



New Town News

Monthly Newsletter of New Town Elementary School

February 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 Families,

It is hard to believe that we've just started the 3rd quarter of our school year! Outside, the weather has been cold and icy, however, our classrooms have been full of warm wishes. In our classrooms, students have been learning about people who have made a difference in the lives of others. Through classroom meetings, students are talking about how they can make a difference in school and in their communities. Please continue to encourage your child to read nightly and use mental math to solve math problems.

February will be a busy month at New Town Elementary School. The PTA has planned two events for this month. On February 19th, teachers from Deer Park Middle Magnet School will come to speak with parents during our scheduled PTA meeting. The PTA will sponsor a winter dance on February 15th in the school gymnasium. Our third-grade students will present a live wax museum on February 22 and February 27 from 2:30 pm -3:20 pm. Additionally, the Drama Club will share their Black History Month performance on February 28th.

During this time of year, it is very important that you check a local television and/or radio station regarding school closings or delays. It is also recommended that you visit the district's website www.bcps.org or call the BCPS Information line at (443) 809-5555 for information related to the weather.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns of any nature, please feel free to call me at the school or send me an email 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.

Warm Regards,

Mrs. Coston

Calendar of Events

February 7

Report Cards Distributed

February 19

PTA meeting at 6:30 pm with a visit from Deer Park Middle Magnet School teachers

February 13

Restaurant night at Chick-Fil-A – Owings Mills Boulevard
5:00 pm- 8:00 pm

February 15

PTA Winter Dance 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

February 18

President's Day
Schools & Offices Closed

February 28th

Theatre Club Black History Performance
6:30 pm



The BCPS Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey is now available online at www.bcps.org through March 2, 2018. The confidential survey takes only about five minutes to complete on your phone, tablet, or computer. Taking the survey is a great opportunity to share your thoughts about our school district and New Town Elementary. We strongly encourage parents, caregivers, and community members to complete the survey. Students in grades 3-5 will complete it in school.

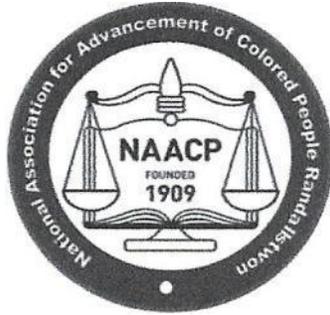


From the NTES PTA:

Hello New Town Families! Below are some of our upcoming events and fundraisers for NTES students and families. Your willingness to participate is so appreciated!

- *The Wizards fundraiser begins very soon! The Wizards will be playing the Celtics on Tuesday April 9th at 7 pm. Stay tuned for more information!*
- *Hershey Park Fundraiser starts week of Feb. 11th. Look out for the flyer for great discounted prices on tickets.*
- *New Town ES Winter Friendship Dance will be on February 15th!*
- *New Town is still collecting Box Tops, please send them in with your child. The more box tops we collect the more money is raised for our school.*

Thank you all for your continued support! You can still join NTES PTA, please send an email to NTESPTA@gmail.com for more information.



PRESS RELEASE

MEET AND GREET NEWLY ELECTED BALTIMORE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

The NAACP Randallstown Branch is hosting a forum with Baltimore County Public Schools Board members from District 1- Lisa Mack; District 2- Cheryl Pasteur; District 4- Makeda Scott and Student Board Member-Haleemat Adekoya, on Thursday, February 28, 2019, from 7 to 8 pm at the Randallstown Community Center, 3505 Resource Drive, Randallstown, MD, 21133.

With the newly elected Baltimore County School Board members having assumed office in December 2018, we must come together to learn about their early days in office and how we can assist them in addressing the needs of Baltimore County's students. The forum will focus on students in the Northwest area schools who need and deserve our support. *To provide support, we must be knowledgeable.*

The meeting is open to the public. Baltimore County residents of all ages are encouraged to attend. A question and answer period will follow presentations from the board members. Light refreshments will be served at the end of the event.

For additional information about this event, contact:

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NAACP Randallstown Branch #7032 invites you to

Meet and Greet



Lisa A. Mack

District 1

Cheryl E. Pasteur

District 2

Makeda Scott

District 4

Haleemat Adekoya

Student Board Member

The newly elected/appointed School Board Members who are representing **YOU** and **YOUR CHILDREN!**

Date: Thursday, February 28, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

Doors will open at 6:30 pm.

Location: Randallstown Community Center, 3505 Resource Drive, Randallstown, MD 21133

Light refreshments will be served.

For more information on the NAACP, Randallstown Branch, we can be contacted by email at randallstownnaacp@gmail.com or by phone at (443) 675-7203. Follow us: **@NAACP_7032** on

Twitter or **@randallstownnaacp** on Instagram. Our website is

randallstownnaacp.yolasite.com.

General Branch meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at CCBC-

Randallstown Center.

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FROM THE NURSE

Hearing and Vision Screening

Hearing and Vision screening letters of referral will be mailed after Feb. 20th. You will only receive a letter by mail IF your child did not pass the HEARING or VISION screen or BOTH Hearing and Vision. A failed screening indicates that your child will need to be examined by a professional. Take the referral with you to the appointment and have it completed by the doctor/practitioner. Return the results back to the Nurse.

Kinsa Thermometers

If you ordered your thermometer during this second order window, it's on its way! Thermometers will arrive at my office no later than next Wednesday (2/20). Once they're in, I will make sure they go home in your child's backpack. Thanks for your patience!

Helpful Reads

I wanted to share with you 2 very helpful books that provide very useful information and guidance for parents and girls going through puberty. I have copies of both for loan. Both are available on amazon.com. AND I am still searching for a good puberty book for boys and am open for suggestions.

Parenting Through Puberty, Mood Swings, Acne, and Growing Pains by Suanne Kowal-Connelly, MD, FAAP, American Academy of Pediatrics covers very useful topics for BOTH boys and girls. See the attached.

A great and informative read for girls is Celebrate Your Body (and Its Changes, Too!): The Ultimate Puberty Book for Girls by Sonya Taylor

I hope you will please talk openly with your children about puberty and answer their questions age appropriately as they are presented. While this information is very personal and sensitive it is so much more important to come from a trusted adult instead of peers. And from what I do overhear in the Health Suite – they are talking.

Being Prepared

Don't forget to make sure your child has a complete change of clothes available to them. Accidental tears, rips, a slip in the mud, or accidents of any other nature can be easily remedied if there is a quick change of clothes available.

Keep the communication channels open with your children. Stay safe, warm, and healthy.

From Donna Lyman, MS, RN, NCSN

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Parenting Through Puberty

*Mood Swings, Acne,
and Growing Pains*

Suanne Kowal-Connelly, MD, FAAP

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