Reisterstown Elementary School is committed to educating the whole child while providing a safe and nurturing environment that promotes a passion for lifelong learning, respect for self, others, the learning environment, and an appreciation for individual differences.

Pamela Oliver-Jones  
Principal

Kaia Stevens  
Assistant Principal

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

March is Reading Month and we have a lot of fun activities planned. The week of March 2-6 is Read Across America Week and we have specific books selected for our teachers and staff to read to our students. Reading Night is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, from 5:30-7:00 and we hope your family can join us for dinner and an evening of fun reading activities. Children learn to love the sound of language before they even notice the existence of printed words on a page. Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world around them. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. Children are never too old to be read to.

Pam Oliver-Jones, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday, March 2  
NEA’s “Read Across America Day”

Wednesday, March 4  
PTA Meeting – 6:30 PM

Thursday, March 5  
RES Reading Night – 5:30-7:00 PM

Thursday, March 12  
Spring Picture Day #1 (Individual and Class photos) **

Friday, March 13  
Spring Picture Day #2 (Individual and Class photos) **

Wednesday, March 25  
Maryland Day

Friday, March 27  
4th/5th Grade Dance – 6:00 pm

LOOKING AHEAD:

Friday, April 3  
Early Dismissal (School Closes at 11:50
NO Mid-Day Transportation for PRE-K
NO PM Pre-School

Monday, April 6-13  
SPRING BREAK

** Please see the Picture Schedule later in this newsletter **
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.

KINDERGARTEN and PRE-K 2020-2021

Please contact the school if you have a child who is eligible to attend Pre-School, Pre-K, or Kindergarten in the 2020-2021 school year. We will be sending out registration information later in March or early April, and need contact information. The office number is (410)887-1133.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:
KINDERGARTEN- Born between September 1, 2014 and August 31, 2015. (Turns 5 before September 1, 2020)

* PRE-K - Born between September 1, 2015 and August 31, 2016. (Turns 4 before September 1, 2020)
* Pre-School - Born between September 1, 2016 and August 31, 2017. (Turns 3 before September 1, 2020)

*Must also meet income requirements as set forth by Baltimore County Public Schools.

EARLY DISMISSAL

In order to maintain the safety of our students, we do not dismiss students between 2:30 and 2:50 PM. If you need to pick your child up early, please make sure to arrive before then. Also, if you know ahead of time that you will be picking up your child early, please send a note to the teacher that morning.

LOST AND FOUND

If your child has lost something here at school, he/she may be able to find it in the Lost and Found. Please check for belongings there. Also, we will have tables out at our Reading Night for you to look through for your child’s belongings. Any unclaimed items will be donated after Reading Night.
FAMILY READING NIGHT

WHO: K-5 RES students and their families
WHAT: Family Reading Night – Pajama Party!
WHEN: Thursday, March 5th from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
WHERE: RES classrooms
WHY: To learn reading activities that will reinforce reading comprehension and decoding skills.

Free chance to win a Fabulous Door prize! Receive Resources to take home! Pizza will be served!

LIBRARY NEWS

• Thanks to Baltimore County Public Schools, Reisterstown Elementary is set to receive a huge shipment of new books to arrive to our library soon.
• If you have a student in K-3rd grade, please participate in the quick survey included HERE in order to help with picking a date for a spring event.
• A huge THANK YOU goes out to Mrs. Meerdter, a RES parent and PTA secretary, that has been volunteering in the library. In addition to her time, Mrs. Meerdter also donated new sets of a very popular book series to our library. The new books fly off the shelf each week!
• Notices for overdue books will continue to come home throughout the year. If you and your child have looked at home for the book(s) and cannot find them, just send me a message on DOJO or email me at mhale2@bcps.org. I must receive confirmation from an adult that the book has been looked for and cannot be found before I can mark the book lost and remove it from the student’s account. If you receive a notice and your child is sure that it was turned in, let me know as well.
• If you are interested in volunteering during your child’s library time, or a time that works with your schedule, please contact me at mhale2@bcps.org.
• I hope to see everyone at this week’s Reading Night on Thursday, March 5th!

SPRING 2020 PICTURE SCHEDULE

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<td>Ms. Boccanfuso; Ms. Minch; Ms. Lake; Ms. Luna; Ms. Edick; Ms. Kennedy; Ms. Crooks; Ms. Bosley; Ms. Gibbs; Ms. Taylor; Ms. Lauber; Ms. Solomon; Ms. Ormond; Ms. Gibbons</td>
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REISTERSTOWN ELEMENTARY FAMILIES

You are invited to participate in
Reisterstown Elementary’s 5th Annual
INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL
Sponsored by the RES PTA
Thursday, April 23, 2020, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Please consider sharing something about your family’s heritage country or culture at our 5th Annual International Festival.

ALL of us in the USA, except those who are purely Native American Indian, have ancestors from some other country or culture in the world!

Here are some ways you could share your international heritage:

*story *music *dance *food *game *simple craft *video
*display of clothing, toys, art, or other objects of your heritage culture

Each country or culture represented will have a station, and other RES families will “take a trip around the world” that night.

It is always an exciting, educational, and FUN time for everybody!

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If you are interested in having a station at our International Festival on the evening of April 23rd,
WE MUST HAVE THIS COMPLETED FORM
BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST AT THE VERY LATEST!

We will contact you with more information later. THANK YOU!

Parent’s Name ________________________________________________________________
Child’s Name ___________________________ Teacher ____________________

YES! We would like to have a station at the International Festival. This is what we would like to show or do to share with other RES families about our family’s heritage country or culture:

____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

Our country or cultural background is ____________________________________________

CONTACT INFORMATION (phone, e-mail) _______________________________
Ustedes están invitados a participar en nuestro cuarto anual Festival Internacional
Patrocinado por el PTA de RES
el jueves, 23 de abril, 2020, 6:00 – 7:30 por la noche

Por favor considere compartir algo sobre el país patrimonio o la cultura de su familia en nuestro cuarto Festival Internacional Anual.
¡TODOS nosotros en los Estados Unidos, excepto aquellos que son puramente indio nativo americano, tenemos antepasados provenientes de algún otro país o cultura en el mundo!

Aquí están algunas maneras en que usted podría compartir su patrimonio internacional:
  * cuento  * música  * baile  * comida  * juego  * arte simple  * video
  * exhibición de ropa, juguetes, arte, u otros objetos de su herencia cultural

¡Cada país o cultura representada tendrá una estación, y otras familias de RES pueden “hacer un viaje alrededor del mundo” esa noche! ¡Siempre es un evento emocionante, educativo y divertido para todos!

Si usted está interesado en tener una estación en nuestro Festival Internacional la noche del 23 de abril, debemos recibir este formulario para el miércoles, 1 de abril a lo más tarde. Nos pondremos en contacto con usted con más información más adelante. ¡GRACIAS!

Nombre de padre ____________________________________________
Nombre de niño/a ___________________________________________ Maestra ________________

¡SÍ! ¡Nos gustaría tener una estación en el Festival Internacional! Esto es lo que pensamos que nos gustaría mostrar o hacer para compartir con otras familias de RES sobre el país de patrimonio o la cultura de nuestra familia:

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Nuestro país o entorno cultural es __________________________________________________________

INFORMACION DE CONTACTO (teléfono, correo electrónico) _________________________________