Greetings Timber Grove Families,

The temperatures are getting cooler and the leaves are changing colors which means that marking period 1 is coming to a close! Report cards for grades 1-5 will be distributed on November 21st. Please review this progress report with your student and discuss their achievements, areas for growth and goals for marking period 2. Also, please periodically log into Schoology so that you can monitor your student’s progress throughout the school year.

As we enter November, we look forward to American Education Week (AEW). This year we will be celebrating AEW at Timber Grove Elementary School from November 18 - 21, 2019. We are very excited to have our parents visit our school and observe the rigorous instructional program. Our instructional goals for the 2019-20 school year are: teaching students to use reading comprehension strategies and facilitating effective communication of strategies and reasoning when solving math problems.

As in previous years, parents who pre-register for AEW will receive a preprinted visitor badge. If you are not pre-registered, you may have to wait in line in order to have your badge printed. Information regarding pre-registration came home with all students last week. Grandparents are welcome to join us as well, however, non-school aged children are discouraged from attending.

The week’s visitation schedule is as follows:

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If you are unable to attend on your child’s visitation day, feel free to coordinate with your child’s teacher to visit at another date and time.

Finally, as cooler weather approaches, please have your student come to school prepared for outdoor recess. Expect outdoor recess if there is no precipitation and the temperature is not too cold. Remember that students are outside for approximately 20 minutes.

We look forward to seeing you during American Education Week 2019!

Best regards,
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News from the Office

Timber Grove Parent Handbook

Please visit the Timber Grove Elementary Website to access the Timber Grove Elementary Parent Handbook. The parent handbook has helpful information as well as teacher email addresses.

https://timbergrovees.bcps.org

Important

Crosswalks

For the safety of everyone, please use crosswalks. Walking across the carpool lane is unsafe. If observed, staff will direct you to the crosswalk. Drivers are asked not to block crosswalks with their cars.

Carpool

If you utilize the carpool lane, please:

- Follow the directives of staff and signage, which includes pulling down as far as possible. Stopping at the steps or main entrance (when there is room to pull down) backs up the carpool line unnecessarily.
- Do not exit your vehicle. Park on Academy Avenue or in the parking lot if you need additional time getting your child(ren) ready for school.
- Adhere to posted traffic signs. Right turns only out of the school property are required until 8:20 a.m. (in the morning) and 3:00 p.m. (in the afternoon).

Classroom Visits

In accordance to BCPS Rule 1240, any visitor to the school building requesting a classroom visit must adhere to the following:

A. Classroom visits and conferences by parents and other authorized individuals are encouraged. Such visits and conferences must be arranged in advance with the school principal or with the classroom teacher.
B. Such visits and conferences are at the discretion of the principal.
C. 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.

We also request that non-school aged children not accompany parents for classroom visits.
**BCPS One Parent Account**

Sign up at [https://bcpsone.bcps.org/](https://bcpsone.bcps.org/).
With a BCPS One Parent Account, parents can:
- Pay for school lunches in MySchoolBucks
- View assignments and grades in Schoology
- Read report cards in Student info
- Access student attendance in Student info

**Morning Arrivals/Afternoon Dismissals**

**Please do not drop your student(s) off prior to 8:00 am.** Staff are not on duty until 8:00 am. With colder mornings, we do not want student(s) waiting in the cold unsupervised. If your student(s) walk to school, please make sure they are dressed appropriately. Staff is not on duty after 3:05 pm, so please make sure your student(s) are picked up on time.

**Dismissal Changes and Early Dismissal**

Please put all dismissal changes in writing to the homeroom teacher (signed and dated by a parent). If you are emailing the change please cc the office at ehier@bcps.org and plindenbaum@bcps.org.

If you need to pick up a student early, please try to do so prior to 2:30 PM. Students will not be dismissed early to anyone other than the legal guardians without written notification stating who will be picking them up. Please make sure they bring photo identification for verification.

**News from Kindergarten**

We are excited to see all families for American Education Week! Please remember to have students complete their homework, review and practice sight words, and read each week. Also, when your child is absent, please continue to communicate with your child’s teacher and to send absence notes with them when they return.

**News from 3rd Grade**

Students are working on identifying the moral of fables and folktales in ELA. Students are also learning about a mayfly named Murray and how sedimentation is harming his health and his habitat. In math, they are learning how to round to the nearest 10 and 100 and will soon be adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers with regrouping. Conference letters have been sent home. Please be sure to secure your time with your child’s teacher.
News from 4th Grade

In mathematics, students will use various place value strategies to solve multiplication problems. In reading, we have started Unit 2 which is an author study of Kate DiCamillo. During our small group experiences, our students will closely read novels written by Kate DiCamillo as we dive into a character study including traits, transformation, and development. Parent/Teacher Conference Day is on Friday, November 22nd so please be on the lookout for a flyer where you can sign up to meet with your child’s teacher!

** As a reminder, please ensure that your child is in school on time each day as our instruction begins promptly at 8:30! Please also ensure that your child has the necessary supplies needed daily and that the supplies are replenished when needed. Lastly, if there is a dismissal change, please be sure to send in a “signed” note to your child’s teacher! Thank you for your continued support! **

News from 5th Grade

Reading: The fifth grade classes are moving into Unit 2, which is the unit where we cross social studies with reading. Many of the lessons that are taught in reading directly tie into social studies. Students will learn about how the colonists wanted to cut ties with Great Britain, King George III and Parliament, which ultimately led to the American Revolutionary War. Students will also be engaging in the reading of historical fiction novels that correlate with that time period. Please remind your child to read nightly and practice fluency. You can also ask your child comprehension questions as they’re reading, such as “Who is your favorite character and why?”; “Tell me more about…. How did that make the character feel or react?”; “Why do you think the author made the character sound like that?”.

Math: Our fifth graders are entering or have entered into Unit 2 which is our ‘Multiplying whole numbers and decimals’ unit. Students will be multiplying whole numbers by whole numbers (up to 4 digit times 2 digit), whole numbers by decimals, and decimals by decimals. Please encourage your child to practice math facts as often as possible. Math fluency with these facts will help with the skills of multiplying and dividing. Making flash cards or cards on rings or downloading an App to practice at dinner or in the car is great!
News from the Library

A quick reminder that all entries for the Draw a Book Cover Contest are due by November 8th. The book fair is coming November 18th through the 22nd. If you are interested in volunteering, want to set up an E-wallet or would like to make an online purchase, check out the fair’s website at https://www.scholastic.com/bf/timbergroveschool. Please stop in to shop with your child or visit after your parent conferences to find some great gifts! More information will come home as we get closer!

News from Instrumental Music

Fourth Grade exploratory music students are learning about the Woodwind Family. Students are excited to play a clarinet in class and are currently learning how to assemble the reed to the clarinet mouthpiece to prepare for playing on a full clarinet.

Fifth grade band students are learning the notes of the concert B flat major scale while the fifth-grade string students are learning the notes of the D major scale. Instruments should not be left in school overnight. All 5th grade instrumental students should bring their instruments home to practice after their lesson that day. Students are required to practice their instrument for at least 5 days a week for approximately 15 minutes a day to refine the skills and reinforce skills learned in class. Please remind your child to practice.

News from Vocal Music

Kindergarten is working on high/low, fast/slow, and long/short. 1st and 2nd graders are working on rhythm and the values of notes and rests. 3rd graders are learning notes on the treble clef and they are playing a game with those notes. 4th graders are working through the recorder pyramid. Some students are already on level 3! 5th graders have been completing Wixie projects on syncopation and the C Major Scale.
News from Physical Education

The PE department will be having the Turkey Trot again this year. It will be on November 27th during the student’s specials time. Please have your children wear appropriate clothing for that day. If it is cold please wear hats, gloves, sneakers/tennis shoes, jackets. They should also bring a water bottle with them to school that day. Thank you.

Attendance

Congratulations to the following classes on their attendance rates for the month of October:

Mr. Sallow- 97.9%
Mrs. Jones- 97.7%
Mrs. Siwak and Ms. Sinclair- 97.2%

An automated message is sent at 10:00 am if your child (ren) is absent.

Please send in a note when they return.
All absent notes must have a parent/guardian’s signature.

Volunteering


Lost and Found

Please make sure to label your child (ren)’s items i.e. sweaters, jackets, coats, and hats so they do not end up in the Lost and Found.
Español at Timber Grove

Noticias de Español del Equipo (Team) Español

Noviembre es un mes especial!

Day of the Dead o Día de los Muertos combina la antigua costumbre azteca de celebrar a los antepasados con All Souls' Day, un día que los invasores españoles trajeron a México a principios del siglo XV.

El día, que se celebra principalmente en México el 1 y 2 de noviembre, es como una reunión familiar—excepto que los antepasados muertos son los huéspedes de honor. Día de los Muertos es un tiempo alegre que ayuda a las personas a recordar a los difuntos y celebrar su memoria.

Es un día que ha sido celebrado en películas de animación populares como "The Book of Life" y "Coco".

Verifica aplicaciones como Duolingo si quieres practicar y mejorar tu español en casa.

Practicar estas preguntas básicas pero muy importantes en casa con tu familia.

¿Cómo te llamas? Me llamo ________________.
¿Cómo te describen? Soy atlético/a. Soy artística/o Soy talentoso/a
¿Cuántos años tienes? Tengo _______ años.
¿Qué te gusta hacer? Me gusta __________.
leer – read practicar deportes – play sports dormir – sleep cantar - sing

Noticias de Español con Señor Lawrence para Diciembre

Hay mucho que celebrar y dar gracias por. Espero que todos disfrutaron su Día de Acción de Gracias.

Gran verso para usar en la mesa:
Damos gracias por la vida – We give thanks for life
la familia – family
los amigos – Friends
y la comida – and food

En 5º grado trabajamos con profesiones y comida. (Profesiones y comida)
En 4º grado trabajamos con actividades que nos gustan y moviéndonos hacia la familia. (Actividades y familia)

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**From the Cafeteria**

Track Balances & Purchases

View your student’s meal purchases and current account balance at a glance. We’ll even send you a reminder when their balance gets low.

Download the MySchoolBucks app and get convenient access to meal balances, purchases, and make payments right from your phone. Schedule automatic payments, make payments anytime, anywhere from the mobile app. Pay with your credit/debit card or electronic check.

Visit [https://www.myschoolbucks.com](https://www.myschoolbucks.com) to sign up.

Check and cash payments are also welcomed. Please put your check or cash in a sealed envelope with the student’s name, grade, and teacher’s name. Students may also bring money directly to the cafeteria during their lunch time.

**From the Nurse’s Office**

**Staying Healthy This Coming Season**

Winter is coming and with it comes all the viruses, flu’s and other illnesses that seem to find us. The CDC states that the most important thing we can do to protect ourselves from all of the illnesses and spread of germs is to wash our hands! Rub hands together with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Make sure to clean between fingers and under nails. Soap and water are the most effective in cleaning our hands, but an alcohol-based hand sanitizer may be used as well. Wash hands before eating, after using the bathroom, blowing your nose, touching eyes and nose and/or touching a pet. Also think about washing hands after touching a door knob, keyboard, and/or shaking hands. **PREVENTION IS KEY.** Everyone knows that hand washing is the best way to prevent the spread of disease, but did you know that many kids do not know how to properly blow their noses and cover their mouths with their elbow? Please practice these simple, yet valuable hygiene skills at home. **Please help us prevent the spread of viruses and the flu in our school!**

**The health suite is in need of gently used clothes.**

From time to time students have accidents and need a change of clothes. The health suite is in need of pants (all sizes). Sweat pants work great. Your donation will be greatly appreciated!
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL SAFETY

Safety and Security – Visitor Access to Our Schools

The safety of our students, staff, and visitors is a top priority for all of us at Timber Grove Elementary. You can help us!

Please be sure to follow these important steps when entering and exiting our school:

- Each visitor to schools must be screened at the entry door individually.
- Do not open or hold open a door for anyone else. You are not being rude!
- Pull/Push the front door closed upon entry or exit.
- Report directly to the main office upon entry and show your identification.
- Check out in the main office before exiting the building.
- Please remind your children not to open the door for anyone.

As always, the safety of our students is our number one concern. Thank you for your continued support of your student and of Timber Grove Elementary.

Sincerely,
Mr. Scott Audlin
Principal

Dismissal Changes

Please put all dismissal changes in writing to the homeroom teacher (signed and dated by a parent). If you are emailing the change please cc the office at ehier@bcps.org and plindenbaum@bcps.org.
Early Dismissal/Late Openings/Closed Schools

If schools close early, open late, or are closed please do not call the school. We need to keep our phone lines available for emergencies. Call the BCPS information line at 443-809-5555, listen to WBAL Radio or the local news. You can also access the information on the internet: www.bcps.org, www.schoolsout.com, BCPSNow or on twitter Baltimore Co Schools@BaltCoPs

**Early Dismissals:**

If weather conditions require an early dismissal of one or two hours, the closures will affect programs as follows:

- Afternoon Pre-kindergarten classes are cancelled.
- All after school child care programs are cancelled.
- All BCPS activities scheduled in schools are cancelled.

**Closed School:**

If weather conditions require that all schools be closed, the closures will effect programs as follows:

- All before and after school activities and school sponsored events are cancelled.
- All before and after school child care programs are cancelled.
- All BCPS activities scheduled in schools are cancelled.

**Delayed School Opening:**

All before school child care programs are cancelled. After school activities will not be affected by a delayed opening.

- Morning Pre-kindergarten classes are cancelled.

  When school opening is **delayed 1 hour**, our school day will begin at 9:20 a.m.

  When school opening is **delayed 2 hours**, our school day will begin at 10:20 a.m.

  Whenever possible, morning decision to close or delay school will be made by 5:30 a.m. and communicated to media outlets.

  If schools are closing 1 or 2 hours early, whenever possible, the announcement will be made by 10:30 a.m.

  If schools must close three hours early, whenever possible, the announcement will be made at 10:00 a.m.

Please make sure you and your child/children have a plan if school should close early. Also, please check with your daycare provider(s) for their policies.
**News from PTO**

Tuesday, November 19th- Restaurant night at Reters Crab House & Grill located at 509 Main Street, Reisterstown 21136

No PTO meeting Tuesday, November 19th

Friday, November 15th- Spirit wear orders due

Monday November 18th-Friday, November 22nd- Book Fair. Volunteers are needed. Family shopping night is November 21st.

Yankee Candle should be delivered the third week of November. Fliers will go home to students who placed orders when the product arrives.

**Looking Ahead**

Every Tuesday is Timber Grove Tuesday…..wear your spirit wear or Timber Grove Green.

Every Friday is Football Friday…wear your favorite football team swag.

**November 2019**

- Friday, November 8th-First Marking Period Ends-Elementary and Middle
- Schools Close 3 Hours Early for Students
- Football Friday
- Monday, November 11th- Veterans Day
- Friday, November 15th-Football Friday
- Monday-Friday, November 18th-22nd-American Education Week
- Thursday, November 21st-Report Cards Distributed Grades 1-5
- Friday, November 22nd- Conference Day. No school for students.
- Monday, November 25th-PreK Conference Day. Schools are closed for PreK students only
- Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th- Schools closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

**December 2019**

- Monday, December 9th-Picture make-up day
- Friday, December 20th-Winter Break begins at the end of the school day

**January 2020**

- Thursday, January 2nd- School Re-opens