OCTOBER GRADE 4 NEWSLETTER

Schoolwide Announcements
- Many thanks to the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) for helping us celebrate Constitution Week and raffling off books about the Constitution on 9/23!
- Please mark your calendar for the comeback of one of our favorite events, the PTA’s Fall Fest! It will be Saturday, October 15th from 10:00-2:00 behind the schoolhouse.
- We will be celebrating Kindness Matters during the month of October, which is National Bullying Prevention Month. Students are welcome to participate in the spirit days listed in the Looking Ahead section. Families can watch the Character Day Parade at 1:30 on 10/31 for grades K – 5 around the court. An RSVP will be sent home soon so badges can be pre-printed and sent home.

Virtue of the Month
Responsibility - doing the things you are supposed to do, making good choices, and accepting the results of your actions

Practice at Home
List all the responsibilities that are required to make dinner. Have each person in the house take responsibility over one of the tasks.

Looking Ahead
10/5: No Students, Teacher Professional Development Day, Yom Kippur
10/11: Afternoon Assembly: TED’s Mindset
10/14: Wear Purple for Positivity
10/15: PTA’s Fall Fest 10:00-2:00
10/17: Wear BCPS Blue for Civility
10/18: Wear Green for Equity
10/19: Wear Orange for Unity
10/20: Wear Red for Respect
10/21: No School, MSEA Convention
10/24: No Students, Teacher Professional Development Day, Diwali
10/25: Wear your favorite thinking hat as you think before you speak kind words.
10/26: Bring your favorite small stuffed animal friend who can witness your kindness to others
10/27: Wear CTES shirt as we show pride for working together in kind & helpful ways
10/28: First Responders’ Day; Wear Super Hero attire as we say THANK YOU to our local first responders!
10/31: Character Parade at 1:30; Wear a school-appropriate costume.
What We Are Working On

ELA: We will be finishing up Unit 1 and starting our next unit. In Unit 2, students will compare the development of similar themes and topics across novels through a Kate DiCamillo author study. Students will participate in literature circles. Students will also read biographies, autobiographies, interviews and other accounts about Kate DiCamillo’s life in order to make connections between the author’s life and the stories she develops.

Math: In Unit 2, Multi-Digit Multiplication & Early Division, your child will:

- Multiply by 10, 100, and 1,000,
- Multiply 2-digit numbers
- Represent multiplication with arrays and ratio tables
- Divide with and without remainders
- Solve multiplication and division story problems.

Use the free Math Vocabulary Cards app for additional support:
mathlearningcenter.org/apps

Advanced Math: In unit 2, students will add, subtract, and compare fractions with unlike denominators, using a variety of strategies to find common denominators. Then students will review fraction skills and concepts and extend their understandings to mixed numbers, improper fractions, and more sophisticated strategies for generating equivalent fractions. Students will use bar models and number lines to represent, compare, and order fractions with unlike denominators, as well as generate equivalent fractions.

In Social Studies, we will begin a 4-week unit titled: Geography and Economics in the United States. A case study of Maryland will demonstrate the impact of geographic characteristics on the economy. Students will also draw conclusions about the impact that humans have on the environment by examining the effect of pollution on the Chesapeake Bay. An analysis of the geography of Maryland and the United States will support students as they investigate the early history of Maryland and the United States in the other units.

Classroom Reminders

Remember to have your child bring a charged device, and filled water bottle each day.

Genre and Culture Focus of the Month

Mysteries and Bully Prevention Month

Shout Outs

4th Grade Paw Pride Winners

Dillon L.  
Reese F.  
Sophia C.  
Ava L.  
Makenzie B.  
Molly C.  
Kylie W.  
Michael D.

Birthdays

7 – Jackson F.  
11 – Michael D.  
13 – Tori G.  
14 – Ava L.  
25 – Aiden B.