



New Town News

Monthly Newsletter of New Town Elementary School

May 2019

Our Vision

Students at New Town Elementary participate in rigorous and responsive instruction that prepares them to meet the challenges and high expectations of college and career readiness. Our innovative teachers ensure learning through collaboration, critical thinking, communication, and creativity.

Our Mission

It is the mission of New Town Elementary School and its community to promote student achievement, celebrate diversity and create a nurturing and enthusiastic learning environment where lifelong learners will grow as productive members of society.

Greetings New Town Elementary Families,

May is a very busy month for the students here at New Town Elementary. Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will continue to participate in the MCAP (Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program) formally known as PARRC. The MCAP assessment began on April 29th, 2019 and will be completed by May 21st, 2019. MCAP is a mandatory assessment that will consist of testing Reading and Mathematics. While students are participating in testing, classroom visitations will be limited. Please continue to monitor the schedule that was sent home regarding testing. Additionally, please be sure that your child arrives to school on time, has a healthy breakfast, and is well rested prior to taking their test.



Our 4th & 5th grade students will explore new activities on their field trips to The Baltimore Museum of Industry and Bio Blitz. If you are planning to attend with your child, please be sure to complete the Volunteer Training on the BCPS website under the Parents tab.

As a school, we will also be celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week from Monday, May 6th – Friday, May 10th. Feel free to help your child with thanking his or her teacher. Our wonderful PTA is working with the administrative team to celebrate our teachers.

Although spring has arrived, the weather is unpredictable. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. BCPS Facilities has also converted buildings from heating to cooling and a light jacket or sweater may be needed.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns of any nature, please feel free to call me at the school or send an email to kcoston2@bcps.org. You may also email one of our assistant principals, Mrs. Snodderly at rsnodderly@bcps.org or Mr. Baker at cbaker4@bcps.org.

Best Regards,

Mrs. Coston

Calendar of Events

May 6 – May 10

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6

Pre-K and Kindergarten Conference Day – No Preschool-3, PreK, or Kindergarten Sessions – Teachers on Duty

May 7

Pre-K Conference Day – No Preschool-3 or Pre-K Sessions – Teachers on Duty

May 14

Grade 5 Parent Information / PTA meeting at 6:00

May 27

Memorial Day Observed – Schools and Offices Closed



Notes from the Reading Cottage ~ 

Mrs. Cobb & Mrs. Coco, NTES Reading Specialists

Book Nook Recommendations for May



Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (APAHM), now officially proclaimed **Asian American** and **Pacific Islander Heritage Month**, takes place in May. It celebrates the culture, traditions, and history of **Asian Americans** and **Pacific** Islanders in the United States.

Intermediate: [Blackbird Fly](#) by Erin Entrada Kelly

Primary: [The Name Jar](#) by Yangsook Choi



Reading aloud is one of the most important things parents and teachers can do with children. Reading aloud builds many important foundational skills, introduces vocabulary, provides a model of fluent, expressive reading, and helps children recognize what reading for pleasure is all about.

Benefits of reading aloud ~

***Helps children grasp big picture aspects of narrative.** Especially early on, it takes a lot of mental power just to form the words and sentences, let alone comprehending them and being able to follow plot lines and big themes. Thus, when read aloud to, kids are more able to appreciate stories and lessons and big picture ideas. And, these benefits carry over all the way through middle school, and even beyond.

***Increases vocabulary and an understanding of sophisticated language patterns.** When you read aloud to a kid, you build up their storehouse of words and grammatically correct phrases and sentences. This increased vocabulary helps them out in conversation, in their writing, and in their general communication skills.

***Builds empathy.** It's been shown that reading builds empathy (especially fiction), and that benefit extends to kids as well. You likely know from your own experience that reading someone's memoir from a country far away is far more impactful than hearing a story about it on the news. It connects you to the situation and you're more likely to do something about it afterwards (in the form of telling other people, making donations, getting involved in the cause, etc.). If you want your kids to care about the world around them, and be inspired to make it a better place, read to them.

***Instills a lifelong love of reading.** The benefits of reading as an adult are too numerous to list here, and you probably know what they are anyway. Books delight, inform, inspire, and challenge — they serve as life-long mentors and companions. Most adults who have a love affair with reading got started very young, often in their own home (or community) libraries. Decades ago, before TV or even radio, entertainment often consisted of the family (and even groups of adult friends) sitting around and reading a book out loud to each other. Reading to your kids from a young age and continuing through even the teenage years is the best way to help them understand the power and beauty of the written word.

***It's a fun way to spend quality time with your kids.** Beyond all the above tangible benefits of reading to your kids, it's just a really fun way to spend time with them. In a world of digital devices and toys that are filled with buttons and parent-annoying-noises, reading to your kids is a (relatively) calm, grounding activity that can be enjoyed by parent and child alike. Whether it's picture books with your toddler, or short novels with your older child, reading is an activity that will inspire and delight both of you.

Sports Day 2019

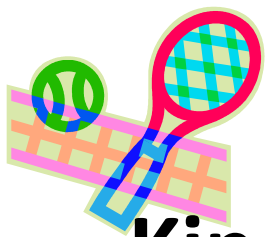


Posted below are the Sports day volunteer forms that homeroom teachers have sent home to parents. Any adult attending Sports day must have a completed BCPS volunteer application and training certificate submitted prior to Sports day. Even if someone does not wish to volunteer and will just be watching, they must have the completed application and training in order to attend. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, May 28: KG & 3RD Grade

Wednesday, May 29: 1st & 2nd Grade

Thursday, May 30: 4th & 5th Grade



Help Wanted!!

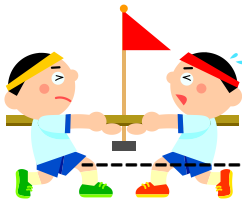
Kindergarten Sports Day

Dear Parents,

Come and share the fun with us! We need your support to help make **Sports Day** a success. Please join us on Tuesday, May 28th 2019. Sports Day will begin at 10:00 am and end at 12:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help lead groups of students through the activities. If you are volunteering please arrive **no later than 9:30AM**. Any adult attending **Sports Day** must have a completed BCPS volunteer application and training certificate submitted prior to May 28th. These are only valid for one year. Return the slip below if you are willing to volunteer. We hope to see you there for a fun filled day!

Sincerely,

Mr. Slaughter & Mr. Krumrine



Sports Day Volunteer Form

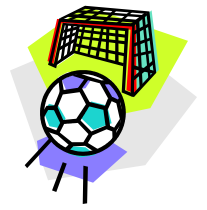
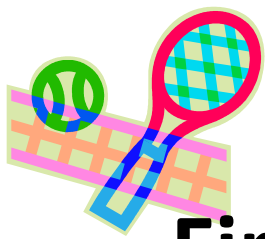
Homeroom Teacher: _____

Child's Name: _____

Volunteer Email: _____

I, _____, would like to volunteer for Sports Day, Tuesday May 28th from 9:30AM to 12:00PM.

Volunteer Training Completed: YES _____ NO _____



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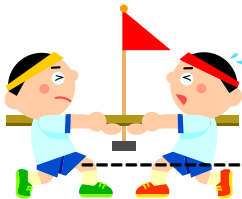
First Grade Sports Day

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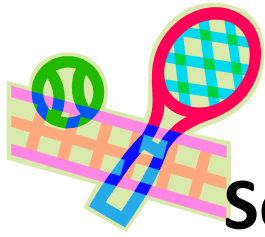
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Child's Name: _____

Volunteer Email: _____

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Volunteer Training Completed: YES _____ NO _____



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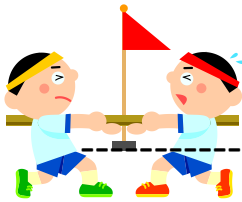
Second Grade Sports Day

Dear Parents,

Come and share the fun with us! We need your support to make Sports Day a success. Please join us on Wednesday, May 29th. Sports Day will begin at 12:30PM and end at 3:00PM. Volunteers are needed to help lead groups of students through the activities. If you are volunteering please arrive **no later than 12:00PM**. Any adult attending Sports Day must have a completed BCPS volunteer application and training certificate submitted prior to May 29th. These are only valid for one year. Return the slip below if you are willing to volunteer. We hope to see you there for a fun filled day!

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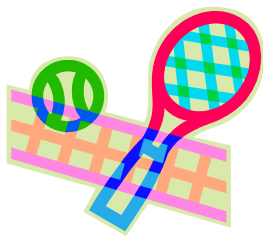
Homeroom Teacher: _____

Child's Name: _____

Volunteer Email: _____

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Volunteer Training Completed: YES _____ NO _____



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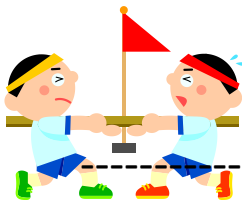
3rd Grade Sports Day

Dear Parents,

Come and share the fun with us! We need your support to make Sports Day a success. Please join us on Tuesday, May 28th. Sports Day will begin at 12:30PM and end at 3:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help supervise students during our relay races. If you are volunteering please arrive **no later than 12:00 pm**. Any adult attending Sports Day must have a completed BCPS volunteer application and training certificate submitted prior to May 28th. These are only valid for one year. Return the slip below if you are willing to volunteer. We hope to see you there for a fun filled day!

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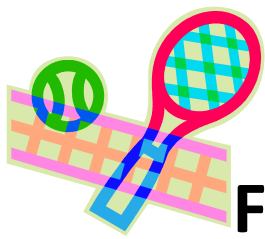
Homeroom Teacher: _____

Child's Name: _____

Volunteer Email _____

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Volunteer Training Completed: YES _____ NO _____



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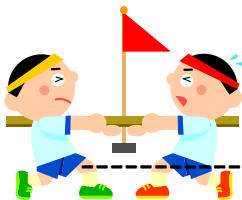
Fourth Grade Sports Day

Dear Parents,

Come and share the fun with us! We need your support to help make Sports Day a success. Please join us on Thursday, May 30th, 2019. Sports Day will begin at 10:00 am and end at 12:30 pm. Volunteers are needed to help lead groups of students through the activities. If you are volunteering please arrive **no later than 9:30 am**. Any adult attending Sports Day must have a completed BCPS volunteer application and training certificate submitted prior to May 30th. These are only valid for one year. Return the slip below if you are willing to volunteer. We hope to see you there for a fun filled day!

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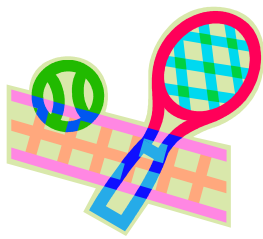
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Child's Name: _____

Volunteer Email: _____

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Volunteer Training Completed: YES _____ NO _____



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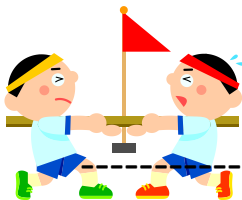
Fifth Grade Sports Day

Dear Parents,

Come and share the fun with us! We need your support to help make Sports Day a success. Please join us on Thursday, May 30th, 2019. Sports Day will begin at 12:30 pm and end at 3:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help lead groups of students through the activities. If you are volunteering please arrive **no later than 12:00 pm**. Any adult attending Sports Day must have a completed BCPS volunteer application and training certificate submitted prior to May 30th. These are only valid for one year. Return the slip below if you are willing to volunteer. We hope to see you there for a fun filled day!

Sincerely,

Mr. Slaughter & Mr. Krumrine



Sports Day Volunteer Form

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Child's Name: _____

Volunteer Email: _____

I, _____, would like to volunteer for Sports Day, Thursday May 30th from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Volunteer Training Completed: YES _____ NO _____



Attn: Parents & Families!

May 5th-11th is Children's Mental Health Awareness Week in Maryland. Help New Town Elementary be a Children's Mental Health Matters! School Champion!

Thursday May 9, 2019 is Children's Mental Health Matters! Green Day. Encourage your child to wear the color **green** to support awareness of the importance of children's mental health.

Throughout the week our announcements will focus on coping skills. These skills help ourselves and others feel better when we are sad, worried, angry, or scared. Encourage your child to practice these skills each day.

The skills we will focus on this week are:

- ❖ Pizza Breathing
- ❖ Exercising
- ❖ Muscle Relaxation
- ❖ Guided Imagery
- ❖ Positive Self-Talk

Fast Facts about Children's Mental Health

- Mental health refers to a person's overall social, emotional, behavioral and psychological well-being. It impacts how we think, feel, and act, including how a child: 1. Feels about himself/herself 2. Relates to other children and adults 3. Handles change, stress and other life situations.
- One in five children experience a mental, emotional or behavioral health problem before age 18. These problems affect children of all demographic groups, regardless of education, income, race or culture.
- Up to 70% of school-aged children with a diagnosable mental illness do not receive treatment. Early intervention is the best way to prevent long-term or severe conditions into adulthood.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week is a great time to learn more about children's mental health and to check out available resources to help ensure all children have the opportunity to be successful in school, at home, in the community, and in their future adult lives. Read more about the signs and symptoms of mental health problems and find resources, including our Family Resource Kit, at www.ChildrensMentalHealthMatters.org. Be a Children's Mental Health Matters! School Champion and help raise awareness in your school!



5th Grade Honor Roll

Principal's	Retriever's
Syanne Addyson Skye Khushi Chloe Kyle David Joshua Udit Khelyn Brentin Chaz Paris Skylar Tasneem Ethan Kaya Aleysha Ryane Joelle Kendall Julia Emma Tobi	Khary Sarah Anaya Kaden Menah Bonam Christian Alejandro Arjan Owen Christopher Serenity Akshdeep Divine Cameron Co. Kayden Denzel Jazzlyn Sharon Natalia Isaiah Queen Journi Kamari Zaire Jarrell Khloe Makenzie Makyah Kena Tyler Christopher S. Anaja Corey Jamie Maliyah Khloe Nasiya Bryant Shaun Bolu Joseph Steven Bryah Taverian Madison Alanah Darrien Asia Israel Hope Kyah



4th Grade Honor Roll

Principal Honor Roll	Retriever Honor Roll
Ini A Arielle E Prince O Isabella O J'naiya W Zyra W Isabelle G. Matthew I. Daryn K. Sydney N. Isaiah T. Whitney T. Chloe M. Samuel A. Ava G. Faith O. Ava S.	Cameron A Destiny A Atika B Francesca C Trevis F Carlos F George G Ryleigh G Cameron J Tyler J Jaide K-H Max M Davidah R Aniya S Alannah T Noah W Josh B. Kelsey C. Dylan E. Emmanuel E. David O. Makiyah P. Khloe S. Madison W. Nasira L Omari W Amari W Isabel Z Jaida G Daniele P. Chyanne W. Bolu A. Jonathan A. Kulnoor B. Lauren B. Fareedah E. Caden G. Melanie H. Alanna J. Kingston L. Amirah O. Maiya O. Scarlet P. Jason P. Lea R. Jada S. Chloe S. Taylor A Chisom E Patriot D Annabel N Bryson R