Reisterstown Elementary February 2024 News

From Your Proud Principal

We are officially in the second half of the school year as we entered the third marking period. January was successful due to the hard work of our staff, students and families. I hope that February will bring the same dedication and support!

Our BCPS Stakeholder Climate Survey will be available online at www.bcps.org starting on February 5. All families are encouraged to complete the survey to share their feedback, which will be used for future planning. We appreciate your support!

Students in kindergarten through grade five will take the MAP assessment in February. We are excited for them to show off the skills that they have obtained in reading and math since the beginning of the year! Students in kindergarten through grade five are also completing Amira assessments, which measure their progress in literacy skills. We look forward to celebrating their progress!

It is very important that students are in school on time every day. We know that illnesses and circumstances come up, and we are understanding when those situations arise. However, good attendance in school is a large factor of student achievement. We look forward to seeing our students in school and supporting them in their development!

Again, I want to thank our staff, students, and families for their engagement and support of everything that we do here at Reisterstown Elementary. We are an amazing team!

Candace Brinkley, Principal

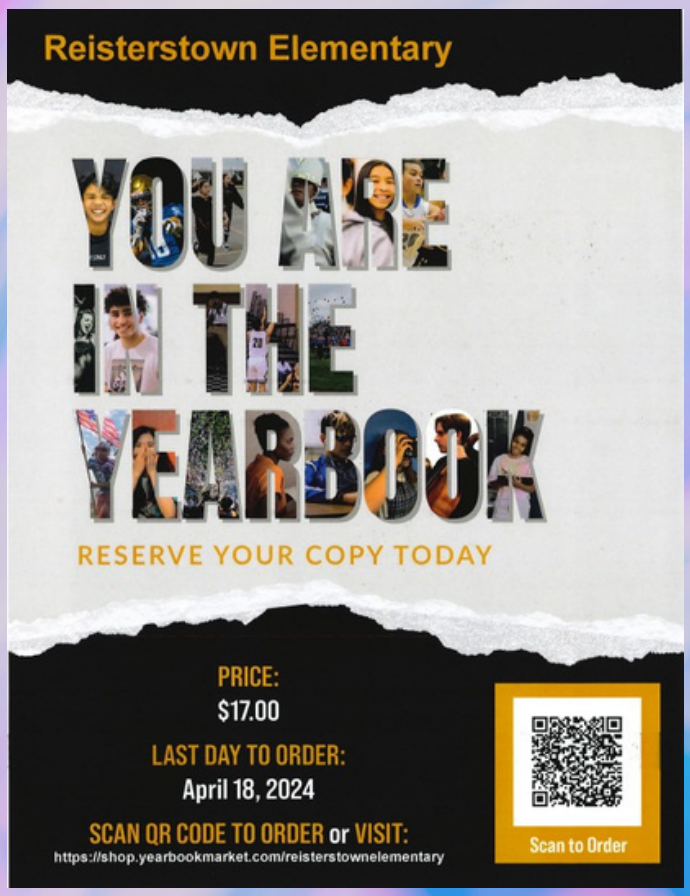
Mark Your Calendars:

FEBRUARY

- Feb 5 - Report Cards
- Feb 9 - No Students (Professional Development)
- Feb 15 - Conscious Discipline Night
- Feb 16 - Kids' Heart Challenge
- Feb 19 - Schools and Offices Closed (Presidents' Day)
- Feb 20 - PTA Event

MARCH

- Mar 5 - PTA Event
- Mar 12 - PTA Talent Show Auditions
- Mar 19 - PTA Talent Show
- Mar 25 - Apr 1 - Schools and Offices Closed (Spring Break)



Yearbooks

Yearbooks are now on sale!
Reserve your copy by scanning the QR code to the left, or type the link into your computer browser.

Arrival and Dismissal Reminders

If you drop your child(ren) off at school in the morning, please plan to drop them off on Walgrove Road. They should walk up to the school via the sidewalk. There are staff members stationed along the way to help them safely get into the building.

<u>We ask that you don't wait until after 8:20 to drop the students off at the front door.</u> Students are marked late after 8:20 and we are working hard to get all our students to school on time. We appreciate your help with this!

For the safety of our children, all early dismissals should be completed by 2:15 PM.

If someone other than a parent/guardian will pick up your child(ren) early, please notify the front office before they arrive to sign the child(ren) out. We must have your permission to release your child to anyone other than a parent/guardian.

Grade Level News

This Month in Miss Jessica's EC3s

Theme: Transportation

Book: *The Wheels on the Bus*

Vocabulary:

Book: *Journey Home from Grandpa's*

Vocabulary:

Nursey Rhyme:

Jack and Jill

Numbers:

2 and 3

Upcoming Dates

February 19th-Schools closed

Songs We Love

Laurie Berkner- Shake it Up

Jack Harman- Penguin Dance

Reminders:

We are running low on tissues, sanitizer, Lysol wipes, and construction paper. If you are able to donate to our classroom, it would be greatly appreciated.

Pre-School

Pre-K

In Pre K, the children have been working hard on identifying and Creating Patterns. Additionally, the children have been working on writing their name. The Unit the children are studying is "Let's Investigate". The children will be asking lots of questions!

Kindergarten

In phonics we are continuing to learn letter names and sounds in isolation. Please continue to practice letter names and sounds at home. We are continuing to develop reading skills using our decodable readers. Please practice reading these stories after they are sent home and practice identifying the following sight words to support your child in reading and writing: a, the, and, go, had, he, I, see, has, you, we, of, am, at, to, as, have, in, it, is, can, his, on, him, did, girl.

We are in the middle of our fourth reading module is Happy Healthy Me. We will explore ways to be healthy through food and exercise and taking care of ourselves. We are also exploring the food groups and learning what makes a healthy meal.

In math we will continue practicing how many items in a collection without counting, comparing sets using the terms "more" and "less", recognizing combinations that make 5 and 10, matching quantities to a written numeral, we will also begin to explore measurement. Please continue to practice counting to 100 by ones, tens and fives at home, this is an important skill as we prepare for 1st grade.
Please remember to pack a water bottle and snack for your child each day and to communicate with your child's teacher on Talking Points or by sending in a written note when your child is absent. We strongly recommend keeping toys at home, we cannot be responsible for them if they are lost or broken.

Grade 1

Welcome to Third Quarter First Grade Families.
This quarter in Reading we will begin Module 5: "Now you See It, Now You, Don't".
This module describes how sources of light affect people. It explains the relationship between Earth and the sun. Children learn that the rotation of Earth causes night and day. They also learn how the seasons change as Earth revolves around the sun.

We will be studying key ideas/ details, text organization and story structure with texts related to the theme.
In Math we will begin Geometry. In this unit your child will:
Identify, name, describe, and compare 2- and 3-D shapes based on their defining features

- Draw 2-D shapes and build 3-D shapes
- Use two or more geometric shapes to create a new composite shape or figure
- Split whole shapes into 2, 3, or 4 equal parts called halves, thirds, or fourths/quarters .

The First Grade team is looking forward to seeing our families at Conscious Discipline Night on February 15th!

It is hard to believe we are already halfway through 2nd grade! February will bring new learning in math as we explore place value to one thousand by adding and subtracting in multiples of 10 and 100. Students will also learn the value of different US coins to practice counting by 5 and 10 and consider 25 cents or a quarter as a unit. In ELA, students will read various texts to study how weather changes from day to day and from season to season. Through texts and collaborative work, they will explore types of weather they may experience quite often, or may never experience–such as blizzards or hurricanes. Students will also learn to notice how the weather affects them and their communities and write a poem to describe how the weather helps them decide what to do each day. We are looking forward to another exciting month in 2nd grade!

Grade 2

Grade 3

In the 2nd quarter, third grade worked on Module 3: Let Freedom Ring, Module 4: Stories on Stage, and Module 5: Teamwork. We read a variety of fiction and nonfiction texts during these modules, and focused on identifying and discussing author's purpose, literary elements, central idea, elements of drama, and figurative language.In math this quarter, we focused on rounding numbers to the nearest ten or hundred, estimating sums and differences, solving 2- and 3- digit addition and subtraction problems using a variety of strategies. We have started working on measurement and time.

In science, third grade have started the Driving Forces science unit. We will be working with the scientific process as we learn about forces and motion 🙂 Be on the look out as we will need supplies for this unit!

Grade 4

We are halfway through the school year and the fourth graders have been busy. In reading we are finishing Module 5: Art Everywhere and starting Module 6: Marvels of Nature. In math we are finishing Unit 4: Addition, Subtraction, and Measurement and starting Unit 5: Geometry and Measurement. We are starting Social Studies and will be learning about the geography and economics of the United States and Maryland. Supplies are running low, please ask your child if any supplies need to be replenished.

Grade 5

Coming up in February, Fifth grade will be cycling back around to some Science units for our content blocks. We will be working on units about space/time (Becoming Banneker) and water (Where's the Water?). In ELA, we will be moving into Module 6, which is about Art for Everyone. Ms. Lauber and Ms. Harlan's math classes will be in Unit 5, learning how to multiply and divide fractions. Ms. Ormond's math class will be finishing up their Equations and Expressions unit and beginning their Proportional Relationships unit. As always, please check that your child has their necessary supplies for school. Pencils are running low for many students, so your child may need some more. Also, our classrooms are in desperate need of tissues. If possible, please send a box in with your child–it is much appreciated! Thank you for your continued help & support!

From the School Nurse

To all grade levels!

Change of clothing needed!!

Accidents and spills happen.

Please send in a change of clothes for your student to keep in their locker.

(Pants donation for the Health Suite are also welcome)

Have a little fun! Can you find all the words listed?

Reisterstown Rec Spring
GIRLS LACROSSE

Ages/Grades: Ages 5-14/ K-9th

Practice: Reisterstown Sportsplex

Registration: OPEN NOW!

Register: reisterstownrec.com/lacrosse

Contact: Bethany Spriggs

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