October 2022

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**Principal’s Message, Tricia Angelini**

Fall has finally arrived, and we have been in school for over a month! I would like to first thank our families and community for the overwhelming support that has been so graciously given to us to make these first weeks of school so successful. Our school year is off to a fantastic start! Students are engaged in lessons, preparing for field trips, and building new relationships with teachers and classmates. There are many special events planned in the upcoming months so please stay connected! We always welcome volunteers to our school and appreciate any time volunteers are willing to give. If you are interested in volunteering, please complete the volunteer application and Volunteer Orientation training. Both are available on the bcps.org website. Please reach out to Mrs. O’Leary (holeary@bcps.org), our volunteer coordinator, for additional information.

**Reading Specialist, Erin Hays**

September and October are a big time of transition as we go from the lazy days of summer break back into a more structured school-time mode. I hope that your family has made reading daily a part of your back-to-school routine! If not, I encourage you to start now! What does this mean? Simply put, build time into your child’s day for him or her to just read. This could be before or after dinner, before bed, or even in the morning if there is time before leaving for school. Did you know that studies have shown that reading for 20 minutes a day exposes children to at least 1.8 million words in each school year, and that exposure has been attributed to children being more likely to score highly on standardized tests (around the 90th percentile)? Whether reading independently or reading with a parent, any reading at home has so many benefits! Next month, I will share specific ways you can read with your child.
(For more information and related stats, please visit this site for a great visual regarding how reading each day can positively impact achievement in children.


School Counselor, Laura Sherline

Warren Elementary is embracing the Virtue of the month program. We are beginning to 'speak the language' with students and each other. For example, we may say, “It was kind of you to share your pencil with a friend,” to acknowledge appropriate virtuous behavior. To correct, we may say, “We need to be responsible. How can I help you get your work done today?” Speaking this language at home may help your child to see the connection and importance of virtues and help you to feel more peace and joy when speaking to your child.

This month our virtue of the month is Cooperation. This is an umbrella virtue, and there are other virtues we will emphasize during the weeks this month. Cooperation means working together to accomplish something. This is important in school and life as most tasks are easier to complete this way. Employers look for the ability to work with others in their applicants. The virtues of the week we will focus on as well this month are loyalty, courtesy, and flexibility. As you can see, all of those virtues enhance the ability to cooperate.

When we work together as adults to speak the same language and support each other, students thrive, and their world makes sense. We join together when we cooperate to do what we could not do alone. Let’s work together to keep our children and ourselves safe and happy.

The Virtues Project, www.virtuesproject.com

October- Anti-Bully Month

M.O.O.:  
As the school counselor, I visit all classrooms this month to define and discuss the steps to handle bullying. If it is truly Bullying, rather than an argument or a single act of unkindness, there is an imbalance of power, like several students against one. Here is a simple way to check that I teach the students:

M- Is it Mean?  
O- Is it On Purpose?  
O- Is it Over and Over?

We encourage children to use their big voice and stand up for themselves and others. Sometimes just including a student instead of leaving them alone to deal with unkindness, is exactly what is needed. If asking the person to stop or using a strategy like distracting, changing the subject or making a joke so not work, we encourage students to tell a trusted adult to help them.

School Social Worker, Aislinn Taylor
Hi everyone, I am Aislinn Taylor. I am the new social worker at Warren Elementary. I will be here at Warren Elementary on Monday, Wednesday, and every other Friday. I have been a social worker for the past 12 years. I am new to being a school social worker, but I am excited to learn and grow with everyone here at Warren Elementary.

I am here to assist with social emotionally learning, learning about self-awareness, self-control, and building relationships. Please let me know if I can be of help! My email address is ataylor18@bcps.org.

School Nurse, Kate Melito

DISCRETIONARY MEDICATION FORM: These are the YELLOW forms that came home the first week of school. We need a new form filled out and signed by the parent/guardian each school year to give these medications in school. If you need another copy, please reach out to me.

MEDICATIONS: Whether your child is going to start taking medications at school this year or took them last year, we must have a new order from your child's doctor each year. For prescription OR over-the-counter meds (not covered on the Discretionary med form) he/she will need
A) "Parent's Request to Administer Medications in School" form filled out and signed by the provider and
B) the medication in its original packaging with the pharmacy label, matching the order. Until we received both the signed form and the packaged medication, the medication cannot be given at school.

EXTRA CLOTHING: ALL students should keep a change of clothing in their lockers. Everyday children of all ages have bathroom accidents, yogurt spills on their shirts, wet, muddy knees from a fall on the playground, and so on. While the Health Suite has a limited amount of clothing for emergencies, having backup clothes in your child's locker will assure they have something that will fit, allowing them to quickly get back to the classroom.

COVID REMINDERS: We have seen some recent cases of COVID in our community. Please remain vigilant with monitoring for symptoms, keeping your child home when sick, and testing for COVID whenever your student has COVID-like illness. Please refer to the BCPS COVID Testing FAQ: Testing FAQ.pdf

PER BCPS STUDENT/STAFF POLICY, PLEASE STAY HOME IF:
o you are sick (and talk to your doctor about whether you should be tested for COVID)
o you have a positive COVID test (and tell your school nurse)
o you have been tested for COVID (until the results come back)
Please continue to send in your children's updated immunizations, physicals, dental and lead forms!

CONTACT INFO FOR THE HEALTH SUITE:
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