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Principal's Message

Dear Pine Grove Families,

Thank you for your outstanding student support during the virtual learning experience. Visiting classrooms and seeing students actively participating with positive spirit is inspiring. We are very proud of students, teachers, and families for demonstrating perseverance, patience, and creativity!

This week, Mrs. Markle and I visited every class to share the [2020 – 2021 BCPS Student Handbook Addendum: Navigating the Virtual Classroom](#). Families should review the handbook with students for clarification of virtual learning expectations. Daily attendance is required. Students will receive traditional report cards this year. Students should develop regular bedtime routines and daily schedules that include time for physical activity.

Families are encouraged to visit the [BCPS website](#) regularly for school system updates and resources. Technology support resources and links are available on the website. Additionally, information about school meals, learning support centers, registration, and health and wellness is also available at bcps.org.

PGE is very fortunate to be a member of the [Student Support Network](#) to provide food, school supplies, and essentials to families in need. Contact our school counselor, [Mrs. Kubala](#), if your family needs any support. We are grateful to our PTA and lead volunteers for facilitating our partnership with the [Student Support Network](#). Thank you! We are all in this together!

Please do not hesitate to call or email if you have questions or simply need to talk and share feedback. We appreciate you!

Wishing you well,
Mrs. Richmond

**NEED ADDITIONAL TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT?
CALL THE BCPS TECHNOLOGY HELP DESK**

443-809-4672

M-F 7:00 AM- 4:15 PM on Regularly Scheduled School Days

Upcoming Events OCTOBER

14 (W) Follow Friday Schedule

16 (F) School Closed

NOVEMBER

1 (S) Daylight Savings

3 (T) School Closed

4 (W) Follow Tuesday's Schedule

13 (F) 1st Marking Period Ends

16 (M) American Education Week
Begins

25 (W) Follow Thursday Schedule

26 (R) School Closed—Thanksgiving

27 (F) School Closed—Thanksgiving

30 (M) Report Cards Distributed

*Need to
visit School?
Call for an
Appointment
410-887-5267*

Counselor's Corner

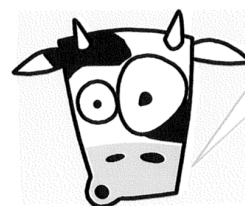
October is Bullying Prevention Month. I will be conducting classroom lessons in each grade to enable students to recognize bullying behaviors, teach students ways to promote positive peer relations, as well as teaching students how to put an end to bullying, including asking for help.

For Fifth Grade Only: Magnet Programs

A [Magnet Program Brochure](#) is linked here for fifth graders. The purpose of Magnet programs is to enhance students' educational experiences and academic performance by providing unique learning environments, innovative instructional programs, and specialized programs of study and/or experiences that extend and enrich the existing BCPS curricula, promote student diversity, and align with evolving community and industry/business needs.

Applications must be submitted directly to the Magnet Office online by Friday, November 6, 2020.

What is Bullying?



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Mean
On Purpose
Over and Over and Over
again

2021-2022 Magnet information can be accessed with the following link:

https://dci.bcps.org/department/innovative_learning/educational_options/magnet_programs

Meals

Baltimore County Public Schools provides free school meals, to all children ages 2-18

Pick-up meals at
Pine Grove Middle School
11:00am—1:00pm:

Monday – Two days of meals-breakfast and lunch (consists of cold food items, fruit, vegetables, milk and breakfast items)

Wednesday – Three days of meals-breakfast and lunch (consists of cold food items, fruit, vegetables, milk and breakfast items)

Good to Know

Academic Support Center
[Open Door Care](#)

Open Door plans to open **Monday, Oct. 12 at Pine Grove Elementary**. The center will begin offering full day care. Meals will be provided by Baltimore County Public Schools.

Families interested in this center should contact Open Door for registration information.

410-825-6300

Pine Grove



Elementary

Health News

As we focus on the school year here are some thoughts to stay healthy.

- Start off each day with a healthy breakfast. A balanced breakfast of proteins and complex carbohydrates will provide energy and will help keep students alert and attentive in class.
- Make lunchtime and snack time fun. Have students help with lunch and snack ideas throughout the week. It is also a good time to take a break from the screen, stretch, get some fresh air and rejuvenate before returning to class.
- Stay hydrated. Keeping your student hydrated with healthy drink choices like water and milk, has many benefits. It will help prevent fatigue, improve mood, aid digestion, and enhance brain function.
- Watch for signs of stress and anxiety. This is especially important this year as your student tries to navigate a school year that looks nothing like what they're used to. Talk with your child about how school is going and about interactions with classmates and teachers. Find out how your child is feeling and communicate that what they may be feeling is normal.
- Boost the immune system. Get plenty of sleep, eat colorful fruits and vegetables every day, talk to your student's doctor about taking a multivitamin and get a flu shot.
- Teach healthy habits. During this covid-19 pandemic, hand washing, social distancing and wearing a mask are the best ways to stop the spread of the coronavirus, as well as colds and flu. Remind your children to use soap and water after coughing, sneezing, using the restroom and before and after eating. Students should not touch their faces with their hands or share their masks.
- Get outside and play. Students need 30-60 minutes of vigorous play a day. Take a bike ride or a walk, go for a run or play tag to get your student outside for movement.

If you have any health concerns or questions please email Kelly Franker, RN at kfranker@bcps.org.



Seven Facts for Understanding

ATTENDANCE

in Baltimore County Public Schools' Virtual Classroom Environment

- ✓ In order to be marked present for a given day, students must log onto the appropriate learning platform during school hours:
 - * **Google Meets** (Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.)
 - * **Schoology** (Wednesdays)
- ✓ Students should log onto their *Google Meets* classes and *Schoology* account between **9:15 AM - 3:45 PM**. This time period has been identified as "school hours."
- ✓ When students are absent for a full day, parents/guardians should provide teachers with an email note explaining the reason for the absence in order for the absence to be marked *excused*. No email notes are required for lateness to class.
- ✓ On Wednesdays, all students work independently to complete assignments posted by their teachers in *Schoology*. When students log on during school hours, they are marked present.
- ✓ Students who are having technical difficulties that prevent them from logging on and being marked present should contact their teachers.
- ✓ Parents/Guardians can expect an automated attendance call if their child did not log onto *Google Meets* or *Schoology* during the identified school hours.
- ✓ Students' log-on practices are stored in the *Student Information System* as "daily attendance." Daily attendance data will be printed on the students' report cards.



All Baltimore County schools have a designated pupil personnel worker who is available to assist students and families with attendance-related matters. When seeking support from the school's pupil personnel worker, parents/guardians should contact a representative from the school or call the Office of Pupil Personnel Services at (443) 809-0404 and leave a message.