration with many partners, Parent University offers online resources, in-person and online workshops, and a mobile parent resource center to support parents in nurturing their children's success. **Follow Parent University at @BCPSParentU on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).**
- **For a weekly school systemwide update, please sign up for our [community newsletter](#) issued every Monday morning.**
- BCPS is also active on social media. Find us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) as @BaltCoPS and on [Instagram](#) as @teambcps. Still more information about BCPS is available on our [Vimeo](#), [YouTube](#), [Flickr](#), and [Exposure](#) accounts.