




Glen Burnie Park Press January 2019

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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 2019 with exciting learning opportunities for all our students. This month, we begin individualized assessments to determine how well our students are progressing. We've received an additional 50 Chromebooks from the technology offices at AACPS and they couldn't come at a better time! Each of our ESOL students will participate in WIDA, a national assessment geared toward language proficiency. Our 2-5th graders will take part in reading and math assessments which are aligned to PARCC. This will help us determine which standards our students have already mastered and which we need to build a stronger focus. In K-5, we also administer individual F & P reading assessments to determine 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!

As you know, January has unpredictable weather; please be certain to LABEL your child's outerwear. Coats, hats, gloves, even sweatshirts are already filling up our **Lost and Found**. Missing something? Come take a look.

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 every day, on time 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.

*In kindness always,
Mrs. McFarland*

Coffee and Conversation January 15th at 8:25 am



Stop in and have coffee and a chat with Mrs. McFarland. Get a sneak peek at our construction. Keep an eye on your child's Wednesday folder for information.

Upcoming Events

January

2	Welcome to 2019; School opens #ReadWithMe Challenge Begins
4	Cozy up with a Book: Blanket Day
7	Math Info Night @ OMHS 6 pm
8	STEM Wars – Title 1 Night 5:00
14	PTO Meeting – 6:00 pm
15	Coffee & Conversation 8:25
21	MLK Day, No School
23	Winter Concert: 6:00 – Strings 7:30 – Band & Chorus
28	Ice Skating/Maria D's night 4-8
29-30	2 Hr. Early Dismissal, End of Q2
31	No School for Students

February

1	3 rd Marking Period Begins
1	Spirit Day – Sports Jersey Day
1	PBIS Glow Stick Dance Party
4	PTO Meeting – 6:00 pm
6	2 Hr. Early Dismissal
6	Chick-Fil-A Night
8	Report Cards go Home
10	PTO Purse Bingo
14	Spirit Day – Pink and Red
18	Presidents' Day: No School
21	Variety Show 6:00 pm

March

4	PTO meeting 6:00 pm Science Fair 6:30 pm
5	School closed for students – Parent/Teacher conferences
9	Festival of the Arts: OMHS 9-12
12	Interim report cards sent home
25	Grade 4 – Arlington Echo 9:30- 5:30 pm
26	2 hour early dismissal
27	BMAH & STEM Night w/ GBHS

GBPE PTO

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AACPS & GBPE 2019 #ReadWithMeChallenge

January 2-February 1

Take a picture of your child reading and tweet at #readwithmechallenge #gbpeproud #aacpsawesome

Each week will have a theme, but any reading pictures can be tweeted. If you don't have Twitter, email the picture to Mrs.

Allender (tallender@aacps.org) & we'll tweet it for you!

Week of January 2:

Comfy Cozy Week-Cozy Up with A Good Book

Week of January 7:

Buddy Week-Read to a Friend

Guest Reader Week-Parents Volunteer to read to your child's class

Week of January 14:

Fur, Feather, and Scales Week-Read with a Pet or Stuffed Animal

Week of January 21:

Wacky Week-Read in a Unique Place or Position

Week of January 28

Consume a Good Story-Read while eating your Favorite Snack

**Closing Celebration February 3, 2019 at
Glen Burnie Regional Library**

JANUARY LITERACY EVENTS

Book Month

#NationalBookMonth

Braille Literacy Month

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Maryland Reading Month

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Read With Me Challenge

#AACPSReadWithMe

3rd Week – Book Week

#NationalBookWeek

4th Week – Celebrity Read a Book Week

#CelebritiesReadBooks

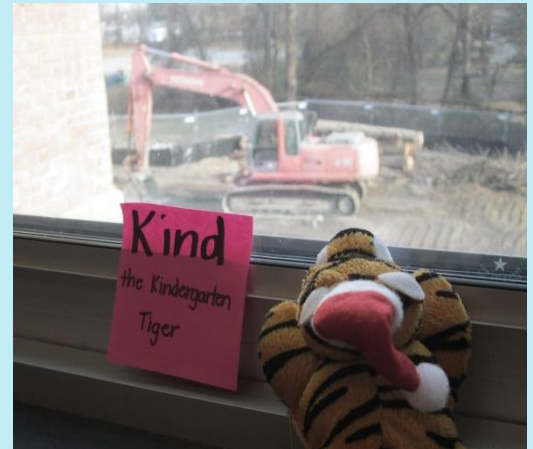
2³rd – Handwriting Day

#NationalHandwritingDay



Tweet of the Month

Tiger on the Table reminding us to always be kind! @GBPEproud



HARD HAT ZONE

This new section is dedicated to keeping parents up to date with our Program Addition, the first of its kind in the state of Maryland! Tech Contractors officially broke ground in October. Since then they have worked each day at clearing the land, including trees and shrubbery on the side and behind the school. Our playground blacktop area has been safely sectioned off and our students have adjusted well to limited space and are enjoying time on the field. Students are using the equipment and games learned during our Dr. Recess assembly this past fall.

Next steps include putting in footers and laying the foundation. This is scheduled to be completed by February. Let's hope any snow doesn't delay us as all the rain has already created a "muddy situation."

Our Kindergarten students and those in the Art Room have a prime view of construction and all the equipment needed. We will keep you current each month with all our updates and development. It's so exciting to know that we will have not only more space, but state of the art Cultural Art facilities.

KEEP YOUR HARD HAT ON AND ENJOY THE PROGRESS!

