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Greetings Families of Deer Park,

I'd like to thank our entire school community for an amazing first week of school. Thanks to the commitment of our spectacular staff and wonderfully dedicated families, our students transitioned well from summer to the routines of school. Following school procedures from traffic patterns to dropping students off at the door has ensured that our students are safe and ready to learn each day. As this school year begins, we are committed to the mission of continuous growth in student achievement. Together, we will strive to empower our diverse learning community to be critical, innovative thinkers who problem solve and communicate effectively in a collaborative cross-disciplinary environment.

If you are new to Deer Park, I extend a warm welcome to you. For those returning to Deer Park for another wonderful year, welcome back. I trust that everyone has had a great couple of days as we lay the foundation for countless successes for the 2023-2024 school year. This is going to be an awesome year! You can count on your "subscription" to our monthly newsletter, Deer Park Times, to keep you up to date on the happenings in and around our great school. You can expect "electronic delivery" on the first Thursday of each month via School Messenger. Don't forget to periodically check our Deer Park website at <http://www.bcps.org/schools/profile.aspx?OrgID=32> for additional news and educational resources.

I would like to thank our families for supporting us in providing a safe and orderly environment by following our arrival and dismissal procedures. For those of you who are new to our school, if your child is a car rider in the morning, please come through the carpool line by way of the second entrance by the parking lot. No one is to drop students off on Lyons Mill Road in front of the school. Students will have to run across the field and the bus loop creating an unsafe situation. At dismissal, car riders are dismissed from the front lobby. All parents are to come through the front loop and give your carpool number so that your child may be dismissed. Please do not park on Lyons Mill Rd. in front of the school to pick up your child. No car riders will be released to someone waiting at the front door. I would also like to remind you that if your child is going to be dismissed early from school, please send in a note to make their teacher aware of this information. Your child will be called to the office when you arrive. All early dismissals should be done before 3:00 p.m. After 3:00, you will be asked to wait for the regular dismissal.

Thanks to all the parents that attended our Back to School Night. I want to thank our families and staff for consistently working together to provide a nurturing and safe learning environment for our children. As I shared that evening, you are our most important partner. We welcome your suggestions and feedback. If you need anything, have a question or concern, or just want to share some good news, we are always here and ready to support you.

Your partners in education,

Renee A. Jenkins
Principal

Katie Fridley
Assistant Principal

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Looking Ahead!

- **September 15, 2023– Schools Closed for Students– Professional Development Day**
- **September 25, 2023 School Closed for Students— Professional Development Day**





Vision Statement



Deer Park Elementary School provides a positive educational environment which nurtures all students while developing critical 21st Century skills.

MISSION STATEMENT

In partnership with community members, our school will provide engaging and inclusive instruction to empower our diverse learning community to become College and Career Ready.

The Deer Park Elementary School learning community is dedicated to:

- D**– Deliberate Excellence
- P** - Positive Partnerships
- E** - Empowering and Engaging Instruction
- S** - Successful Students

TOGETHER WE THRIVE!!!

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dr. Myriam Yarbrough • Superintendent • 6901 North Charles Street • Towson, MD • 21204

August 29, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) strives to equip every student with the critical 21st century skills needed to be globally competitive. We know that reaching this goal depends on having certified teachers in our classrooms.

You have the right to ask for and receive information about the professional certifications of your child's classroom teacher, including:

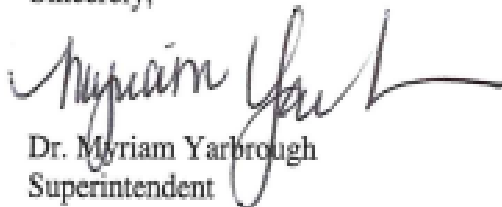
- Any college or university degrees or certifications held by the teacher.
- The subject area of the teacher's degree or certification.
- Whether the teacher is certified by the state of Maryland to teach a particular grade level or subject area.
- Whether the teacher holds a conditional certificate.

You may also ask whether your child is receiving instructional support services by a paraprofessional. If so, you may request the paraprofessional's qualifications.

If you would like to receive information about your child's classroom teachers and/or paraprofessionals, please make the request in writing to your school principal. The principal will respond within 30 days.

Thank you for supporting your child's education. It is through strong partnerships with parents and family members like you that BCPS is able to achieve our goals.

Sincerely,



Dr. Myriam Yarbrough
Superintendent

This is a designated
KISS and GO AREA

Please say your goodbye's to your child and wish them a great day! This policy allows students to become independent and creates a safe environment in our school.

Thank you,
Deer Park Staff



To foster independence and to create a safe environment, Deer Park Elementary School has adopted a "Kiss and Go" policy for students and parents. Parents are being asked to say their goodbyes to their child at the door and allow them to go to class by themselves.

Staff are always on hand to assist students who may require additional help.

Thanks for your continued support and cooperation.

PEACE at DPES

This year the staff and students at Deer Park Elementary School will be participating in our school's PEACE Program. The program was designed in response to a staff and student surveys that were conducted last year. The purpose of the PEACE Program is:

- To increase the sense of student belonging at school.
- To increase student understanding of their role in creating PEACE at school.
- To teach self-regulation and coping strategies that help increase student time on task.
- To increase positive interactions between students and staff and students.

Through the program, students will learn about the program's principles and how they can help to promote PEACE in all areas of the building.

These principles include:

P – Positivity

E – Endurance

A – Act with Kindness

C – Compassion

E – Embracing Differences

At Deer Park, we define these principles in the following ways:

Positivity - being ready, willing, and eager to learn.

Endurance - showing perseverance, being persistent, getting the task done.

Act with Kindness - showing patience and grace, being helpful, having good intentions and be responsible for your behavior.

Compassion - being caring and respectful of others and showing empathy.

Embracing Differences - noticing, valuing, and celebrating the differences between ourselves and others.

Each month we will focus on one of the principles and students will be recognized for demonstrating the principles in all areas and classrooms in the building and on the playground.

For the month of September, we are focusing on P – Positivity! Help your child remember to show positivity at school by being ready, willing, and eager to learn every day.

PEACE



Upcoming Happenings at Deer Park!!

We are looking forward to an exciting year at Deer Park and would love for you to be a part of the excitement. Here are just a few of our scheduled events.



**Book Fairs – October 2 -6, 2023 (Book Fair Night October 3rd)
March 4 – March 8, (Book Fair Night March 5th)**

Reading Night – Tuesday, March 5, 2024 - 6-8 p.m.



**Sports Day – June 6, 2024 (Volunteers Needed)
Rain Date – Jun 7, 2024
Ballroom Dancing – February 12-16, 2024**



**STEM Night
TBD**



**Winter Concert – December 19, 2023
Music in our Schools Concert – March 19, 2024
Fifth Grade Musical – May 21, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.**



March 26, 2024

Join The Band or Orchestra!

All fifth graders are invited to join the band or orchestra this year.

Save the Date: September 11, 2023, at 6:00 PM

Learn about how to acquire an instrument, how lessons work within the school day, and choose your instrument!

Contact Mrs. Pfeifer with questions:
bpfeifer@bcps.org





School Nurse

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year from the school nurse! I am looking forward to beginning my 6th year here at Deer Park! The beginning of the year is such an exciting time and I love seeing all of my students back in the building. I have missed them!

The beginning of the year is also a busy time in the health office. It's the time of the year when I am busy reviewing paperwork for our new students, collecting medications and forms, and checking for vaccination compliance. Here are a few important points:

- If you have a student who is new to our building, please make sure you have submitted his/her most recent vaccination record. I have reached out to all families of students with missing vaccinations. Updated vaccination records **must** be received by September 14 in order to prevent students from being excluded from school until they are received. Community resources are available for students who need vaccinations of any kind.
- If your child has any new medication information, including newly diagnosed allergies, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can update his/her record.
- Discretionary medication forms will be coming home over the next few weeks, if you have not already received them. They may be returned if you want your child to receive medications such as Tylenol or cough drops, when available, in school. They are completely optional.
- If your child needs to receive a medication in school, such as an inhaler, please contact me for the necessary forms. Students are not permitted to self-carry or administer medications outside of the nurse's office.
- **If you have a student in the primary grades, please send in a full change of clothing for them to keep in their lockers.** Accidents can and do happen, and I have an extremely limited amount of spare clothing in my office should a student need to change. Additionally, students typically feel more comfortable changing into their own clothing.

Most importantly: **If your child is not feeling well, please do not send them to school. This includes any of these symptoms within the previous 24 hour: temperature greater than 100.0, vomiting, diarrhea, or severe headache or sore throat.** If your child becomes ill during the school day and needs to be picked up, please arrive promptly to get them. It is very important that your contact information is up to date in our main office and, if you know that you are not typically available during the day, please designate other persons who may be able to pick-up.

I am always willing to help you keep your child safe and healthy any way that I can. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance. 😊

Stay safe and stay well! I'm looking forward to another successful year.

Nurse Gooding

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Counselor's Corner

WAYS I WORK WITH STUDENTS



Individual Counseling- The counselor meets with individual students to help solve problems that are interfering with their learning and sense of well-being. All students are offered the opportunity to talk with the school counselor about personal problems related to school or home.

Small Group Counseling- The counselor works with students in smaller group settings to address specific areas of concern. Group availability is selected by the counselor based on amount of need. If a group is unavailable, the counselor can work with a student individually.

Parent and Teacher Consultation/Collaboration- The counselor meets with parents and/or teachers regarding issues with students to ensure academic success for every student.

****Participation in small groups requires a signed consent form to begin sessions.***

Theme of the Month:



RESILIENCE

For the month of September, students will have guidance lessons on how to "bounce back" after a challenging moment. Please check your child's folder for a parent letter each month.



Calling all Pre-Kindergarteners &
5th graders!!!!

Magnet brochures are available now online!!

www.tinyurl.com/BCPSmagnet

Multiple Languages available

Magnet school applications will open online:

September 12, 2023, at 12:00pm

[Applications will be available online.](#)



Magnet applications available online

September 12, 2023, at 12pm.

Application Deadline November 3, 2023, at 1pm.

For additional information, check your teacher's Schoology page.

***Here's to a SUCCESSFUL 2023-2024
Academic Year!!!!***

What are some ways to encourage school-age readers?



Once your child begins nursery school, preschool, or elementary school, you should work with their teacher to improve her reading skills. There are many practical ideas for parents to use with their school-age children to help them develop skills and to encourage good reading habits. By reinforcing the skills your child learns in school, you will be supplementing what he has learned about reading throughout the school day.

Here are some ways to encourage your child to read at home.

- Continue being a good role model
- Encourage your child to read on her own at home
- Keep a variety of reading materials in the house
- Encourage your child to practice reading aloud
- Write short notes for your child to read
- Encourage activities that require reading
- Establish a reading time, even if it's only 10 minutes each day
- Talk with your child
- Give your child writing materials
- Restrict television time
- Visit the library once a week
- Work in partnership with your child's school

D. Gomez
Reading Specialist
Deer Park Elementary

¡Bienvenidos a la Clase de Español!



Dear 4th & 5th grade families

My name is Señor Angel Linero (Sr. Linero), and I will be your child's Spanish teacher this year. I will be teaching in his/her classroom once a week for 30 minutes in 4th grade and 50 minutes in 5th grade. Like last school year, students will work with the same grading and scoring system to receive a grade at the end of each quarter. Works will be assigned to be done in the classroom, in Schoology, and in other programs that are assigned by the World Language Department.

During Spanish class, I speak in Spanish 90% or more of the time. Your child is NOT expected to understand everything that I am saying but don't worry, I'll help you understand the material. We will practice a lot through various activities and games so you can rest assured that the process will be a slow one and guaranteeing all the reasonable accommodations that students need to achieve the acquisition of vocabulary in the Spanish language. However, it is your child's responsibility to:

- listen
- participate
- pay attention to words and pictures that are on the board
- repeat vocabulary
- glue in notes that I provide
- act out the words
- maintain his/her notebook and folder

Remember this process will be little by little and one day at a time so there is no reason to get frustrated, you just have to practice and follow the same rules and activities that are carried out in other subjects. I am passionate about my work as a teacher so I can answer the questions that the students have and explain again as many times as necessary so do not hesitate to raise your hand and ask me the questions you need or you can ask me in private while you are at school or You can send me messages to my email.

I am looking forward to a WONDERFUL year working with you and your child! Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions, concerns, or comments: alinero@bcps.org.

Gracias,

Sr. Angel Linero

Spanish Teacher



¡Hispanic Heritage

Month!

September 15 to October 15, 2023

Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the contributions of Americans with roots in Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Spanish-speaking countries of the Caribbean. In 1968, Congress allocated a week for this celebration, and two decades later expanded it to a month running from September 15 to October 15. The choice of dates is historically significant, since September 15 is the anniversary of the independence of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. The designated period is also in recognition of people from Mexico and Chile, who celebrate their independence on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Now the United States celebrates the culture and traditions of the residents of this country with roots in Spain, Mexico, and the Spanish-speaking countries of Central America, South America, and the Caribbean.

to honor the achievements of Latinos and Hispanics in the United States, Congress, by Public Law 100-402, as amended, has authorized and required the President to annually issue a proclamation to designate "National Heritage Month." Hispanic Heritage" from September 15 to October 15 of each year.

We invite all our Deer Park ES students to celebrate and participate this month with the various activities offered in our classrooms to learn and understand the contributions, customs, and traditions of the Hispanic community here in the United States.



Join the PTA Today!



Membership Contest

We are running a membership contest for the month of September. The class that has the highest level of participation will win a pizza party for their class. Please be sure to include your teacher's name when completing your registration.

Upcoming Events:

- General PTA Meeting- 9/11/23 @ 6pm
- Family Movie Night- 9/29/23 @6pm

The Area
Education
Advisory
Councils of
Baltimore
County

Los consejos asesores de
educación del Área
Noroeste, Suroeste y
Central presentan una
velada donde ...

conocerá al consejo de su
área invitando a nuevos miembros

con un mensaje especial por parte de
Srta. Jane Lichter,
presidenta del consejo escolar del condado de Baltimore

LUNES 11 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2023

6:00 PM POR ZOOM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81633904190?pwd=SGR0VFIBUFk1eGhkSGZBMnFSaHVVTdz09>

ID de la reunión: 816 3390 4190
contraseña: 515207
llame al: 301-715-8592

Los consejos asesores de educación del área local celebran reuniones mensuales para tratar temas oportunos que enfrentan las escuelas públicas del condado de Baltimore. Por favor asista a la reunión de los tres consejos el 11 de septiembre a las 6:00 p.m. queremos que conozca a los miembros del consejo asesor de educación del área y saber más sobre lo que hacemos y cómo usted puede ser parte de la conversación. Traiga sus preguntas e inquietudes ya que hablaremos de cómo podemos ayudar a aumentar la participación y asesorar al consejo de educación sobre los problemas más importantes de nuestra comunidad

Comuníquese:

Noroeste: NorthwestAFAC@bcps.org

suroeste: SouthwestAFAC@bcps.org

centro: CentralAFAC@bcps.org

Todas las fechas y temas de las reuniones se encuentran en el [sitio web de BCPS](#)

The Area
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**The Northwest, Southwest,
and Central Area Education
Advisory Councils present
an evening of...**

Meet your AEACs and Recruitment Kickoff

Special Message from
Ms. Jane Lichter, Chair
Board of Education of Baltimore County

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023
6:00 PM VIA ZOOM**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81633904190?pwd=SGR0VFIBUFk1eGhkSGZBMnFSaHVTDz09>

**Meeting ID: 816 3390 4190
Passcode: 515207
Call In No: 301-715-8592**

The Board of Education's Area Education Advisory Councils hold monthly meetings to discuss timely issues facing Baltimore County Public Schools. Please plan to join THREE of the councils on September 11th at 6:00 p.m. to meet the Area Education Advisory Council members and learn more about what we do and how you can join. Bring your questions, concerns, and solutions as we spend the evening learning about how we can help increase engagement and advise the board on our community's greatest issues!

Contact us:

Northwest: NorthwestAEAC@bcps.org

Southwest: SouthwestAEAC@bcps.org

Central: CentralAEAC@bcps.org

All meeting dates and topics are located on the [BCPS website!](#)