


Pine Grove Elementary School Newsletter

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March 2020

Dates to Remember

Thursday, March 5 – Interim Reports Distributed

Wednesday, March 12

Inspiring Creativity in Children, Presented by Mrs. Lurz, 6:00 p.m.

PTA Meeting in the Library, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 16 – Spring Picture Day

Friday, March 20 – PTA Panda Glow Jam for Grades 3 – 5, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., PGE Cafeteria

Student Support Network

PGE is joining the Student Support Network to set up a “Panda Pantry”— a location in the school where staff take students in need for food, clothing, school supplies, and personal care items. Can you help? Any amount would be greatly appreciated!

Visit the [Student Support Network website](#) to learn how the network helps schools support students in need. Your tax-deductible donation will directly support Pine Grove students. If you would like to donate, visit the [website](#), choose the tax-deductible donation amount and be sure to choose “Pine Grove Elementary” from the drop-down menu. Your support will help establish a legacy of helping kids in need in your own community!

Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

Pre-Kindergarten registration will take place Thursday, April 16, for children turning four on or before September 1, 2020. Kindergarten registration will take place Friday, April 17, for children turning five on or before September 1, 2020. Contact Ms. Synan at (410) 887—5267 for a registration appointment and packet.

You will need the following seven pieces of documentation to register your child:

- Child’s birth certificate
- Immunization record
- Your photo ID with current address
- Proof of residency, such as a copy of your tax bill, mortgage coupon book, or your lease (If a private lease, the owner must provide you with proof of ownership)
- 3 current pieces of U.S. mail from your address (postmarked within the last 60 days)

If you know someone who has a child entering kindergarten or pre-kindergarten who might not receive this newsletter, please share this information with him or her.

Spring Mosaic: Art, Music, and More, May 19

All families are invited to join us May 19 at 5:30 p.m. for our *Spring Mosaic* featuring an art show, club displays, STEM displays, and a coding demonstration in an open house format, followed by an AVID presentation at 6:30 p.m. and the spring concert at 7:00 p.m. We hope you will mark your calendars and join us for this fun evening showcasing our students' work!

Haiku Contest

BCPS students are invited to submit one original haiku for the [2020 Haiku Contest](#), which is running from March 2 – 20, 2020, at 4:45 p.m. This year's theme is *hero*. An elementary, middle, and high school winner will be announced on April 17, 2020, International Haiku Poetry Day. Haiku Contest winners will receive a prize pack. As in prior years, the winning poems and additional selected poems will be compiled into a book with student artwork. Each poet and artist and their teacher will receive a copy of the book, and one copy will be sent to each school library.

Haiku Contest – Theme: Hero

A haiku is a traditional Japanese poem that consists of three lines. The first line has five syllables. The second line has seven syllables. The third line has five syllables.

- Don't include a title. Titles will not be read.
- Use the theme: hero
- Describe!
- Submit only 1 original haiku per student.

How to enter: There are two ways to submit a haiku.

- Use the [Haiku Contest Form](#).
- Submit to your teacher who will enter your Haiku.

Nurse's News

March is National Head Injury Prevention Month. According to the CDC approximately 475,000 Traumatic Brain Injuries occur in children under the age of 14. Prevention is the key to protecting the brain from injury. The following are tips from the Traumatic Brain Injury Resource Center to help keep children healthy:

- Wear a helmet for contact sports, sports where falls are likely such as horseback riding and skiing, and when on wheels such as scooters, bikes, or rollerblades.
- Wear a seat belt in moving vehicles.
- Be mindful of water on floors, in restrooms, and around water coolers.
- Use lights to see, especially around stairs.
- Look both ways before crossing the street, always cross at a cross walk.

Counselor's Corner

The school counseling core curriculum topic for the month of March is emotional regulation. Students in kindergarten will learn anger management strategies. First graders will learn how to use self-control when they have something to say and not interrupt unless it is an emergency. The students in 2nd and 3rd grades will describe effective emotional management techniques in order to cope with their anger in a healthy way. Fourth graders will define peer pressure in order to make safe decisions. The students in fifth grade will prioritize activities they have to do and activities they want to do in order to manage their time by making and following a schedule.



PGE

SPRING MOSAIC

Art Show

AVID Presentation

Food Trucks

Coding Demonstrations

PGE Club Displays

Recorder Club & Grade 4 Chorus
Concert

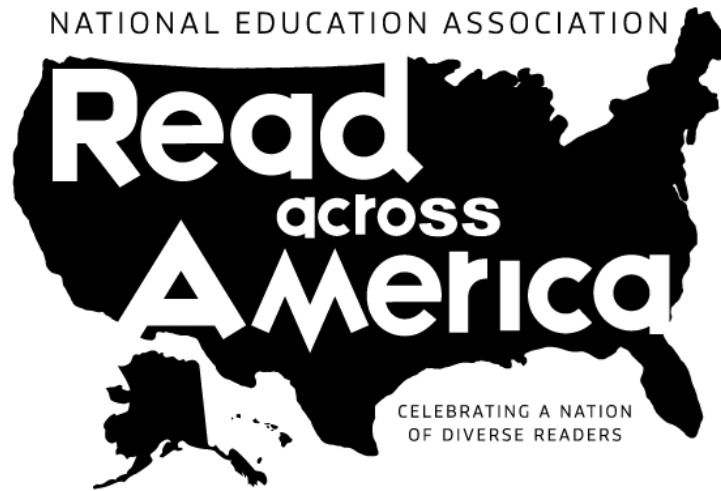
**TUESDAY,
MAY 19**

5:30 - 6:30 Open House to
Enjoy the Art Show,
Demonstrations, Displays,
& Food Trucks

6:30 - 7:00 AVID
Presentation

7:00 - 8:00 Recorder Club
& Grade 4 Chorus Concert

Proceeds donated from food
trucks will go to PGE.



SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 10:30-1:00

**TOWSON TOWN CENTER
GRAND COURT, LEVEL 1**



**Join us for stories, games,
giveaways and more!**

Meet our NEW costumed character!

Listen to books read by familiar faces!

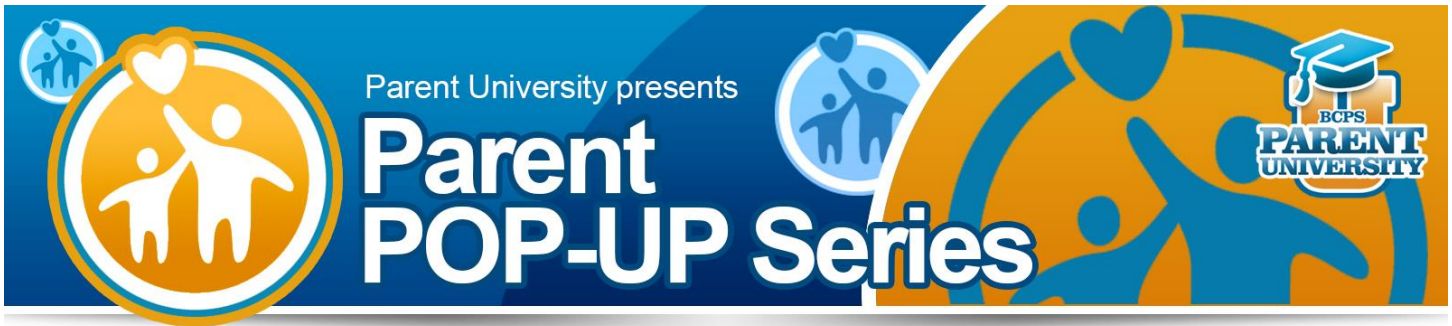
FUN for the whole family!

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HOW DOES MY CHILD LEARN TO READ?

PHONICS STRATEGIES KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 3

PRESENTED BY:

BCPS ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS OFFICE

How does my child learn to read and what can I do to help at home? Phonics rules don't have to be intimidating. This workshop will provide you with knowledge and strategies to use at home to support your child in becoming a confident and accurate reader.

Offered at these Baltimore County Public Library Locations

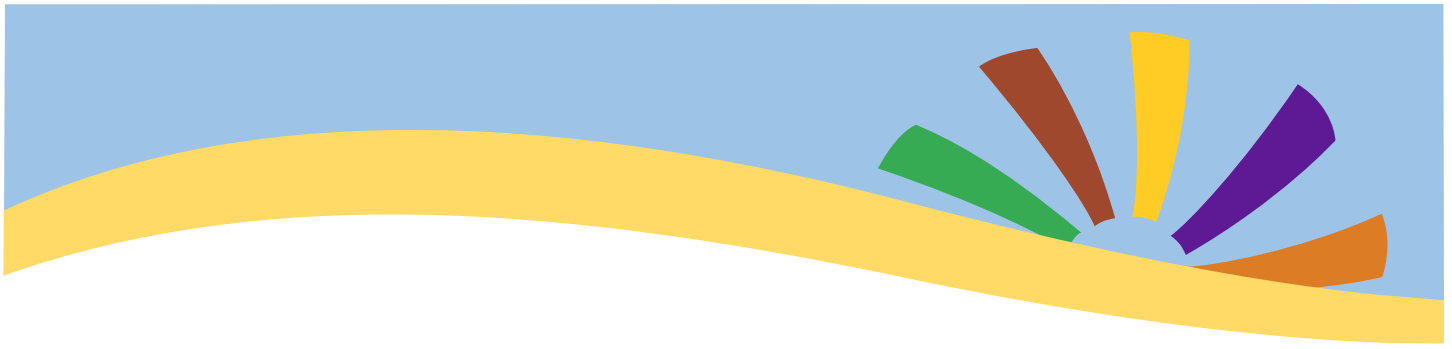
Date	Time	Place
March 3, 2020	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Essex Branch 1110 Easter Blvd Essex, MD 21221
March 12, 2020	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Towson Library 320 York Rd Towson, MD 21204
March 18, 2020	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Woodlawn Library 1811 Woodlawn Library Woodlawn, MD 21207
Register at https://phonick3.eventbrite.com or email parentu@bcps.org		

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Advanced Academics Community Meeting

The Maryland State Department of Education approved changes to COMAR related to Gifted and Talented education. As a result, there are changes coming to Baltimore County Public Schools and the programs and services offered to students identified as gifted and talented. All interested parents and community members are invited to attend one of four presentations designed to explain these changes and how they will impact students in BCPS.

Woodlawn High School: Auditorium: March 4, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Dundalk High School: Library: March 18, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Parkville Middle School: Auditorium: March 25, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Cockeysville Middle School: Meeting Space: April 2, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

