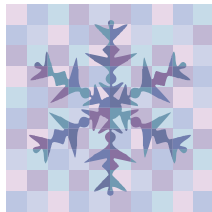




What Teacher Has Made the Difference?

It is time again to nominate the teacher who you think deserves to be recognized at the Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce Awards Ceremony. Last year, we had only 2 teachers nominated and all of them received certificates and a dinner. We know we have more than 2 outstanding and caring teachers at Berkshire- we need to let all of Baltimore county know! Take the time to nominate the teacher who you think has really made a difference for your child. Nomination forms are attached. If you do not know all of the answers to the questions asked, see Mrs. Clinton or Mrs. Justice for assistance. Both will be glad to help!



Do We Have School Today?

This question can be answered by going to the BCPS website www.bcps.org and it will tell you or listen to the radio or the local TV stations when it is snowing or after a snow.



Berkshire Receives Money from the State!

Maryland Department of Education awarded Baltimore County Public Schools \$52,000 to install air conditioning in our computer lab on the second floor. We are so pleased since computers were shutting down when the temperature was high and then students became frustrated about losing some of their work. These units will be installed on top of the roof. They will also be painting in areas where the paint has chipped. We are fortunate to see our Maryland tax dollars at work at Berkshire Elementary!



Visitors at Berkshire

During this past month, students have heard Officer Pruett from the Baltimore County Police Department read to our young students and discuss “bullying” with our older students. Thanks to a grant, the fifth grade students heard about life in Jamestown. All of the students heard about ways to be a good citizen from the “Yo-Yo Man”.

Two visitors from Phi Delta Kappa toured Berkshire to see the instruction and the facilities for a survey being conducted in all of Baltimore County Public Schools. The results of the survey will be given to Dr. Hairston in order to assist all students in learning. Mr. Cornish from the Title I office visited to see the Title I programs at work. Federal dollars are spent at Berkshire for the tutoring programs, textbooks, classroom materials, field trips, one teacher’s salary to reduce class size, parent involvement activities and for professional development for teachers. He was pleased to see how parents and teachers are working together at Berkshire along with the quality of programs being used.

Hearing and Vision Screening/Flu Mist Vaccine

The Baltimore County Health Department Hearing and Vision Technician will be at Berkshire to screen our students January 16-19. She will test students in Grades Pre-K, K, 3, and 5. If your child is not in these grades but you have concerns about their vision or hearing please call the School Nurse, Mrs. Jirsa at 410-284-0931 so that they may be added to the screening list. If your child has eyeglasses please make an extra effort to have your child bring them to school on these days.

Certain students who received the Flu Mist Vaccine in school in November will need a second dose to be fully immunized. If your child will need a second dose, you will be receiving a permission slip that must be returned to school this week. The second dose will be given by the Health Department Staff on February 2, 2007

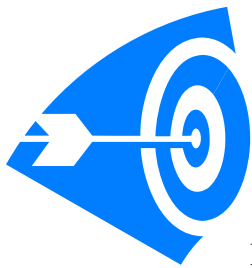


The Berkshire Safety Program has been a success! The students have duty every other month and also attend monthly meetings. Mrs. Clinton would like to thank all the parents who make sure their children are here a little early for morning safety duty and also to those parents who pick their children up a little later for afternoon safety duty. We have a very responsible group of students who

are safeties, please encourage them to continue to be role models and leaders at Berkshire!



Reminder: The bus loop is one way and one lane. Please be sure to follow these procedures so that students who are walking at drop off and dismissal are safe.



Designate Berkshire as your school on the Target Card and we will receive a donation at the end of the year. This money does go for students.

