

Information and Communication

Newsletter/ Calendar



A school newsletter is sent home the first Thursday of the month and the PTA newsletter (Bird Talk) is sent home the second week of the month. It is important that you read these newsletters from cover to cover. The newsletters contain important information regarding school activities.

At the beginning of each school year, Baltimore County Public School distributes a county-wide calendar that outlines the academic year. This calendar may also be viewed at http://www.bcps.org/calendars/2007_2008.html. Please refer to this calendar when scheduling vacation so your child's educational program is not interrupted.

Thursday Folders

Every Thursday your child will bring home a folder containing information for your review. The information includes but is not limited to the PTA newsletter, the school newsletter, and upcoming school events.

Report Cards



Report cards are sent home four times a year. Kindergarten students have two parent-teacher conferences in lieu of report cards. First grade students will have a parent-teacher conference the first quarter in lieu of a report card. The report cards will be distributed on the following dates for the 2007-2008 school year.

1 st marking period-	Thursday, November 15, 2007
2 nd marking period-	Monday, February 11, 2008
3 rd marking period-	Monday, April 28, 2008
4 th marking period-	Monday, June 16, 2008 (the last day of school)



Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences provide an opportunity for open lines of communication between home and school. Conferences can be initiated by the teacher or by the parent. If you would like to schedule a conference with your child's teacher, please contact the teacher by e-mail or by sending in a note. It would also be helpful for you to indicate times and dates you are available.

Visiting Classrooms

To minimize disruption to classes, several structured opportunities to visit classrooms are available.

- Back to School Night: Early in the year, parents are invited to visit their child's classroom for a presentation of the curriculum by the teacher.
- American Education Week: Held during the month of November, this is an excellent opportunity for parents to visit and observe their child's class in progress.
- Volunteering: There are opportunities to volunteer in your child's classroom. This may include working directly with the children, assisting the teacher by performing clerical tasks, or helping with classroom activities.