Welcome back Timber Grove Family for the 2019-2020 school year! The whole school is abuzz with excitement for the upcoming year. Our students are re-establishing old relationships while working to form new ones with their current classmates. It is a joy to once again see classes with engaging lessons, active learning, and communities built upon respect and care for all. As I have witnessed over my time at 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. I am very proud to see that our students are quickly learning new routines, getting reacclimated to rigorous instruction, and building trusting relationships that will ensure their success this year.

The summer was a busy time at Timber Grove getting ready for the 2019-2020 school-year. Many thanks to our fantastic custodial team for all its hard work in preparing the building for our students return. It is always a monumental task and their efforts have paid off as the school is shiny and ready for a wonderful year. Beyond the reflections on the floors, you will also notice that our lockers look like new with a fresh coat of paint. Timber Grove green, of course! Our School Progress Planning team met over the summer to reexamine and refine how we will continue to move forward and meet the needs of all learners. As I presented at Back to School Night, we will continue to have two main focuses, climate and literacy. We will extend our restorative practices so that we can continue to foster an environment where all students feel welcome and safe to learn. Similarly, we will continue to utilize data-driven instruction to meet the needs of all students through customized approaches.

Establishing and maintaining a safe school environment is paramount for all school activities. As in previous years, 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 your badge to the main office.
Principal’s Message Continued

Similarly, in order to assure the safety of our students and staff at drop-off and pickup, please follow the directions of staff members including pulling down to the end of the car pool loop, only crossing at designated crosswalks and following all posted road signs. We appreciate your patience with these procedures as they help keep our school safe for students, parents and staff alike.

I look forward to another great year with you and your child at Timber Grove!

Best regards,
Scott Audlin, Principal
Timber Grove Elementary School
Baltimore County Public Schools
410-887-1714
@saudlin1  

News From The Office:

Timber Grove Elementary is excited to welcome HotSpots as the new before and aftercare provider at our school this year.

Our Mission

We provide a high quality, student centered educational program with resources that support digital learners, academics and social growth. Our program promotes a safe, positive and caring environment.

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Healthy Snacks
Physical Activity
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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

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

Kindergarten

Students should wear tennis shoes every day for safe outdoor play at recess.

Please remember to take the volunteer training!! Thanks to those who have already done so! The training can be found at bcps.org under the ‘Parents’ section.

News from 1st Grade

First grade is having so much fun being back at school!! In phonics, we are continuing to work on the “Getting Started” Open Court phonics lessons, which review letters and handwriting. We will begin Unit 1 in math this week. In reading, we are still working on our conscious discipline lessons and learning what it means to be a part of a classroom family. Homework will begin next week! Please remember to sign and return page 33 of the Student Behavior Handbook, the blue health forms, and the emergency contact forms ASAP.

News from 3rd Grade

Welcome to 3rd grade! We are looking forward to a fantastic year. Please check your child’s planner each night for homework and reminders. Complete and send back all emergency forms ASAP.
**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 have also started our first unit where our students will be exploring the stories people tell by comparing first and second-hand accounts of the same events or topics. Through the exploration of multiple accounts, students will practice identifying main idea and details, summarization, and integrating information from two texts. During our small group experiences, our students will closely read excerpts from an extended text. These extended texts are autobiographical, or first-hand accounts.

**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 reading teacher! Thank you for your continued support!**

**News from 5th Grade**

Welcome to Fifth Grade! In reading we have begun unit 1 Innovation and Discovery. We will be reading a variety of stories and reviewing skills from previous years. Word work/spelling will be given on a weekly basis and tests will be on Fridays. Please encourage your child to complete nightly activities and study their words daily.

In math, we have begun unit 1 which is place value, adding and subtracting decimal place value to the thousandths. It is important to review daily notes and complete nightly homework. Please encourage your child to practice their basic math facts as these skills will become more difficult and new skills build off one another.

All classes need tissues, soap, and hand sanitizer.

**News from the Library**

The Timber Grove Library has many awesome events coming up this year! We will have two book fairs this year; one in 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 3rd Annual Book Swap in the spring. If you have books that your child no longer uses, the library will gladly take donations for our Book Swap. They must be appropriate for elementary students and be in good condition. 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.
Greetings 5th Grade Parents!

Now is the time for your child to join the instrumental music program. Your child was given a permission slip to sign up to play one of the following instruments: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, percussion (includes snare drum, bass drum, and other auxiliary percussion instruments), violin, viola, or cello. Permission slips are due by the first day of lessons on September 16. If you are unsure on how to obtain an instrument or have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact me at lgoldman@bcps.org.

Español at Timber Grove

Profesora Gallardo y Profesor Lawrence

Damos gracias para la vida – We give thanks for life

la familia – family

los amigos – friends

y nuestra escuela – and our school

In 5th grade we are reviewing the activities that we like to do and asking good questions.

In 4th grade we are introducing numbers, emotions, colors and introductions.

Check out apps like Duolingo if you would like to practice and improve your Spanish at home.

Practice these basic but very important questions at home with your family.

¿Cómo te llamas?  Me llamo _________________.


¿Cómo te describes?  Soy atlético/a.  Soy artística/o  Soy talentoso/a
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 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 School Counselor

Students in Pre-K 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 15, 2019 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 16th and close on November 15th.

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

Volunteering

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.

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.

From the Nurse’s Office

Welcome Back to school!

I am Robynn Segall and I am happy to be joining the Timbergrove staff as the School Nurse. I am looking forward to meeting the students and families at Timber Grove.

A few reminders as we begin the school year:

- Students who require medication during the school day must provide the school nurse with an order from a licensed health care provider. The medication needs to be brought in by an adult in a pharmacy labeled container.
- Please be sure to complete and return the blue discretionary medication form. The school nurse can administer some non-prescription medication for certain conditions with parent permission.
- Donations of gently used clothes would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me by email at rsegall@bcps.org or phone at 410-581-0549.

Thank you,

Mrs. Segall
School Nurse
News from PTO

The PTO would like to invite everyone to our first PTO Meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30 pm in the school library. Childcare will be available at the meetings, courtesy of Hotspots, our before/after care provider at Timber Grove.

Our annual Ice Cream Social Event is Tuesday, September 24th from 5 to 7:30pm. Ice Cream, Games, Spirit Day Beads and Tattoos, and other activities are all $1 each. Tickets are sold at the door for all activities. Please look for the flyer in your child's back pack. We are collecting donations for the Ice Cream Social and looking for volunteers. Email timbergrovepta@gmail.com to help.

We need volunteers for the ice cream social on Tuesday, September 24th from 5:30-7pm.

- Chalking sidewalk before the event. One or two volunteers needed. This can be done at your convenience. I like to do it about a week before the event and then freshen it up a few days before the event.
- Set up - meet around 4:30 to set up tables, helium balloons, tablecloths, etc. About 4 or so volunteers
- Ticket sales - two groups 5:30 to 6:15 and 6:15 to 7. Two volunteers for each time frame.
- Ice cream scoopers! - two groups from 5:30 to 6:15 and 6:15 to 7. 8 to 10 happy volunteers needed who are willing to get sticky hands.
- Face Painting - the students love this station. 4 or more volunteers needed. You might be stationed there the entire time because the demand is so great!!!
- Tattoo "artists" - apply tattoos to the students. 2-3 volunteers
- Pizza & Water Sales - 2 volunteers
- Clean up crew - starts at 7 pm. 4 volunteers please! Should take about thirty minutes.

PTO Meetings occur the 3rd Tuesday of the month. All are invited to attend.

Looking Ahead

**September**
Friday, September 13th-Purple Friday
Friday, September 20th-Purple Friday
Saturday, September 21st-Franklin High School Homecoming Parade
Tuesday, September 24th-Ice Cream Social
Friday, September 27th-Purple Friday
Friday, September 27th-Market Day Fundraiser

**October**
Friday, October 4th-Purple Friday
Tuesday, October 7th-Restaurant Night at Panera
Tuesday, October 15th-PTO Meeting
Wednesday, October 23rd-Yankee Candle Holiday Online Sale
Friday, October 25th-Safe Trick or Treat
**Kids Helping Hopkins Kids**

Over the past twenty-five years, thousands of our students have participated in *Kids Helping Hopkins*, a values-education program that nurtures and instills compassion, sharing, and respect for children in need at the Johns Hopkins Children’s Center. Your leadership and support are invaluable to this program and a vital part of its success.

Students, teachers, and educational leaders have given of themselves in so many ways to support the *Kids Helping Hopkins* program. Many of you and your teachers/staff members have organized school activities or events to help the young patients at the Johns Hopkins Children’s Center and, in so doing, have taught precious lessons of caring and service to others. These special activities and events benefit both our students and the patients they touch.

*Kids Helping Hopkins* will be celebrating its 25th Annual Kick-off on Thursday, September 26, 2019, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Mays Chapel Elementary School. As *Kids Helping Hopkins*’ Honorary Chairperson, I am writing to extend my personal invitation, and ask that you share this with the educators, staff members, student leaders, and interested parents at your school. The Kick-off will offer opportunities to learn about the impact of participation in *Kids Helping Hopkins* as well as to thank those who participated in *Kids Helping Hopkins* during the 2018-19 school year. All participating schools will receive certificates of appreciation for their involvement, and several special awards will also be presented during the program.

Refreshments will be served, and, as in past years, music will be performed by the incredible Catonsville High School Steel Band. I hope that you will be able to attend this special, inspiring celebration.

If you have any questions about the *Kids Helping Hopkins* program or want to R.S.V.P. for the upcoming celebration on Thursday, September 26, 2019, please contact the program’s founder, Anita Rozenel, kidshelpinghopkins@msn.com.

**Reminders....**

**Please turn in the:**

- **Student’s Annual Student Information Review for School Year 2019-2020** form to your child’s teacher.
- **Consent for Administration of Approval Discretionary Medications and Health Contact Information** form for the nurse.