

RICHARD HENRY LEE ELEMENTARY

SOARING TO EXCELLENCE: MONDAY APRIL 1, 2024

April 2024:

1st	Schools & Central Offices Closed for Last Day of Spring Break
3rd	Grade 2 In School Field Trip
3rd	5:30-7:00 PM Title 1 Spring Parent Input Meeting
4th	Career Day
4th	2:00 PM Title 1 Spring Parent Input Meeting – Virtual
4th-5th	12:25 PM 2-hour Early Dismissal End of Marking Period
9th	Grade 1 Field Trip to Science Center
9th	5:00-7:00 PM McDonald's Fundraiser Night
10th	Schools & Central Offices Closed Eid-al-Fitr
11th	6:00 PM PTA Meeting
15th	Grade 5 Panoramic Photo
18th	PTA Fun Run
30th	6:00-7:30 PM Community Resource Night at Corkran Middle School

Mission: Richard Henry Lee provides a safe and challenging environment in which all children can learn. We strive to have our school community actively involved in empowering students to become lifelong learners and productive members of society.

Vision: We have a safe and open environment for learning that encourages risk-taking among all students and staff. We provide a rigorous environment that fosters diversity while encouraging students to be critical thinkers, communicators, and problem solvers. We collaborate to learn from each other and to strengthen relationships between families and school. We are all engaged in learning, staff, and students alike, finding joy in its constant pursuit.

School Calendar (AACPS)

April						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

April

1 | Schools & Central Offices closed. Easter/Spring Break.

4,5 | Two-hour early dismissal. No afternoon ECI. End of third marking period.

10 | Schools & Central Offices closed. Eid al-Fitr.

May						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

May

14 | Schools & Central Offices closed. Primary Election Day.

23 Last day for graduating seniors.

23,24 | Schools closed for ECI, Pre-Kindergarten, and Kindergarten. (Conferences)

27 | Schools & Central Offices closed. Memorial Day.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe it is already April. We hope everyone had a relaxing Spring Break. During the upcoming weeks our students in grades three, four, and five will take the Maryland State Assessment (MCAP). Please encourage your child to do their very best on this assessment. Our students are working hard every day, and this assessment gives them the chance to shine and show us all that they have learned this year. Please ensure that your child is on time during the testing days. We appreciate your support.

This month our students will participate in the PTA Sponsored Fun Run on April 18th. We had our first Fun Run last year, and it was a huge success. The students look forward to this day so much. All funds raised go to the PTA to support our events throughout the year to give back to our families.

Mark your calendars for the early dismissal days on April 4th and 5th. Students will be dismissed two hours early on these days. This is the end of the third marking period. We are proud of our students for how hard they are working, and we appreciate all that you do to support them.

Respectfully,
Ms. Koennel

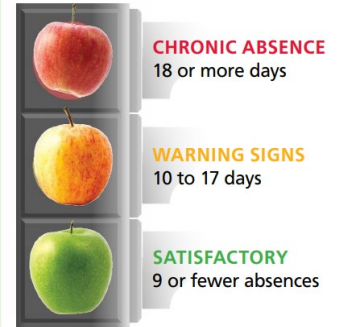
School Counselor's Corner



Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns throughout the school year at:

(410) 553-2200 or dhorn@aacps.org

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

School Attendance Matters

In Kindergarten and First grades, 1 in 4 students are chronically absent. Did you know that chronic absenteeism in Kindergarten can negatively impact reading proficiency by the end of 3rd grade? (www.attendanceworks.org)

It is important for your child to come to school each and every day. If they miss school because they are sick, please let their teacher know. Any student who is absent three or more days will need a doctor's excuse to return to school.

We want our students at RHLee to come to school, achieve academic success, and have a lot of fun while doing so!

**Attendance
Incentive in April**

Learn & Earn
Win Great Prizes!!!



Come to school five days in a row and get a prize each week!!!

Miss only **one** day of school from **Monday, April 2nd until Friday, April 26th**... you could win a pizza party lunch bunch with Mrs. Horn!!!

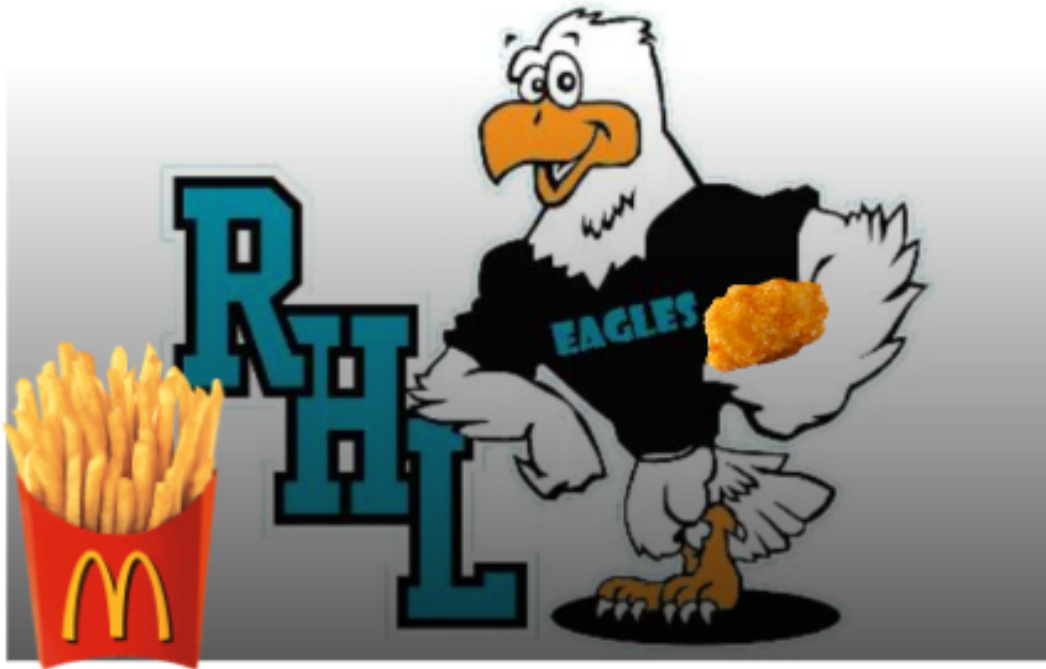
(*We'll pick three winners in each grade.)



Come Join us at...



Mc-D-O-N-A-L-D-S



RH Lee is hosting a fundraising event. Our school receives 20% of all sales, which includes drive thru, delivery, & eat in! Be sure to say you are with RH Lee.

Place: McDonald's-7415 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie (across the street from Food Lion).

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Time: 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

**** Bring your receipts in on Thursday (4/11). The class who raises the most money will win a pizza party. ****

News from the Literacy Office



April is National Poetry Month. Poetry is a great way for all students to practice reading and writing. Here is a poem about poems that you can read as a family.

READING A POEM

Do poems have hidden meanings|
like a box deep in your closet?
Or are they thoughts and feelings
like a cut-and-paste composite.

Are they about the rhythm?
Or the rhyme? The mood? The tone?
If it makes you cry or laugh
does this make it a poem?

The answer's YES to all of this.
So read poems for a while
to see if they will make you think
or even make you smile.

by Denise Rodgers

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Title I April Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

We hope to see you at our last Title I event of the year on April 3rd at 5:30pm! We will be unveiling our Masked Readers during dinner! Students will get to make their own masks and select a book to be masked readers at home. Parents will have time to share thoughts on how to make our Title I program even better next year. If you can't make the evening meeting, parents can join us virtually on April 4th at 2:00pm to provide input on our Title I plan.

Before leaving, all attending families will receive a bag of resources to support learning at home over the summer. We hope to see you on April 3rd!

Scan the QR code to RSVP!



KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Do you know a family with an incoming kindergartener? If so, please share this with them!

RHLee Kindergarten Orientation:
Thursday, May 23rd, 9:00am
RHLee Cafeteria

Families will:

- Meet the Kindergarten Team
- Hear about what to expect in kindergarten next year
- Receive a kindergarten supply bag with activities to prepare for kindergarten this fall

THANK YOU!

We want to thank the members of our Parent Advisory Committee for your commitment to our Title I program this year! This team of parents met with us each quarter to look at current data and provide feedback from a parent's view on how we, as a home and school community, can continue to make improvements to enrich our students' education.

Thank you for your time and commitment to our program and students!



MCAP Testing Dates

Third, Fourth, and Fifth graders will be taking the MCAP Math and Literacy assessments starting after spring break. Each of the four days they will be taking a literacy assessment and a mathematics assessment. Please see the below chart for testing dates for each grade level.

3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
April 8th (Mon) April 12 (Fri) April 15 (Mon) April 16 (Tues)	May 8th (Wed) May 10th (Fri) May 13th (Mon) May 15th (Wed)	April 17th (Wed) April 19th (Fri) April 24th (Wed) April 26th (Fri)

You can help your child do his or her best by:

- Making sure that your child is in school and on time on test days.
Rescheduling appointments and other out-of-school time on non-testing days.
- Making sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast before each day of testing.

Thank you for your support!

* SAVE THE DATE *

Please join the Glen Burnie School Counselors for a Community Resource Night including community agencies and supports, help in transitioning students to middle school, food, fun, and more!

Date: April 30, 2024
Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Location: Corkran Middle School
7600 Quarterfield Rd
Glen Burnie, MD 21061