



REISTERSTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

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.

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NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to November!

In this month of giving thanks, I like to reflect on those blessings for which I am grateful. These include: the students, who are logging into school sessions each day and are prepared to do their best, the parents and guardians who support 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 in our virtual learning environment. May you find things to be thankful for during this holiday season.

On Monday, November 30, report cards are available for students in grades 1 to 5 and Wednesday, December 2, has been set aside for parent conferences for students in grades kindergarten through grade 5. Pre-k and preschool conferences will be held on Monday, December 1st, and Tuesday, December 2nd, and school is closed for those students on those days. Progress reports for pre-school, pre-k, and kindergarten students will be available on Friday, December 11. 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 Class Dojo, phone calls, emails, and the online grade book that is available in BCPS One/Schoology. 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.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Pam Oliver-Jones, Principal



School Counseling Program

As part of our School Counseling Program, your child’s class will have the opportunity to engage in an asynchronous counseling core curriculum lesson during the month of November. The theme for this month is Relationship Skills. Students in both primary and intermediate grades will identify and reflect upon concrete social and communication skills that will enrich their close relationships with family and friends. 5th grade will incorporate a discussion of specific traits of friendships that contribute to an overall sense of well-being. These lessons will be posted on Schoology. Your child can access this lesson by going to their teacher’s Schoology page.

We are also offering small groups and brief individual counseling. Our groups often focus on friendship, social skills, following directions and getting along with others. Please feel free to contact us with any questions about the program. We can be reached via email or Class Dojo.

Grades K, 1, 3 & 5- Mrs. Chisholm jchisholm@bcps.org
 Grades 2 & 4- Mrs. Loranca mloranca@bcps.org

It is our hope that the core curriculum counseling lessons will help to promote the social emotional, academic, and career development of our students. We hope that you can help your child reflect on these lessons by discussing their content together. Please feel free to contact either of us with any questions about the program.

<u>TECHNOLOGY HELP:</u>	
Click here for directions on how to get tech support.	
BCPS Tech Support Resources page- https://bcpsone.bcps.org/support/	
• Google Meet Guide, Parent Schoology, Signing into Chrome:	https://bcpsone.bcps.org/support/application/
• Home Internet Access	https://bcpsone.bcps.org/support/connectivity/
• Chrome Wi-fi Connection, Power Adapters	https://bcpsone.bcps.org/support/device/
• Parent Accounts, Student Accounts	https://bcpsone.bcps.org/support/account/



STUDENT MEAL/PANTRY RESOURCES:

<u>BCPS MEAL SITES</u>	Breakfast & Lunch
Mon & Wed	2 days of meals on Monday & 3 on Wednesday
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Franklin Middle, Franklin High, Owings Mills High
11:45 AM – 12:30 PM	Reisterstown ES– Meals by school bus
11:00 AM – 11:30 PM	Brookebury – Meals by school bus (leasing office)
11:45 AM -12:30 PM	Caraway - Meals by school bus (leasing office)
<u>FOOD PANTRIES/DISTRIBUTION</u>	
M, W, F (12:00 – 2:00 PM)	Owings Mills Public Library – Children 10 years and younger
Friday (11:00 AM)	Owings Mills High School (Student Support Network) Glyndon ES (Baltimore Hunger Project)
Saturday (11:00 AM – 1:00 PM)	Franklin High 12000 Reisterstown Rd.
Monday (5:00 PM – 7:00 PM) and Saturday (9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)	Community Crisis Center 752 Main St.
Saturday (8:30 AM – 10:30 AM)	Reisterstown United Methodist Church 308 Main St. **Also, 1 st Sat. of the month: Drive thru meals – (11:30 AM – 12:30 PM)
Sunday (2:00 PM – 4:00 PM)	Uproar Church 10711 Red Run Blvd.
1 st and 3 rd Saturdays (10:00 AM – 11:30 AM)	Bridgeway Community Church 11301 Red Run Blvd.
** Information believed to be accurate, but is subject to change**	

**ADDITIONAL FOOD RESOURCES OFFERED BY REISTERSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
246 Main Street, Reisterstown, MD 21136**

<u>COMMUNITY KITCHEN</u>	<u>THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>STUDENT SUPPORT NETWORK</u> Holiday Updates
Drive Thru Meals: 11/7 & 12/5 11:30 am-12:30 pm ID & Mask Required	Wednesday, 11/18 12:00-6:00 pm Drive-thru <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12-14 lb. Frozen Turkey • Box of Sides ID and Mask Required First Come, First Served (limited quantities)	Tuesday, 11/24 -Holiday Bag Giveaway 11:00 am -1:00 pm 11:00 am-1:00 pm Tuesday, 12/22 Tuesday, 12/29 Fridays, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20 & 12/4, 12/11, 12/18 Owings Mills High School 124 S. Tollgate Road

Social Work Spotlight



Each month, our school Social Worker Ms. Kline is going to share resources, tips, tricks, and ideas related to social emotional learning. This is Ms. Kline's 2nd year as our school social worker, and she loves being part of the Reisterstown Elementary School family! Need to contact her? Her email address is HKline@bcps.org

Supporting Your Child During Virtual Learning

1. **Keep a schedule, including breaks!** Create and stick to a schedule that includes sleep, school, meals, time outside, and a little fun! Kids thrive on routines and it will help ensure there are enough hours in the day for the things the whole family needs to do.
2. **Practice, practice, practice:** If your little one is still having trouble logging onto their computer, schoology or their class meetings, practice with them when it isn't school time. Have their meeting codes and their username/password written down where they can see it each day.
3. **Create a special e-learning space (or two!).** Get organized and have some fun! You don't have to spend a fortune to make the space special. You can use a trifold like this one and decorate it with stickers, your child's artwork, and their schedule!
4. **Give your child (and yourself), some grace!** Be flexible and know that you're not alone in this-- around 70% of families across the country are learning virtually. Celebrate every victory- big or small!! Be open to talking about what's going well and what isn't.



5. **Know who to ask for help.** Virtual learning is HARD. Some of our kids are having increased anxiety, trouble with paying attention or behavior problems at home. The RES family is here to support you, and if you need any extra help please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher, or Ms. Kline for some ideas on how to make things go more smoothly.

