



# Glen Burnie Park Press January 2020



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## Dear Glen Burnie Park Families,

*Hoping that your break was restful and full of happy memories!*

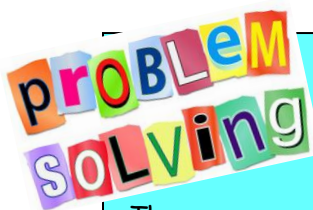
**We are ready to begin this new decade with exciting learning opportunities for all our students.** Our new addition is **OPEN** and our new playground will be ready on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Teachers and students are so excited for our up to date, bright, new spaces and enjoy all aspects of them. We plan to have an open house for

the entire community later in the spring, after the remaining interior classrooms are renovated.

This month, we begin individualized assessments to determine how well our students are progressing. Each of our ESOL students will participate in WIDA, a national assessment geared toward language proficiency. Our 2-5<sup>th</sup> graders will take part in district reading & math assessments aligned to MCAP (Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program--a modification to the PARCC assessment). This will help us determine which standards our students have mastered and which we need to build a stronger focus. In K-5, we are using the information gleaned from F & P reading assessments to teach to each student's specific reading level. Differentiating instruction to meet all our children's needs is one that is crucial to their development. Our teachers take great pride in planning engaging and meaningful lessons throughout the day! If you have any questions about instruction or how we use data to help us all grow, please reach out!

**Attendance is so important**, even in elementary school. Every day your child is absent is a full 6 hours of missed opportunity. The curriculum continues, and children miss crucial content as well as collaborative opportunities. Please ensure you send your child to school on time every day, as even late arrivals can negatively impact your child's day. Routine is important for us all. If your child is absent for any reason, you **MUST send in a note explaining the absence**. A great idea for a New Year's resolution is to set up a morning routine that puts getting to school on time a priority. We love seeing our students everyday and look forward to an awesome start to 2020!

*In kindness always,  
Mrs. McFarland*



Caught with Character  
Trait of the Month  
is  
**Problem Solving**

The process or act of finding a solution to a problem.

### Dates to Remember

#### January

2	Welcome to 2020! #ReadWithMe all Month!
6	PTO Meeting 6:00 pm
10	Title I Cooking & Conversation (RSVP required) 5 pm
20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day School Closed
28-29	End of Second Quarter 2 Hour Early Dismissal
30	School Closed for Students
31	Third Quarter begins; Team Sports/Jersey Spirit Day

#### February

5	Pre-Kindergarten registration begins
10	Report Cards Sent Home
12	2 Hour Early Dismissal
17	President's Day School Closed

#### March

2	PTO Meeting 6 pm
9	Interims Sent Home
10	Parent Teacher Conferences School closed for Students
12	GBPE Variety Show 5 pm
24	2 Hour Early Dismissal

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## New Faces at GBPE



**Ms. Gardner, Grade 2**

I am an UMBC graduate with my Bachelors in Psychology and my certificate in early childhood education. I love spending time with my family and pets. I have always wanted to be a teacher and I'm so excited I have 26 wonderful students in my class. I cannot wait to see what the rest of the year has to offer.

**Ms. Cline, Grade 3**



I am a dog mom who is obsessed with my dog, Willow. We love to go to the park on sunny days. I enjoy making arts and crafts, specifically signs, using my Cricut machine. I am a huge hockey fan. Go CAPS!

**Mrs. Bingel, Grade 5**



Hi there! I am a first-year teacher, and I am thrilled to be part of the GBPE family! I grew up in a small town on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and have been living in the area for about 3 years now. I graduated from Salisbury University this past May and got married in June. When I am not at school, I like to spend time with my (big) family, play with my dog, and travel. I enjoy coming to school every day and I am excited to see what the rest of the school year has to bring!

## First in Math Challenge

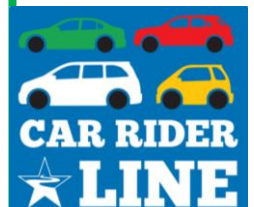
Our First in Math students (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders) have been working on their VIF's (Very Important Facts). Please continue to have your child work on First in Math at home. December's First in Math Challenge was for the class that earned the most stickers won an Osmo Party before the holiday break. Our winner for that First in Math Challenge was Ms. Gardner's 2nd grade class. They earned a total of 9,550 stickers in two weeks!! Thanks for your help in support our children's math fluency. Any First in Math questions, please direct to Mrs. Gulden, Title I Math Teacher.

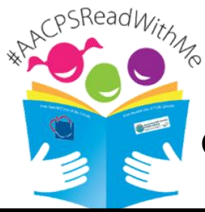


## Morning Drop Off Reminder

Car Rider drop off is at the bottom of our parking lot alongside the building. Please do not let your child get out of the car prior to this location. The line will move quickly and it is much safer for all! Our parking lot is very busy and we want to ensure that everyone gets to where they need to be safely!

Also, please remember that staff members may still be arriving and need to be able to park. Please do not take up a space waiting for the doors to open to let your child enter the school. If you are driving, please use the car rider drop-off line or park at the community pool and walk your child down to the school.





## Glen Burnie Park 2020 #AACPSReadWithMe January 6th -January 31st

**Week of January 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Comfy Cozy Week-Cozy Up with  
A Good Book



**Monday January 6<sup>th</sup>-**  
Wear comfy, cozy clothes to school!

**Week of January 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Dr. Seuss Week-be sure to  
enjoy a book or two from this  
beloved author



**Monday January 13<sup>th</sup>-**  
Read your socks off!  
Wear your crazy socks!

**Week of January 21<sup>st</sup>**  
\*\*Guest Reader Week-  
Volunteers to read to classes-  
Contact your child's teacher to  
schedule\*\*



**Friday January 24<sup>th</sup>-**  
Teacher Swap Guest Readers

**Week of January 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Buddy Week-Read a book with  
a friend or have a book talk



**Monday January 27<sup>th</sup>-**  
Twin Day-Dress like your friend!

## Got Talent?

Try out for the  
Glen Burnie Park  
Variety Show

## Audition Day

When: Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

Where: Auditorium

Time: 3:30-4:30

Showcase your talent to be considered  
for our annual variety show.

\*Not all students who audition will be selected,  
come prepared!

## TWEETS of the Month

