

The Patriot Parent Newsletter

BROOKLYN PARK ELEMENTARY NOVEMBER 2019



OUR MISSION AND VISION AT BPES:

Mission: Rigorous instruction, engaging experiences, positive relationships, no exceptions.

Vision: With the collaborative support of our families, staff and community, Brooklyn Park Elementary will be a school of excellence focused on the academic and social needs of **ALL** students.



MR. WALKER'S MESSAGE

Hello BPES Families,

This time of year brings a high level of excitement. The 1st Quarter is ending, the season's change is in full bloom and the holiday season is starting. Please read the updates below:

Attendance

We encourage all of students to be present every day. Our goal is a 95% daily attendance rate. Please help us achieve that goal with the following:

- Schedule appointments early in the morning or late in the afternoon. An early dismissal is a better option than missing a full day of school.
- If your child misses a day, please reach to your child's teacher for any missed work.

We will be celebrating Perfect Attendance and students who have outstanding attendance.

Report Cards

The 1st Quarter is ending on Friday November 8, 2019. We look forward to the start of the 2nd Quarter. Please communicate with your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns.

As we prepare for the change of weather and the holidays, please contact our school office if you need our support. Have a wonderful month of November.

Mr. Walker

School Lunch Applications:

Please take a minute to complete the online lunch application form. Our school receives federal funding based on the data collected from these forms! Our goal is to have 100% of our families complete the form, so that we can secure our additional funding for next year!

Here is the link! **Thank you in advance** for taking the time to complete the application form!

Link:

<http://aacpschools.org/nutrition/apply-for-free-or-reduced-price-meals/>

MRS. CHISHOLM'S NEWS!

November PBIS News

Traditionally November is the month that we remember what we are thankful for and celebrate relationships with family members and friends. We break bread together and give back to our communities. Celebrate your children and be thankful for each of the gifts they have. Plan something special to do with your child. It can be something as simple as taking a walk, playing a game, or making a batch of cookies.

Enjoy the season!

KChisholm

Upcoming events:

November 11- Veterans Day Wear red, white and blue or camouflage

November 13th-World Kindness Day- Wear orange

November 15- 9:30 The NED Show presents Kindness (Sale runs from the 18th-22nd)

November 18th- School Family Day- Wear BPES colors or spirit-wear

November 18th-22 American Education Week

November 21-2:30pm -PBIS ice cream party for Perfect Attendance for MP 1

November 25th- School Family Day- Wear BPES colors or spirit-wear

(If you are able to help with an event, please contact me at kchisholm@aacps.org or call school at 410 222 6590.)

Attendance matters.

Please bring your child to school every day! If your child is sick, please send him/ her back to school with a note. If your child is out for 3 consecutive days, he/she needs a note from a doctor.

November Attendance Percentages

Pre-k

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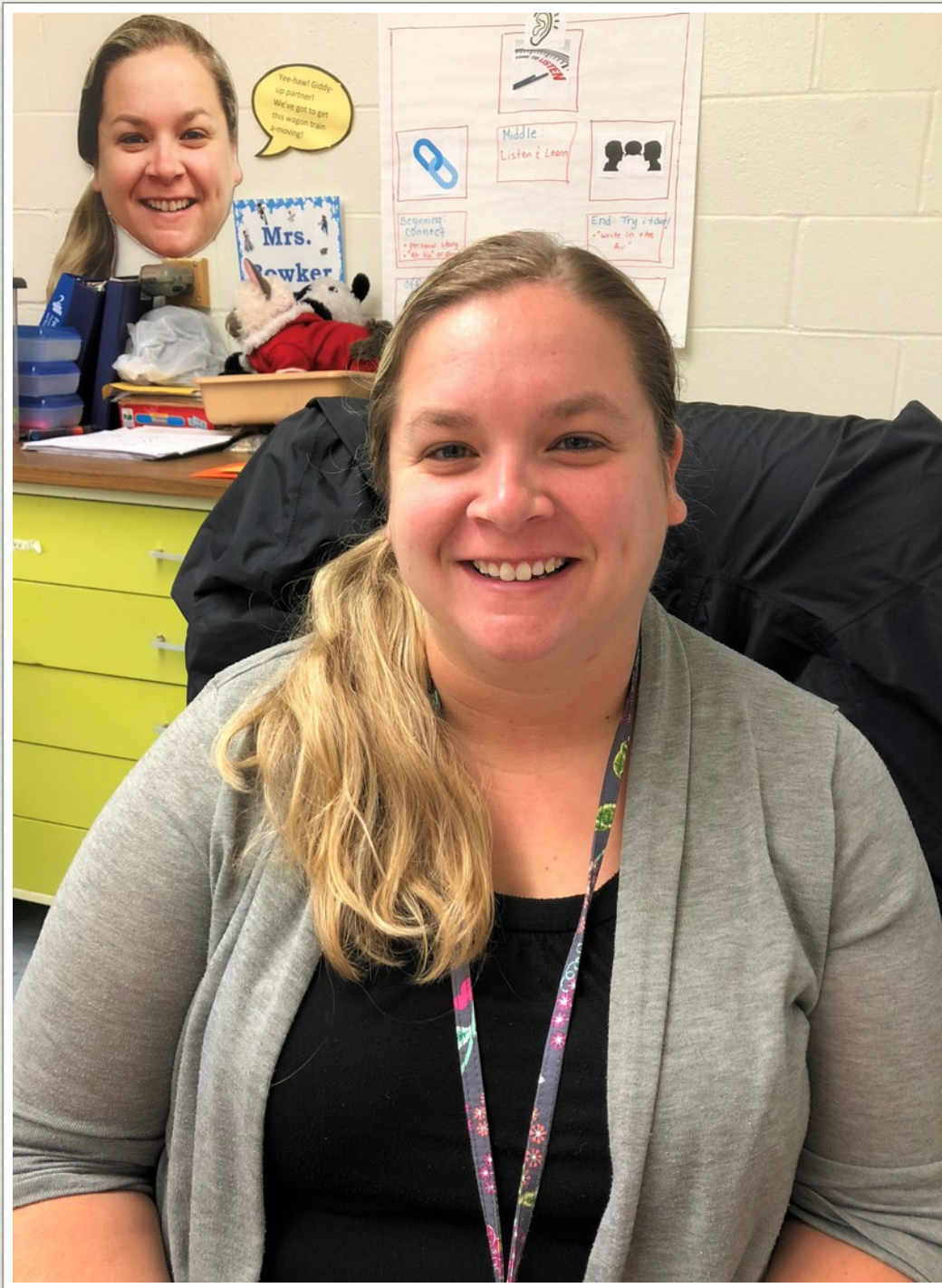
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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH!

November's Employee of the Month is **Second Grade Teacher, Ms. Bowker!**

Ms. Bowker truly cares about her students. You will find her both before and after school putting in extra time and energy to ensure her students succeed. You won't find her giving less than 110% for her students. She goes above and beyond to meet her students individual needs. Ms. Bowker has a thoughtful perspective, is an incredibly hard worker, and displays dedication. As good teachers are, she is reflective and open to both give and receive support. You can depend on Ms. Bowker. She brightens up staff and students' days. We are all so lucky to have her at Brooklyn Park Elementary. Thank you for showing up every day and giving your all, **Ms. Bowker. You are making a difference!**



NOVEMBER IMPORTANT DATES

- 7 Two-hour early dismissal
- 8 Two-hour early dismissal
- 20 Picture Retake Day!
- 20 Report Cards go home
- 21 American Education Open House 9:00-11:00
- 27-29 Thanksgiving Holiday School Closed

AMERICAN EDUCATION OPEN HOUSE!

Dear Parents,

To celebrate American Education Week we will have an Open House on Thursday, November 21st.

Our Open House will be from 9:00-11:00. Please come visit your child's/children's class to see the amazing job they are doing.

Please remember to bring your ID and sign in at the office. You may stop by the office any time before November 21st to have your ID scanned to avoid long lines on the 21st.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you!

Mr. Walker

PTA HAPPENINGS!

12 PTA Meeting 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

19 Noodles & Company Fundraiser 4:00-8:00 p.m.

22 Movie Night Fundraiser at BPES 6:00

CLASSROOM NEWS!

Pre-Kindergarten

We had so much fun learning about the similarities and differences between ourselves and our families in this past unit. Thank you for your support with family pictures to help us lead the discussion. Our students also really loved the pumpkin exploration! Their oral language skills are blossoming through exploration projects like these. Please continue to do fun activities like this at home! This truly helps build the love of learning for our students. Over the next two months, we will begin a new theme; My Health and Community. In November, we will be focusing on our community. We will have in house field trips to help our students learn more about community helpers and their roles. Stay tuned for more information! We will be learning the letters; Bb, Kk, Dd, and Ff. In math, we will be learning about measurable attributes (big, small, tall, short, etc). Please continue to read to your child daily and check folders/class dojo for important updates. Thank you for your support!

Kindergarten

This month in Kindergarten will sure be busy! We will continue to explore our world by discussing how to stay healthy and what we need to survive. In math, we will explore numbers including how to write numerals to match a set of objects and count orally to 51 by 10's and 1's. In Foundational Literacy we will explore syllables, more sight words and identify beginning sounds in words. Please return your homework notebook each Friday. Now that the weather is getting chilly, please remember to label coats/hats/gloves/mittens!

First Grade

First graders have been showing so much growth in the first 2 months of school! Beginning in the second marking period, we are beginning Theme 2--How Things Are Connected. Students will learn about problem-solving when working to build houses, and will learn about animal traits. In math, students will begin learning about place value, including comparing numbers and adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers! In writing, students will begin writing informational

pieces about animals and other topics. Students continue to work in Guided Reading groups on their level to continue growing as readers. Students should continue to practice reading and writing about what they read at home!

Second Grade

As we move into the second marking period we are changing the units of study that we are focusing on in our curriculum. We were focusing on us being explorers to make sense of the world around us. Now we are going to move into looking at real world problems and developing solutions that will help us to make the world a better place by working together as a team.

Thank you for participating in our first round of conference. We understand that math is very different now from the way we learned as children. Be on the lookout for the math newsletters that are sent home at the beginning of each topic. These newsletters provide information for you as parents to better help you understand what your child is doing in class. Feel free to send your child's teacher any questions you have via class dojo if you have signed up or send in a note with your child to school. We are all here to work together in helping our children grow and blossom into responsible and independent life-long learners. The reading homework Choice boards will be changing at the beginning of second quarter, They will be changing at the beginning of each new marking period. If you have any questions please feel free to ask.

Third Grade

We can't believe the 1st quarter is over! We have enjoyed getting to know your child the past few months. We have some exciting topics we will be learning about in November!

Math: Please continue to practice multiplication facts! They will help with fractions in which we will be moving into this month. We will be exploring and developing understanding of unit fractions. This is the first time third graders are officially introduced to fractions as numbers (and their numerical representation. They have some familiarity with vocabulary related to partitioning shapes from those grades, especially "halves", "thirds", and "fourths", but have yet to name those parts using numbers. In this unit, students will come to understand unit fractions and use them to build other fractions. This idea is tightly connected to what students know about using "1" to build other whole numbers. Students are likely to struggle with understanding that fractions are one number, rather than two. They will use number lines to explore how fractions are numbers that live on the number line with the whole numbers they already know. Fraction denominators are limited to 2,3,4,6 and 8. Please continue to complete math homework weekly! It is a review of important skills!

Reading: Reading is the foundation for everything we do! Your child visits the media center each week and has the opportunity to select books of their choice to read for enjoyment and practice the reading skills they are learning during their Guided Reading lessons. Encourage your child to share the books they select with you. A great time to do this is just before bed. It allows for some quality family reading time and can help prepare children for a good night's rest. Have your child read out loud to you and ask them about their favorite part or ask them to make predictions about what they think will happen in the next chapter.

The second marking period starts on November 11th. In the second quarter, students will be listening to and reading a variety of informational texts that have a common theme of Collaboration. We will focus on reading strategies like determining main idea and supporting details, comparing and contrasting, and gaining meaning from figurative language.

Science: Students will be exploring the life cycles of plants and will be able to compare and contrast those of different organisms.

Social Studies: Students will be able to explain who immigrants are and that many immigrants are similar to them. They will learn about their own identity and the identity of others. Students will then explore how different cultures enrich our community.

Writing: Students will begin writing for an informational purpose. They will brainstorm various ways of organizing information as they write with the help of mentor texts.

Fourth Grade

Happy November!!

This is a busy month for 4th graders! we are going to Arlington Echo on November 11-12. The children will leave at about 9am on the 11th and we'll be gone until 1:30 on the 12th. Wish us luck as we take on our first overnight trip in a LONG time!! Be sure to check your child's packing list the night before to ensure that they have everything that they need.

As we get ready to begin Marking Period 2 we have already taken both Math and Reading assessments for MP1 - be sure to touch base with your child's' teacher if you are curious at their progress.

Over the next couple weeks in math we will be working with fractions and establishing equivalent fractions. We will also be working on measurement conversions. This is a perfect unit to have your child help you when in the kitchen!!

In Language Arts we will be moving into non-fiction texts. We will be discussing topics like main idea, supporting details and discussion on why different elements are important when reading text. We will also be focusing on how and why key historical figures have made an impact on our world. The MP2 Theme is Collaboration so be prepared for your student to be talking about more collaboration projects that they have in school- collaboration is one of the four academic pillars we focus on to prepare your child for the world in the future.

As the colder months are coming please let us know if there is ever anything we can do to assist. If your child is in need of a winter jacket, gloves or other winter-wear please let us know! Remember to always send them in a jacket because we will go out for fresh air as long as it is not too cold.

As always please reach out if we can ever assist you or your child! We look forward to continuing the successes of your 4th grader!!

Ms. Nauman, Ms. Bonaparte and Ms. Phelps

Fifth Grade

Fifth grade has completed the County reading assessment and we will be completing the math assessment on November 6. The marking period is ending but students should continue to complete their math homework and read at home every day. Drownproofing is fast approaching. Your child will be bringing home additional information during November including their permission slips.

We are still in need of chaperones for drownproofing, especially fathers. Please consider having the fingerprint background check completed soon and join us for all or part of the event.

Physical Education

In October, students in grades 3-5 completed the Fitnessgram assessments. They will be bringing home a report that shows their scores, indicates whether they are in the "Healthy Fitness Zone" for their age and gender, as well as gives suggestions for improving their fitness. Please take a moment and go over your child's report with them and consider ways your family can add more physical activity into your weekly schedule. Students in the primary grades played games to practice their locomotor skills and safely moving in general space. At the end of the month, students in all grades began a soccer skills unit where they practiced their dribbling, trapping, and kicking/passing skills. Intermediate students will incorporate offensive and defensive strategies and play small-sided soccer games.

In November, students will participate in a gymnastics unit. They will have the opportunity to practice animal walks, rolls, stunts, and various balances and put them into their own unique tumbling sequence. Students will also begin a rhythm and dance unit at the end of the month, with an end project of creating and performing their own dance/movement sequence.

Art Room

Yay!!! Our Square 1 Art catalogs will be coming home on **Thursday, November 7th**. Please be on the lookout for your child's catalog. It is easiest to order online, or you can send in your order form with your child to school. Orders are due by **Thursday, November 21st**. Items should be delivered to the school by **December 13th**. Most items will be sent home with your child unless you ask me to hold them at the school OR if the items are breakable. Not only will you have your child's one-of-a-kind artwork on special keepsakes, but all profits made will go directly to the art room so that we can keep making art! Please contact me, Mrs. Perkins, if you have any questions. Caperkins1@aacps.org

Thank you so much!!!

News From Your Pupil Personnel Worker!

Greetings!

Welcome back to the start of an exciting school year!

My name is Tracey Waters and I am the Pupil Personnel Worker assigned to your child's school.

Some of the ways I can provide assistance are:

- ü Assisting parents when children are having difficulty regularly attending school regularly.
- ü Enrolling families experiencing homelessness. **If you've lost housing, please contact the school counselor. Resources are available such as transportation and agency referrals.**
- ü Assisting with the enrollment of caretakers who are raising children without legal custody.

REMEMBER.....

- ü When your child is absent, a note must be submitted to the teacher.
- ü Children absent more than 5 consecutive days, require a doctor's note for the absences to be excused.
- ü Students missing more than 18 days in a school year/ 2 days per month are considered chronically truant.
- ü Reach out to your school counselor if you are concerned about your child's attendance.

I can be reached at 410-271-8742.

HAVE AN AWESOME YEAR!!



SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL NEWS

Bullying is when someone repeatedly and purposefully says or does mean or hurtful things to a person who has a hard time defending themselves. Different than ordinary conflict, bullying has three distinguishing characteristics:

1. Bullying is an *intentional, negative* act.
2. Usually bullying involves a *pattern of behavior* repeated over time.
3. Bullying involves an *imbalance of power* or strength.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY IS COMING!

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

For all new students and for those students who were absent on our Picture Day!

Also, do you want to retake your child's picture? Simply return your original package on Picture Retake Day. You can still order on mylifetouch.com with your Picture Day ID: MJ609057Q1.

There are a few picture order forms available in the office.



