

BEAVER RUN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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8:45 AM—4:15 PM

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Important

September Dates:

- 5th— First day of School
- 5th— Begin KRA testing for Kindergarten Students
- 12th— Yankee Candle Fundraiser
- 14th— Bookmobile visit
- 18th—Begin BAS testing Grades 1 and 2
- 21st— Sweet Frog Fund-raiser

BEAVER RUN BROADCASTER



2017-2018 School Year

SEPTEMBER 2017

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome families to the 2017 – 2018 school year, Ms. Waters and I hope all families had an enjoyable summer break! During the summer months, we have prepared for a year of rigorous instruction for all students and we are looking forward to working with the Beaver Run community during this school year. As we open for the new year we welcome; Ms. Brooke Coalter - Office Associate, Ms. Victoria Oberdick – Music, Mrs. Renee Gordan – Interrupter. We are very pleased to have them on our teaching staff. A very special welcome goes out to Ms. Oberdick who is starting her teaching career with us!

Teachers and administrators have been busy over the summer preparing for the school year by participating in professional development to improve the instructional opportunities for students. This year, teachers and administrators will continue to align instruction to standards and improve communication of what students are learning to students and their family. Our #1 goal is to improve student learning. We want to help advance their critical thinking, knowledge, skills, and ability to problem solve. If at any time you have a question about what is occurring in your child's class, please contact your child's teacher.

We all need to work together to benefit our students.

As the new year begins, it is a time to renew our commitment to Beaver Run by joining PTA. We have a strong, dedicated group of parents leading us this year as we continue to strive to be one of the strongest PTAs in the County. Our PTA is essential to the instructional program at Beaver Run and provides the extra funding to support our students. Please consider joining the staff in membership as we strive for 100% parent and staff participation.

This year, Beaver Run families will continue to use our Tuesday Folder system. Families can expect this folder to arrive each week on Tuesday with corrected papers, teacher correspondences, and information from the main office. The cover page for the weekly folder will be in the form of a sign off sheet confirming your receipt of the folder each week. Please sign and place the cover page back into the folder each time it arrives home. To save paper, four months of parent signatures will be on the cover page so it is very important to return the cover page consistently. We will also have a daily communication folder in grades 1 & 2 which is bright red. Teachers will use this folder to transfer daily homework to families. As well, families should place all completed homework and other communications in this folder that you wish for the teacher to receive the next day.

A last note is a great benefit for ALL Beaver Run students! As in years past, we will continue to participate in the Maryland Meals for Readiness Program which provides a free breakfast for every child no matter a family's income status. This year we have been awarded the CEP grant which now provides a lunch, at no cost, to families of EVERY Beaver Run family! No free or reduced applications will come home this year as ALL students are eligible for this benefit. If you wish for your child to have access to the ice cream selections they are still at full cost for all students.

We look forward to being your learning partners this year as we continue to promote high levels of student achievement. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year Ms. Waters and myself can be reached by calling our main office at 410-677-5101 or through email at ctwilley@wcboc.org or kiwaters@wcboc.org.

PASSAGE POINT

As we strive to create the most positive safe learning environment for our students that we can and to keep stride with the technology, our visitors' policy has incorporated the Passage Point Sexual Offenders Registry Identification System. Each visitor shall be required to use their drivers' license to swipe at their school's visitor kiosk. With successful identification through the system, the visitor will gain access to the desired building location. This protocol has been implemented to assist our school with added safety and security.

CAR RIDERS

Car riders will not be released to the pick up doors until 3:40 PM this year. Parents wishing to come in and pick up their child through the main office may do so as in the past but any student picked up prior to 3:40 PM will be marked as an early dismissal which is reflected in the child's attendance record.

Welcome Back!

Interested in taking a class?

Visit:

Onlinepd.msde@maryland.gov

Lunch and Learn!

Parent PARCC Webinars are also available:

<http://bit.ly/ParentWebinarSocialSudeies>

<http://bit.ly/PARCC-ELA1>

<http://bit.ly/PARCCMath1>

Beaver Run receives funds through the Title I program and is considered a school wide program based on the number of students served free or reduced meals. Funding supports our school through additional staffing, materials for instruction and additional professional development. Parents are encouraged to review the home/school compact found on the Tuesday folder on a regular basis.

KINDERGARTEN

Thank you to all who attended Open House and/or the Community Event at Dover Dale Park! Kindergarten Teachers are already beginning to buzz with ideas and plans for fun and enriching activities. Please make sure to schedule an initial conference with your child's teacher to receive more information about the expectations for Kindergarten as well as answer any of your questions. Our curriculum is based on the College and Career Ready Standards. This means more hands-on activities, a lot of writing opportunities, and introductions to several types of reading materials (poetry, fiction, non-fiction, chapter books, etc.).

During the year we plan to hold two rotation nights before November and four daytime rotations during the months January-April. Parents are encouraged to attend and participate with their children. We are hopeful to see a lot of parent participation for these special activities! They are a lot of fun and the children really enjoy having someone special come and see them at school. Be on the lookout for more information to come home. *Please check your child's folder each night for important information, the homework calendar, and notes from your child's teacher.* We are looking forward to a terrific school



1ST GRADE

Welcome back, students! The first grade teachers hope that you have had a wonderful summer, and we look forward to a fun-filled school year. We would like to welcome Laura McClintock to the first grade team. She is joining us from second grade. The first few weeks of school, we will be focusing on learning classroom routines and procedures. After that, our first unit of study will be Family and Friends. Teachers will be sending home information regarding homework mid-September.



2nd Grade

The Second Grade Teachers want to welcome all of our students to a new year! We have many challenging and fun activities planned. During the month of September, we will be introducing the children to different stations in Reading. Our first theme is Nature Walk where we will be reading non-fiction texts to learn facts about animals and their habitats. In Math, we will be reviewing basic addition and subtraction facts with fun and engaging lessons. We want to encourage parents or guardians to practice these facts with their children at home. Mastery of these facts is also essential for acquiring the math concepts that are taught in second grade.

FYI: The second grade teachers will be giving no homework passes to the children whose families attend and participate in scheduled Beaver Run events.

Just a reminder: Please make sure your child has the necessary supplies needed on a daily basis. Please check your child's agenda for homework, reminders or notes each evening.



Music

Welcome back to school! I am so excited to start the school year with all of you! My name is Victoria Oberdick and I am the new music teacher! I graduated from West Chester University with my Bachelors of Music Education. I love to sing and play many instruments, and I can't wait to make great music with all of the students at Beaver Run!

For September, students will start off by reviewing classroom expectations and exploring what we already know about music. We will be discovering new instruments and sounds, exploring with our voices, and incorporating movement into the music that we learn.



I look forward to getting to know all of the students and having a wonderful, music filled, year!

Media

My name is Ebonee Barkley and I will be your student's media teacher. The first few weeks students would be introduced to or refreshed on library rules and expectations and how to take proper care of our wonderful library books!



****UPDATE**** Media class will now count as a grade (O, S, U). More information will be sent home with your student in the first few weeks.

I am looking forward seeing old faces and new. I know we will have another wonderful year in library!

Physical Education

Welcome back! We are excited to kick off the 2017-2018 school year! We hoped you enjoyed your summer and stayed active! We have an exciting year planned for students in PE and can't wait to get started! During Physical Education this year we will participate in units covering cooperation, teamwork, locomotor and non-locomotor skills, pathways, throwing, catching, striking, volleying, rolling, dribbling, passing, shooting, kicking, and fitness. We also have several special events including Fun Runs, a new walking program for 2nd grade, Jump Rope for Heart and others that will take place throughout the year. We will send home specific details about these events as they approach.



This year students in grades 1 and 2 will receive grades based on a new grading policy implemented by the County. In physical education, students will receive an O = Outstanding, a S = Satisfactory, or a U = Unsatisfactory. Grades will be 50% Summative Assessments and 50% Formative Assessments. This will include preparedness, personal and social responsibility, skills tests, and cognitive tests. Parents will have access to PE grades on the parent portal.

Physical Education Expectations:

1. Follow directions the first time given.
2. Use equipment correctly and safely.
3. Keep hands, feet, objects, and unkind words to yourself.
4. Be prepared for P.E. with proper clothing and sneakers!
5. Good Sportsmanship at ALL times!

If you have any questions throughout the year, please feel free to contact Mr. Hoeck at ehoeck@wcboe.org or Mrs. Bradford at jbradford@wcboe.org

Visit the school's website at www.wcboe.org/schools/brs at any time for a list of school events, announcements, and staff directory.

IMPORTANT:
When there is a two-hour delay, **BREAKFAST IS NOT SERVED**. Please have your child eat before coming to school. Thank you.

When there is a one-hour delay, cereal only is served for breakfast.

The continuation of the Consistent Attire Program (CAP) Policy for our school and eight other schools were approved by the Board of Education in the April board meeting. This means that for the 2016 – 2017 school year, it will be mandatory for students to wear certain approved attire. Your child will need solid black, white, gray, light blue, or navy blue, long or short sleeve polo shirts. The additional color for our school is yellow. They will also need black, navy blue, gray and khaki style pants, capris, walking shorts, skorts, or jumpers. Please note that cargo style bottoms will not be permissible. Colors for sweaters, vest, and fleece jackets are the same as the shirt colors. Please refer to the brochure that was sent home or you may find it on the board website. Thank you for helping to make CAP a success at BRS!

Remember-If you are bringing in a sweet treat for a birthday or class treat, it **MUST** be store bought. Homemade items will not be served.

BRS MISSION STATEMENT

Beaver Run School will strive to meet the educational needs of all children. They will be confident, responsible, self-directed and life-long learners.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Welcome back! I hope that you and your family had a fun and relaxing summer vacation!

My name is Elizabeth Diemel. I am the school counselor for Beaver Run. It is my 2nd year as the School Counselor at Beaver Run! I'm so excited to be working with you and your students again!



It is my hope that this school year will be full of successful experiences for all students.

Here are a few tips to help your child have an excellent start the 2017-2018 school year.

1. Set up a bedtime and wake-up routine for your child. Nine to 11 hours of sleep is best for a child your age, if possible.
2. Use an egg timer to get your kids used to focusing on a task for a specific period of time.
3. Give your kids a short break after each assignment that they finish, such as a short walk.

Other tips can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/j4ojm4f>

INTERVENTION TEACHERS



Intervention Support Team News



Beaver Run School is a school-wide Title I school. Federal funds are used to support academic achievement for all of our students. We are very excited to begin the 2017-2018 school year! Mrs. Craft, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. White, Mrs. Mariner, Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Phippin will be working closely with classroom teachers to plan and support reading instruction. Title I funded instructional assistants go into the classrooms to provide additional support to our students in reading and math. Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings are held twice a year. Parents are invited to attend these meetings to provide input on Title I funded parent involvement programs and events. Invitations to these meetings are sent to all of our parents. Information about our Title I Program will be provided at our Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 12th at 6:00, please plan to attend. Other programs planned by our department include, but are not limited to; Leveled Literacy Intervention, Family Fun Nights, Hit the Books, Adkins Reading Incentive and Tales for Dogs. We are looking forward to working with you and your children!

CELEBRATING OUR INTERNS

We are excited to welcome two interns from Salisbury University! Alexandra Pobst will be with Mrs. Julie Swift in first grade, and Amanda Taylor will be with Mrs. Jamie Barker in first grade. These ladies are looking forward to working with our children and to begin their teaching careers!





The Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS) Team is excited for another great school year! We will continue to use "Class Dojo" as our school-wide system for rewarding student behavior. Our staff will provide "Dojo Points" to our students for following "The 3 B's" by using the website <https://www.classdojo.com/> on their computer or a smart device. Students can use their earned "Dojo Points" to shop at our School Store Prize Boxes for smaller prizes or our "Big Prize Menu" for larger prizes and incentive experiences!

We welcome you to look at our *new* PBIS Brochure in your child's Tuesday Folder to learn more about PBIS and our events this school year!

Upcoming PBIS Events:

9/21 Third Thursday Treat at Sweet Frog Salisbury

Join us for a fundraiser to benefit Beaver Run Elementary by bringing the flyer that will be sent home in your child's Tuesday Folder. Sweet Frog Salisbury will provide 20% of each purchase to be donated back to our school for fun-filled PBIS events this school year!

End of Term 1—"Park and Bounce"

This event will take place at the end of Term 1 and will include a field trip to Winterplace Park, Moon Bounce time and Face Painting for students that have **no** office referrals, bus referrals and unexcused absences for the term. Please continue to review "The 3 B's" with your child which are to be kind, be safe and be responsible in order for your child to attend.



Please make certain your students are in CAP attire everyday. You will be notified of NON CAP days through email or School Messenger. CAP Brochures may be picked up in the main office.



MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 2, 2017

TO: Parents, Teachers and Employees

FROM: C. Twilley, Principal BRS

RE: Availability of Asbestos Management Plan

In October 1986, the U.S. Congress enacted the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). Under this law, comprehensive regulations were developed to address asbestos problems in public and private elementary and secondary schools. These regulations require most schools to inspect for friable and non-friable asbestos, develop asbestos management plans that address asbestos hazards in school buildings and implement response actions in a timely manner.

These regulations assign schools many new responsibilities. Our program for fulfilling these responsibilities is outlined in our asbestos management plan. This plan contains information on our inspections, reinspections, response actions and post-response action activities, including periodic surveillance activities that are planned or are in progress.

You can review this plan during normal business hours without cost or restriction.

If you have any questions about reviewing our management plan please contact:

Blair Todd at (410) 677-4411
(WCBOE Designated Person for AHERA)

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Dear Parent/Guardian or Staff Member:

Legislation was passed in 1998 which requires public schools to adopt Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan and to develop parental and staff notification programs by the 1999-2000 school year for any school that applies pesticides in school buildings during the school year. In addition, legislation was passed in 1999 which requires public schools to expand the IPM plan to include parental and staff notification for pesticide applications made to school grounds during the school year.



At the beginning of each school year, each school must notify all parents/guardians, staff, and new students, regarding the Wicomico County Board of Education Integrated Pest Management Plan.

A. *What is the Integrated Pest Management Plan?*

Integrated Pest Management, or IPM, is a plan of controlling pests that does not depend on automatic application of pesticides. Instead, pests are monitored by regular and careful inspections. The inspections also identify conditions contributing to pest problems. It is then decided what actions are necessary, if any, based on the biology and habits of the pests involved. Priority is given to non-chemical pest management techniques, particularly those that can prevent a recurrence of the problem. Pesticides are used when necessary, but only in a way that minimizes potential exposure to people and the environment. Records are kept to track problems, prevent recurrences, and evaluate the results of pest management actions.

B. *What are the names of the pesticides and bait stations that may be used on school property. This includes but is not limited to:*

Fipronil	Hydroprene	Indoxacarb	Dithiopyr
Boric Acid	Pyrethrin	Propoxur	Trifuralin
Delamethrin	Cyfluthrin	Imidacloprid	Isoxaben
Foramsulfuron	Allethrin	Amorphous Silica	Glyphosate
Brodifacoum	Permethrin	Isopropylamine salt	Imazapyr
Chlorfenapyr	Methoprene	Cyhalothrin	Pendimethalin

Who is the person that I may call if I have any questions?



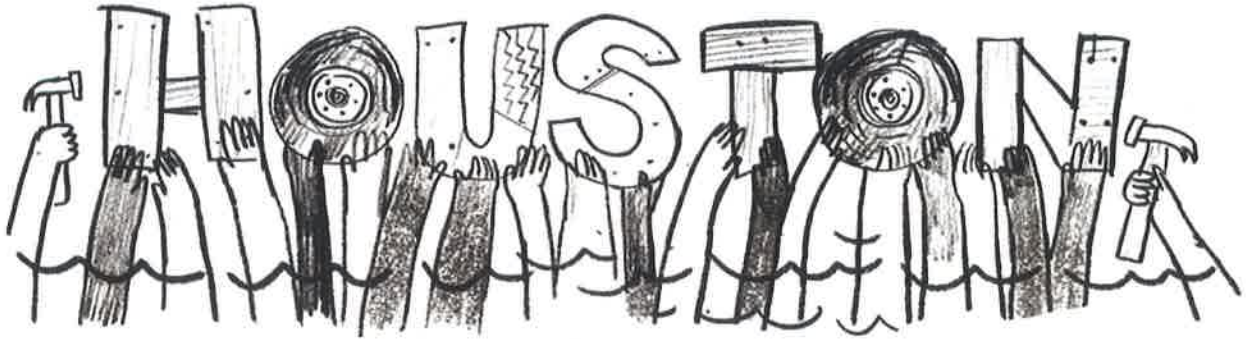
Mr. David Fulton
Environmental/Safety Specialist
Facility Services Department
Wicomico County Board of Education
(410) 677-4593

Mr. Fulton, identified above as the contact person, will also have the product labels and Material Safety Data Sheets for all pesticides and bait stations that are listed above. In addition, product labels and Material Safety Data Sheets for any newly introduced pesticides not currently included on the pesticide list, but used on school property will also be kept by Mr. Fulton. This information is available at your school and at the following location: Facilities Department, Wicomico County Board of Education, 900 Mt Hermon Road, Salisbury, Maryland 21804 and is available for your review at any time. Mr. Fulton is also available for any additional information you may need and will be happy to listen to any comments you may have.

D. Notifications before pesticide use

Additional notifications throughout the school year will be sent to all students, parents/guardians and staff members in an Elementary school before any application of a pesticide are made in a school building or to school grounds. These written notices will be sent home with each student and provided to each staff member at least 24 hours before each application, and within 24 hours after an emergency pesticide is applied. Please remember that the concept behind an Integrated Pest Management Plan is to utilize all other non-chemical means to eliminate pests before a pesticide is used. It is our intention to continue to adhere to this practice.

WE WILL HOLD EACH OTHER UP. WE WILL REBUILD. TOGETHER.



Beaver Run families,

As you are aware, Houston, Texas has suffered extreme damage from Hurricane Harvey. To do our part, we have teamed up with Houston Independent School District. We are collecting school supplies for the public schools and students who have lost everything. There are several ways you can do your part.

1 – Donate your loose change to the cans in front of the BRS office.



2 – Send in extra school supplies for our Supply Drive September 11th – 15th.



3 – Go to <http://www.houstonisd.org/harvey> directly to donate.



Thank you for your support!

Beaver Run Staff