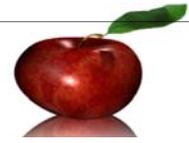


September 2018

Timber Grove Elementary



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- 4th Opening Day for Students
- 10th Schools Closed for Rosh Hashanah
- 18th PTO Meeting at 6:15 PM
- 19th Schools Closed for Yom Kippur
- 21st Raven's Spirit Day
- 25th Picture Day
- 29th Franklin High School Homecoming Parade 9:00 AM

October 2018

- 2nd Ice Cream Social 5:30-7:00 PM
- 8th Columbus Day
- 19th Professional Development Day Schools Closed for Students



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Timber Talk

Principal's Message

Welcome back to a brand new year! The excitement and enthusiasm for the 2018-19 school year is palpable in the hallways of Timber Grove. Our students are rekindling established relationships while forming bonds with their new classroom family. As I walk through every classroom every day, I see engaging lessons, active students, and burgeoning communities. As is the tradition of Timber Grove, our first day of classes saw a tremendous outpouring of enthusiasm and support as evidenced by the huge community turnout to wish their students well on their way to class. Our students are quickly learning new routines, building new relationships and getting reacclimated to rigorous instruction.

As usual, the summer was very busy at Timber Grove getting ready for the 2018-2019 school year. I would like to thank our custodial team for all their work in preparing the building for our students' return. It is always a monumental summer task and their efforts have paid off as the school is shiny and ready for a wonderful year. Our School Progress Planning team met multiple times over the summer to reexamine and refine how Timber Grove will continue to move forward and meet the needs of all learners. As we presented at Back to School Night, we will continue to have two main focuses, climate and literacy. We will refine our restorative practices so that we can continue to foster a warm and welcoming environment for all students. Similarly, we will continue to refine our data-driven instruction so that we can meet the needs of all students by customizing our approaches to individual student goals.

Establishing and maintaining a safe school environment is paramount for all school activities. To that end, procedures that were established last school year will continue with refinements for 2018-2019. All visitors to the building must be buzzed in through the front doors. Please expect our front office staff to ask for your name, the nature of your visit and if an appointment has been arranged. Once in the building, **all visitors must go to the office and present a photo ID to be raptored in before being issued a visitor's badge.** Visitor badges must be worn at all times while inside our building. Anyone not displaying the proper identification will be redirected to the office. Once you are finished with your visit, please return to the main office to turn your badge back in. We appreciate your patience with these procedures as they help keep our school safe for students and staff alike.

I am very excited for this upcoming school year! I look forward to another great year with you and your child! Please remember my door is always open to the Timber Grove community.

Best regards,
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News from the School Counselor

Students in Prek and 5th grade were given packets regarding the magnet programs for next year. Applications can be done online and must be submitted by 1:00 PM on November 16th or mailed to: Elementary School Magnet Application/Baltimore County Public Schools/105 W. Chesapeake Avenue/Towson, MD 21204

Important dates to remember are: application process will open on September 17th and close on November 16th.

If you have any questions visit the Magnet Programs Website: tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet or calling the BCPS Magnet Programs at 443-809-4127.

News from 1st Grade

We are off to a great start this year in first grade! Homework will begin this week, which will consist of a weekly Phonics packet and a nightly Math worksheet. We ask that you please check your child's red folder daily for homework assignments and hand-outs. If you have not sent in a pair of headphones for your child, please do so as soon as possible. We look forward to a successful year!

News from 2nd Grade

In ELA, we began our first unit on Friendship. Students will be reading fiction stories and discussing story elements and character relationships. In Math, students are working with the number system by adding and subtracting numbers. We are also working on telling time to the hour. During Social Studies, students are learning about the United States. In Health, we began our Personal Health unit. Please be on the lookout for homework. If you have not already done so, please send in headphones with your child.

News from 3rd Grade

Third grade is off to a great start! Please be sure to check your child's planner nightly for homework and notes from the teacher. We are currently working on Determining Relationships Between Humans and Nature in ELA, Multiplication in Math, and Building Healthy Relationships in Health. Please continue to read at home with your child and practice math facts!

News from 4th Grade

We are excited that we have successfully started our school year and are now diving into the curriculum now that we are all in sync with our schedules, routines, and procedures! In mathematics, we have started our first unit which is working with place value and adding and subtracting. In this first unit, students will use place value concepts to estimate and compare numbers. Students will also use properties of operations and number sense to perform multi-digit arithmetic. In reading, we are working on reading comprehension strategies as well as starting our first unit where our students will be exploring the stories people tell by comparing and contrasting first and second hand accounts of the same events or topics. As we are getting into the full swing of the school year we are asking that students bring in headphones to aid with completing independent work, listening to texts, and helping to personalize instruction. Please feel free to label your child's name on their headphones and we will have a place to store them!

**** 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

In fifth grade, we are busy getting started with our year. We are learning about whole number place value and decimal place value. To practice at home, you can quiz your child on the place and value of a number or decimal you write. In ELA, we are learning about main idea and details, text features and text structure. We encourage all students to read at home. If you have not done so, please send in your email so your homeroom teacher has it on file for very important fifth grade updates and information. We look forward to having a great year with you!

News from the PE

Timber Grove P. E. teachers are Mrs. Wagner and Mr. Handler. It is Mr. Handler's 4th year here at Timber Grove and Mrs. Wagner's 3rd year. If your child is in grades K-3 they will have P.E. twice a week for 50 minutes. 4th and 5th graders have P.E. once a week. Please ask your child or your child's teacher what days they come. It is very important that they come prepared by wearing safe shoes to class. (sneakers or tennis shoes). We can also use donations of hand sanitizer and tissues for the gym anytime throughout the school year. Thank you.

News from the Library

The Timber Grove Library has many awesome events coming up this year! We will have 2 book fairs this year; one in the end of November and one in April. The one in November will be open during conference day, so swing by to shop for some holiday gifts! We will also host the 2nd Annual Book Swap in the spring. Over the past few weeks students have been reviewing book care and library rules. Grades 2-5 will be moving on to learn about digital citizenship in the next few weeks. Kindergarten and 1st will be continuing to learn about our library. You can help your child take care of their library books by having a safe spot for the books, reviewing book care rules, and reminding them to return the books on library day. Want to keep informed on the library progress? Follow us on twitter @TGtigerslibrary.

News from Vocal Music

We are ready for another fun-filled year in music. The primary students are learning some "hello" songs and the Timber Grove Pep song. The 3rd graders are getting their first instrument, the recorder. They should be practicing often to increase their confidence and fluency on the recorder. The 4th and 5th grade students are continuing to perform on the recorder and they are working on specific rhythmic concepts in class, like syncopation.

News from Instrumental Music

Greetings from Timber Grove's Instrumental Music Department! 5th Grade instrumental lessons began on Monday, September 17th. Students need the book *Sound Innovations book 1* for their instrument. Instrumental students need to bring their instrument and book to every lesson. All students must bring their instrument home from school to practice every night. Each student is required to practice 15 minutes a day for at least 5 days a week to maintain the skills learned in class. Please make sure this is documented on the calendar practice log that was provided. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at lgoldman@bcps.org. I am excited about our instrumental music program this year!

Musically yours,

Ms. Goldman

News from BCPS

Notification of Availability of Asbestos Management Plan in accordance to the Federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). This notification is published in the Annual Notification section of the School Information Calendar.

Maryland Meals for Achievement

Beginning September 4, 2018, all students have the opportunity to eat breakfast in their classroom at school each morning at no charge. Breakfast will include milk, juice and/or fruit, and an entrée, such as a whole grain muffin, oatmeal chip bar, or reduced sugar cereals.

This program which is called Breakfast in the Classroom (BIC), is funded by the Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA) with money from the federal National School Breakfast Programs and with state funds awarded to our school by the Maryland State Department of Education.

We will continue to offer school lunch in the cafeteria under the traditional payment system.

From the Office:

Please don't forget to return:

1. The Student Information Review for School Year 2018-2019 to your child's teacher.
2. Consent for Administration of Approved Discretionary Medications and Health Contact Information.
3. Student Handbook Acknowledgement Form.

Be sure to follow Timber Grove Elementary on Twitter. @timbergroves

Lost and Found

Please make sure to label your child(rens) items i.e. sweaters, jackets, coats, and hats so they do not end up in the Lost and Found.

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.

BCPS One Card

The BCPS Department of School Safety planned and developed a system for implementation of a one-card staff and student identification system during the 2013–2014 school year. Implementation began in the spring of 2014 with the distribution of One-card badges to all BCPS employees. The implementation continued during the 2014–2015 school year with all students receiving their One-card badges. Students have experienced the additional functionality of the One-card including, but not limited to:

- Identifying students; and,
- Checking out library and media materials.

Each student is given a BCPS One Card. All new students to Timber Grove will be provided a new BCPS One Card. All returning students should have their BCPS One Card from the previous year. If your student has lost their card, there is a fee of \$5.00 cash only to replace it.

Volunteering

Please visit <http://www.bcps.org/parents/pdf/BCPS-New-Volunteer-Handbook.pdf> if you plan to volunteer.