Welcome to November!

The week of November 18-22 is recognized as American Education Week and we welcome parents and guardians to visit their child’s classroom to see learning in action. A schedule is included to let you know when visitation has been scheduled for each grade level. On Thursday, November 21, report cards go home and Friday, November 22, has been set aside for parent conferences. A second day for pre-k and preschool conferences has been set for Monday, November 25, and school is closed for those students. This is time to celebrate student successes and talk about ways to continue academic and social growth. Comments are not included on the report card for the first quarter for students in first through fifth grade, and we are hoping all parents are able to set up a conference with their child’s teacher to review progress for the first marking period. Although only one day is set aside for parent conferences, communication between teachers and parents should be frequent and ongoing. Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher at any time to discuss progress. Our teachers use a variety of tools to share student progress and classroom happenings such as newsletters, Class Dojo, phone calls, emails, and the online grade book that is available in BCPS One. Please take some time with your child to reflect upon his/her progress and growth. This is a great way to highlight your child’s strengths and let them know how proud you are of his/her progress. In this month of giving thanks, I like to reflect on those blessings for which I am grateful.

These include: the students, who come to school prepared to do their best each day, the parents and guardians, who support all our efforts, and all the teachers and staff who give many hours to providing every student with the instruction and guidance they need to help them succeed. May you find things to be thankful for during this holiday season.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Ms. Oliver-Jones
**Important Dates**

November 4-8  
**Red Ribbon Week – (Drug prevention awareness)**  
Mon – *Kick drugs to the curb!* (Wear athletic shoes)  
Tues – *Team up against drugs* (Wear a team jersey/shirt)  
Wed – *Sock it to drugs!* (Wear crazy Socks)  
Thurs – *Be a hero, not a zero!* (Wear Super Hero gear)  
Fri – *Hats off to being drug free!* (Wear a hat)

Wednesday, November 6  
PTA Meeting – Library 6:30

Friday, November 8  
½ Day for Students – School closes at 11:50  
Pre-K – no mid-day transportation  
PreSchool – no school

End of the 1st Marking Period

November 18 – 22  
**American Education Week**

Mon – *Kindergarten*  
(8:30 – 10:30 AM)  
Tues – *Grade 1 and Grade 3*  
(8:30 – 11:00 AM)  
Wed – *Grade 2, Grade 4, and Pre-School - Minch*  
*Pre-School - Vitek*  
(8:30 – 11:00 AM)  
(1:30 – 2:15 PM)  
Thurs – *Pre-K (4 yrs.) – Powell*  
*Pre-School (3 yrs.) – Powell*  
(10:00 – 11:00 AM)  
(1:00 – 2:00 PM)  
*Grade 5*  
(Assigned Times)  
Fri – SCHOOL CLOSED (Conference Day)

Thursday, November 21  
Report cards sent home  
Math Night @ 5:30 (Please RSVP)

Friday, November 22  
SCHOOL CLOSED (Conference Day)

Monday, November 25  
Pre-K and Pre-School Conference Day  
*(No school for Pre-K and Pre-School – ONLY)*

Tuesday, November 26  
Picture Re-Take/Make-Up Day

Thursday, November 28-29  
NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Holiday)

**Looking Ahead**

Friday, December 6  
BSO Field Trip - Grades 2 and Kinder

Tuesday, December 10  
RES Library Night (6:00 PM – Reisterstown Public Library)

Tuesday, December 17  
5th Grade Chorus Concert – 6:30 PM

Friday, December 20  
Town Mall Field Trip – Grade 5

December 23 – January 1  
SCHOOLS CLOSED – WINTER BREAK

**General Information**

Instruction begins at 8:20 AM each day. It is very important for students to be on time for school, so they are not missing out on important lessons. Please be sure to help your children make it here between 8:05 – 8:20 AM. Our goal is always 100% present and 100% on time! 😊
CLASSROOM VISITS

Classroom visits and conferences by parents and other authorized individuals are encouraged. In accordance with Board of Education Policy 1240, such visits and conferences must be arranged in advance with the school principal or with the classroom teacher. Classroom visits and conferences must be conducted in such a manner that the visits and/or conferences do not interfere with the classroom activities of any student in the class.

WALKERS

It is extremely important for our walkers to cross with our crossing guards. Please do not cross in the middle of the block. Passing cars may not see you and we don’t want you to get hurt. If you walk with an adult, it is still best to cross at the crosswalks and with the crossing guards.

NOVEMBER COUNSELOR’S CORNER

Dear RES families,

In November students will learn conflict resolution strategies in the school counseling core curriculum. Kindergarteners will learn about Buzz the Bee and what to do when they feel “bugged”. Students in first grade will discuss how our words and actions attract others to us or repel others away. Second graders will review a definition of tattling to determine when to tell/report and when not to. In addition, they will develop a list of skills and strategies to use before getting adult help. Third graders will review and learn new strategies to deal with conflicts. In fourth grade students will review and use “I” messages to learn how to assert themselves when needed. Fifth graders will learn how to build and maintain healthy friendships.

Sincerely,

Jessica Chisholm (grades K, 2, 3, & 5) and Megan Loranca (grades 1 & 4)

An Opportunity

Are you watching kids scroll through life, with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span? Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston saw that happening with her own kids and began a quest to uncover how it might impact their development. As with her other two award-winning documentaries on mental health, Ruston takes a deeply personal approach as she probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including her own, to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, SCREENAGERS reveals how tech time impacts kids’ development and also offers solutions on how adults can empower their kids to best navigate the digital world to find balance.

“SCREENAGERS” addresses the most pervasive parenting issue of our time head on—depicting teen struggles over social media, video games and internet addiction. The film empowers kids to best navigate the digital world and provides practical resources to help them do it.
PUMPKIN RUN RESULTS

Reisterstown Elementary School’s Annual Pumpkin Race was held on October 24th. Congratulations to all the students who did their very best and who cheered on their classmates.

Two things were asked of our students for the race:
1. To put forth their best effort
2. To show great sportsmanship and cheer on others
Our students did a great job of doing both!!!

We also want to say thanks to all the parents who came to help with the Pumpkin Run. THANKS VERY MUCH!

Results of the race follow, but as students were told in class, if they put forth the effort and showed great sportsmanship, they were all winners!!!

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Join us for a special screening of

SCREENAGERS

GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

BY: Franklin Middle School, Franklin High School & Reisterstown UMC
WHEN: 11/20/19 6:30PM
WHERE: Franklin High School, 12000 Reisterstown Rd, Reisterstown, MD 21136
TICKETS: $ FREE but please register online @ http://www.screenagersmovie.com/registration/draft/ed/s/ed/18658

screenagersmovie.com