




# Glen Burnie Park Press October 2019



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## Dear Glen Burnie Park Families,

We can't believe it's already October! The first month of school has been wonderful! Now that it is fall, the weather will be changing. Be sure to label your child's jacket/coat and hat as our Lost & Found collection only grows during the year.

This month is our first round of **Parent Teacher Conferences**. Parents will have two separate scheduled opportunities to meet with their child's teacher this school year (October and March). For the conferences on **October 15 & 16**, classroom teachers will either send home a letter with a scheduled conference time or a letter offering you an opportunity to request a conference via Sign Up Genius. Please feel free at any time throughout the year to contact your teacher via email, phone call, or Class Dojo. Parents are always welcome and an important part of students' education!



This year, our **Fall Festival Parade** will be held on **October 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m.**! Students will be able to bring their costumes to school and participate in a parade around the field. Please be sure costumes are easily put on and taken off as students will need to do this on their own. Costumes must be appropriate for school---no weapons, gore, or costume items that are dangerous or scary. If it is deemed inappropriate, your child will not be able to wear the costume during the parade. Parents are invited and welcome to view the parade on the field. Students will need to change out of their costumes prior to dismissal due to potential tripping hazards. We are looking forward to continuing our tradition!

October 8<sup>th</sup> is a 2 hour early dismissal day. To focus on positive and kind works, we are making it Positivi-Tee Day. All Students and staff will wear a shirt that shares a positive message. It can be store bought or home made. We are excited to share kindness and positive words with everyone.

On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, AACPS is participating in Unity Day. All students and staff should wear orange that day. Orange coincides with anti-bullying campaigns and reminds us all to be kind and respectful no matter what. Ms. Green has also been working on a song with all students. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> we will all join in unity and sing "Don't Give Up on Me." We will send a video link after to share our heartfelt message with everyone.

*Respectfully,*  
Colleen McFarland

Dates to Remember	
October	
7	PTO Meeting 6:00 pm
7	Vision & Hearing Screening
7	Kindness Club – 8:00 am
7	Interims sent home
8	Spirit Day – Positivi-tee – Wear a shirt with a positive message
8	2 Hour. Early Dismissal
9	Yom Kippur – School closed
14	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Magnet Application Opens
14	PTO Monster Bingo – 6:00 pm
15 & 16	Parent/Teacher Conferences: No school for students
23	Spirit Day – Unity Day – wear orange
31	Fall Festival Parade – Wear your costume 2:00 pm
November	
4	PTO Meeting 6:00 pm
7 & 8	End of Marking Period 2 Hour Early Dismissal
11	Spirit Day – Veteran's Day – Wear Red, White, Blue or Camouflage
13	Spirit Day – World Kindness Day
18-22	American Education Week Parent Visitation Day
20	Report Cards sent home
27-29	Happy Thanksgiving No School
December	
2	PTO Meeting 6:00 pm
5	2 Hour Early Dismissal
13	Interims sent home
Dec. 23 – Jan 1	No School Winter Break

### GBPE PTO

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## New Faces at GBPE – Meet our new Assistant Principal!

Our new Assistant Principal has already gotten to know our GBPE students and families. We are excited to have her and wanted to share a little about her with you!



Hello Glen Burnie Park families! My name is Stephanie Seidl and I am your new Assistant Principal! Before this position, I was a Special Education Resource Teacher working out of the Board of Education to support the Northeast feeder system in Pasadena. Prior to that role, I taught many years in both general and special education in grades 1-5 in various schools across different part of the county. My favorite part of any role I've held is the relationships I am able to build with students and their families. I am so excited to now be a part of the Glen Burnie Park family and develop those relationships with our students and community. Thank you for the warm welcome I've received so far. I know it will be a great year!

Caught with Character Trait of the Month  
is  
**Empathy**

Is being able to understand or feel what another person is feeling.



Harvest of the Hungry – Kids Helping Kids campaign runs October 1 - 30! Please send in non-perishable goods to help support families in our own neighborhood, and those in Anne Arundel County. Every donation counts and truly makes a difference in lives! Ms. Edwards will have a team of students to count items for grade levels. Friendly competitions and Spirit Days will help us remember to help others.



## Middle School Magnet Programs

The Application for current 5<sup>th</sup> graders interested in AACPS's middle school magnet programs will be accepted from October 14, 2019 until November 26, 2019. Information Nights for the programs are as follows:

### International Baccalaureate (IB)

Where: Old Mill Middle North

When: October 15

Time: 6:30-8:00 pm

### Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM)

Where: Old Mill Middle South

When: October 28

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

### Performing Visual Arts (PVA)

Where: Brooklyn Park Middle

When: November 4

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm



## Parking

A reminder that parking in fire lanes and/or bus loops is prohibited per Maryland Laws. In an emergency the loss of every minute caused by vehicles blocking fire and police department access can become critical. Any vehicle parked in a fire lane must be moved to an authorized parking space.

## GBPES Student Dismissal Plan

It is important for the safety of your child to establish a consistent dismissal routine. Children should have one plan, so they know how to get home each day. Please make any necessary arrangements to enable your child to follow a daily dismissal routine as we will be reinforcing this safety policy this school year.

We recognize there are times when a temporary change needs to be made. If a true emergency does occur, please note that we cannot accept phone calls as there is no way to verify the caller. **A note, email, or DOJO message needs to be provided to the teacher & the office to document the one-time change.** Early Dismissal **CANNOT** occur after 2:50 p.m. You must arrive prior to 2:50 p.m. or follow your child's daily dismissal procedure. Please remember these procedures are in place to keep your child safe!



# TWEETS of the Month





## Hard Hat Zone

We are about one month away from moving into our new space! We have been busy purchasing furniture and paint colors to make sure we have just the right touches. All the doors and windows are hung and the structure is ready for finishes.

Later this month, the blacktop will be closed off for about 2 weeks while we have new playground equipment installed. This will replace the older pieces that were removed during construction and allow for children to spread out on larger equipment during recess. Our kids deserve this!

Our move dates are in November. The weekend of November 16th, crews will move boxes and materials from existing Art, Media, Special Education, Speech, Music and Instrumental rooms to their new locations. Instruction will have limited interruptions as we plan to have substitutes continue to teach so that teachers can unpack and set up their new classrooms.

We are so excited about this phase and cannot wait to see the finished design.

Come take a look and keep your hard hat on!!



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## PTO Notices

Our PTO plays a crucial role in our school! It is not too late to join the PTO! Attached to this newsletter is the membership form and an information sheet about our first fundraiser of the year – Yankee Candle Sale. Information packets were sent home with every student.

Monster Bingo is coming October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Bingo, trick-or-treating, and all over fun! Check your child's Wednesday folder for details!