

General Information

Curriculum

The curriculum is set by the BCPS Board of Educators. A copy of the curriculum for your child's grade level will be distributed at Back to School Night. The curriculum can also be viewed at <http://www.bcps.org/parents> Students will also have instruction in the following special area classes.

- Art
- Library/Media Studies
- Music
- Instrumental Music (Grades 4 & 5)
- Physical Education
- Computer Technology

Homework

The assignment of homework is encouraged as a means of reinforcing and enriching the instructional program and to assist students to develop independent study skills. Homework assignments are given Monday-Thursday. The assignments will require approximately 10-30 minutes at the primary levels, and 30-60 minutes at the intermediate levels. Since homework assignments will be considered in determining grades, it is important that the work be completed independently, neatly and in an orderly manner. Please assist your child be setting up a time schedule and providing a quiet place to study.



Field Trips

Every grade level has field trips that enrich the BCPS curriculum. Prior to the trip a permission slip will be sent home for parents/guardians to sign. The slip must be signed and returned in order for your child to go on the field trip. Please return the signed permission slip and fees as soon as possible. Due to bus expenses, fees can not be refunded if your child is absent on the day of the field trip. Teachers will ask for volunteers to chaperone as needed. All chaperones must have a completed volunteer application on file. Volunteer applications need to be renewed yearly.

Lost and Found

All lost/found items will be placed in the bench located in the front lobby. If your child is missing an item, feel free to look in the lobby bench. At the end of each marking period, unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

Parent -Teacher Association (PTA)

The JVE PTA acts as an advocate for all children and strives to foster closer relations between the home, the community, and the school. Your PTA vigorously supports these ideals and funds many supplementary enrichment programs and activities, some of which are listed below:

Ice cream social, basket bingo, assemblies, planners (3rd, 4th, & 5th grades), reading night, and many more.

These programs are funded by PTA membership and fundraisers. The minimal cost to join the JVE PTA also includes membership to the National and State PTA. (<http://www.mdpta.org>) The JVE PTA encourages you to get involved in your child's education and help to make his/her elementary school years memorable.

Volunteers

Joppa View has a real need for parent volunteers to assist the school in various ways. No experience is needed and the amount of time given can be arranged to best suit you. The duties and activities requested of volunteers may differ from area to area. Information regarding the volunteer application, orientation, and sign up procedures is sent home throughout the school year. ***All classroom volunteers must complete an application and attend the orientation.*** Field trip chaperones and party volunteers need to have a volunteer application on file. There is a volunteer book in the office that needs to be signed each time you volunteer/chaperone. This will keep track of the hours you have spent volunteering. It also alerts office staff as to who is in the building in the event of an emergency.

Sports

Extra-curricular sports are organized through the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks. Fliers announcing activities and registration information are sent home in the Thursday Folders. Please do not call Joppa View for information about these programs. Listed below are two local recreation councils.

White Marsh Recreation Council
Honeygo Run Regional Park Community Center
9033 Honeygo Boulevard
Perry Hall, MD 21128
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 10a.m.-3p.m.
410-887-5194
<http://www.whitemarshrec.org>

Perry Hall Recreation Council
9021 Belair Road
Baltimore, MD 21236
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 10a.m.-3p.m.
410-887-5187
<http://www.phrec.com>

Dress Code

Students need to dress correctly to help set the proper standard of school and social behavior. Students dress needs to be comfortable, but it should not cause a safety or health hazard, get in the way of their or other students' education, or be considered obscene. For safety reasons, no shoes with wheels (Heeleys) can be worn to school. During recess and physical education class, tennis shoes are the recommended footwear to ensure your child's safety.

School Pictures

School pictures are taken twice a year. Purchase of school pictures is optional. School pictures that are not purchased must be returned to school. Please check the newsletter and Thursday folder for the dates.

School Supplies

At the end of the school year, a list of school supplies is included in your child's report card. The list may also be viewed at <http://joppaviewes.bcps.org> .