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Calendar of Events

- 10/12 Columbus Day observed by Grade 5
- 10/13 Market Day—7:00 p.m.
- 10/15 CAEAC Meeting—7:00 p.m., Cockeysville Middle School
- 10/16 Professional Development Day—**Schools Closed for Students**
- 10/18 Race for the Cure—Hunt Valley, MD
- 10/19—23 Scholastic Book Fair
- 10/20 Kindergarten Field Trip to Swamp Fox—a.m.
Fall Concert—7:00 p.m., performed by first and second grade students; Rehearsal at 2:00 p.m.
Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Room 114, ESS
- 10/21 Family Night at the Book Fair
Curriculum Night
- 10/23 SGA Elections—10:00
Fall Dance
- 10/26 SIT Meeting—3:30 p.m.
- 10/29 Ident-A-Kid—10:45 a.m.
- 10/30 Pumpkin Math—Grade 5, 11:00—1:00
Bubba's Buddies Social, 2:30 p.m.

Current Topics

As you are all aware, last year Seventh District Elementary was named a Baltimore County **Green School**. In order to live up to this designation, we are making efforts to conserve resources in any way that we can. One of our top priorities is to save paper. Hopefully, you have all been able to access the school newsletter from the website. If you are experiencing difficulty, please call the school office.

Not only has Seventh District Elementary "Gone Green," but the **PTA** and Baltimore County **Recs & Parks** Council have as well. You will no longer be receiving paper copies of the PTA newsletter or Rec flyers. Rec flyers will be replaced with a quarterly newsletter highlighting upcoming programs. You will need to check websites for program registration dates, information, and printable forms. **The Rec site is:**



www.seventhdistrictrec.com.
American Education Week will run from November 16—20. This annual event gives parents an opportunity to spend the morning in their child(ren)'s classrooms, observing the great learning that we experience on a daily basis. Visitation time is from 9:00—11:00 a.m. The

schedule for this year is as follows.

- Tuesday—Grades 1 and 5
- Wednesday—Grades 2 and 4
- Thursday—Kindergarten
- Friday—PK and Grade 3

Baltimore County Public Schools has implemented a new policy for distributing **flyers**. The change is defined in **Rule 2361—Distribution of Non-School Materials, and states:** "Materials—Published information including but not limited to, flyers, pamphlets, leaflets, magazines, or newspapers from school-sponsored established business partnerships, entities of federal, state, and local government, and parent-teacher associations."

A request to distribute materials must be submitted in writing to the school principal at least 20 school days prior to the requested distribution date. All materials must include a disclaimer stating: "This organization and its materials are not affiliated with, sponsored by, or endorsed by Baltimore County Public Schools, the Superintendent, or this Baltimore County public school or office." The approval will now be made at the school level. It is not necessary to receive approval from the BCPS Communications Office.

Upcoming Events

November

- 11/2 PTA Meeting
- 11/3 Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 114, ESS
- 11/5 Third Grade Field Trip to Moore's Candy Factory
First Marking Period Ends
- 11/6 Assessment/Professional Development—**School Closed for Students**
- 11/10 "Play Ball" Super Sports Assembly
9:00—K-2; 2:00—Grades 3—5
Volunteer Training—6:30 pm.
PTA Meeting—7:00 p.m.
Market Day Pickup
- 11/11 Veterans' Day Celebrated by Grade 2
Picture Make-up Day
- 11/13 First Grade Field Trip to Science Center
- 11/16—20 American Education Week
- 11/17 Grades 1 & 5 Visitation
National Blue Ribbon Reception and Assembly—1:30 p.m.
Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Room 114, ESS
- 11/18 Grades 2 & 4 Visitation
- 11/19 Kindergarten Visitation
Report Cards Distributed
CAEAC Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Dumbar-ton
- 11/20 Donuts for Dads—8:30 a.m.
PK and Grade 3 Visitation
- 11/23—27 Good Neighbor Week
- 11/23 Elementary Conference Day—**No School for Elementary Students**
- 11/26—27
Thanksgiving Holiday—**Schools Closed**
- 11/30 Deadline for Magnet Applications

Books and Bagels

Because of the success of her program with second graders, Ms. Murray has decided to continue the popular Books and Bagels Club with the first grade students.

The first session will begin Thursday, November 12, with Mrs. Lemmon's reading class. Students will meet from 8:00—8:30 a.m. to enjoy a snack and drink while discussing an assigned book. All first grade students will have an opportunity to participate in the "Book Club" during the 2010 school year.



Curriculum Night

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 21, for Seventh District's Curriculum Night. Teachers have planned some engaging Make and Take learning activities in the areas of Math and Reading. You should have received a flyer, asking for your RSVP, which is due back to school by October 19. If you have any questions, feel free to call Patty Nestor or Gretchen Vassar at (410) 887-1902.

Lost and Found

Has your child lost a sweater, jacket, or lunchbox? We will be displaying any items turned in to the Lost and Found for the first two full weeks of October. Please stop by or send your child(ren) to check for their missing items. It would be really helpful if you could label these items, and they could be returned immediately.



Flu Vaccines - Seasonal and H1N1

What is the difference between Seasonal and H1N1 flu vaccines?

This year the flu vaccine is coming in two parts. The Seasonal part targets flu strains that were predicted to be circulating, based on information available in the winter of 2009. In the spring of 2009, health officials discovered a new strain of flu, called H1N1 or "swine" flu. A separate vaccine has now been developed for this new strain.



Will there be a flu vaccine that contains both strains (seasonal and H1N1)?

No, not this year.

Who should get the H1N1 flu vaccine?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that the following groups get the H1N1 flu vaccine as soon as it is available.

- Pregnant women
- Persons caring for children under 6 months of age
- Persons between the ages of 6 months and 24 years
- Persons between the ages of 25 and 64 years who have a chronic health condition (like diabetes) that places them at increased risk for complications of the flu
- Health care workers

Is H1N1 vaccine available? Where will I be able to get my child an H1N1 shot?

As of the writing of this document (9/28/09), no H1N1 vaccine is yet available. The Department of Health expects to receive vaccine in mid to late October and will begin a series of public clinics once the vaccine arrives. These clinics will be publicized through our schools and through the media. Many of the clinics will be held in Baltimore County school buildings. Some schools may have a clinic held at their school during the school day. Some private doctors have also registered to be a provider of this vaccine. You can check with your child's doctor to see if your child will be able to get the vaccine at his/her doctor's office.

Reading Corner

Mrs. Nestor

Take the 100 Book Challenge. During the months of September through December, Seventh District Elementary will be participating in the **100 Book Challenge**. Peyton and Eli Manning, quarterbacks for the Colts and Giants, along with Scholastic Books are challenging each classroom to read 100 books. When the goal is met, the Mannings and Scholastic will donate one million books to kids in need.

From the Gym

Mrs. Schattall

Dear Families,

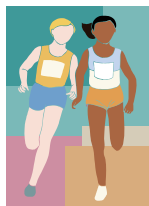
Welcome to physical education at Seventh District! I am very excited about working with you and your child during the upcoming year. I know we will have an exciting and rewarding year. The curriculum that your child will experience this year is based on the National and State standards and best practices in teaching Physical Education. For more information visit: www.aahperd.org/naspe/.

Because you are an integral part of your child's education, I feel home-school communication is of vital importance. I hope to talk with many of you during the upcoming weeks, and would like to extend an invitation for you to participate in many of the extra programs we offer through the P. E. program at Seventh District. Please consider volunteering and/or participating in any or all of the following programs:

Three, one mile Cross Country races (Grades 3—5)
Marathon Kids (K—5)
Cup-stacking Tournament (Grades 3-5)
Sports Days (K-5)
Crossroads @ 95, 5K
Jump Rope for Heart

We always have a good time, and I enjoy getting to know the families of our area! Please feel free to contact me at any time during the school year if you have any questions or concerns. I also like to hear from you if you just have a cute P. E. story that your child has shared. It warms my heart to know that they bring P. E. into the home to share with you.

Moving and learning together,
Kelly Schattall
Seventh District P.E.



Helping Your Child with Homework

We're already finished with the first month of school. Students have gotten an idea of what their yearly homework routine will be. Here are some tips to help your child become a responsible learner when it comes to homework. Children need to know that their family members think homework is important.



Get Organized: You can do several things to show your child you value education and homework.

- Schedule a regular time each day to complete homework.
- Pick a place in your home that is conducive to studying.
- Have the supplies your child needs readily available.

Monitor Assignments: Children are more likely to complete homework successfully when parents monitor assignments.

- Use a Planner
- Check over
- Send notes to teacher if your child is struggling with the work

Study Skills: Parents can play a key role in helping students learn study skills.

- Discuss assignments
- Help organize long-term assignments
- Practice Tests/Math Facts

Red Ribbon Week

National Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated this year from October 19th to October 23rd. This is a week when schools across the United States celebrate students being drug free. At Seventh District, we will celebrate with the following activities.

Monday, October 19th: Wear Red Clothing.

Tuesday, October 20th: Wear Sports/Athletic Apparel to Show "You Won't Let Drugs Ruin Your Game."

Wednesday, October 21st: Wear College Logo Apparel to Show "You're Too Smart To Start Using Drugs."

Thursday, October 22nd: Wear sneakers to show "You'll Walk Away From Drugs."

Friday, October 23rd: Wear Red, White, and Blue to Show "You Elect to be Drug Free"

Students will be engaged in drug prevention and refusal skills activities during classroom guidance lessons.

Please take some time to talk to your child about the dangers of drug use. For helpful tips on how to talk to your child about drugs, visit these websites: <http://kidshealth.org>, www.talkingwithkids.org, or <http://family.samhsa.gov/talk>.

SGA

The Student Government Association elections will be held on Friday, October 23rd, at 10:00 in the auditorium. We would like to invite parents of candidates to attend. Students who are running for office have worked hard on their speeches, and we are very proud of them.

Magnet Schools

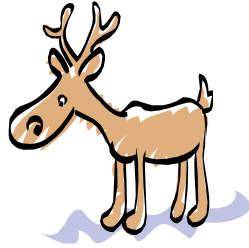
Brochures for the Magnet School Program have been sent home with all 5th grade students. The Magnet School at Loch Raven Academy is an option for students entering 6th grade. Please check the brochure and timeline schedule if you are interested.

Holiday Help

If you and your family could use assistance with holiday meals and gifts please contact Mrs. Vassar. All requests are confidential.

Bubba's Buddies

Introducing the Bubba's Buddies Program!



Bubba's Buddies make positive choices that make Seventh District Elementary a great place to be!!! Teachers and other staff members will be looking for students who are going above and beyond to make positive choices during the school day. If your child is "caught" making a positive choice by a staff member, three things will happen:

- 1. He/she will receive a Bubba sticker.*
- 2. He/she will write his/her name on a blue ribbon cut out to be placed on the Bubba's Buddies board.*
- 3. He/she will be invited to the Bubba's Buddies Social at the end of the quarter.*

Mrs. Vassar could use your help making this program a successful way to recognize our children for the great choices they make. If you would like to volunteer to cut out blue ribbons, volunteer to assist with the socials, donate food for the socials, and/or donate craft materials for the socials, please fill out the form below.

Bubba's Buddies Volunteers

I would like to help volunteer for the Bubba's Buddies program.

___ I can come to the school from 2:10 to 3:05 p.m. to assist with the socials on the following dates:

___ 10/30

___ 1/22

___ 4/9

___ 6/11

___ I would like to cut out blue ribbons at home.

___ I would like to help organize materials for the quarterly social craft project.

___ I would like to donate food or craft materials, and send them to the school.

NAME _____ Email/Phone # _____

Seventh District Stars

Mrs. Wingart would like to recognize her students who received **100% on their math test**. Congratulations to Marilyn Greene, Shelby Jones, and Isabel Watt. Shelby Jones, Ciana Shaeffer, and Jaxson Sult received **100% on their Reading test**. Keep up the good work.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who assisted with the **Kindergarten Gingerbread Man Hunt** on September 25. The children finally located him, thanks to clues placed throughout the building. We heard that they could even smell him in the office.

Good luck to all of the students and their families who have signed up to participate in **Marathon Kids**, a program which encourages physical fitness as a part of daily life. They will be reporting their progress to Mrs. Schattall throughout the year.

Our very own, George Koutsoukos, performed at the Greek Festival in Timonium on September 25. We understand he is quite a dancer. Way to go, George!

Green Schools Committee

Is your lunch trash-free?

Yes

- Reusable containers for sandwiches, chips, veggies, fruit, desserts, etc.
- Reusable napkin
- Reusable forks, spoons and knives

No

- Plastic bags
- Paper napkins
- Aluminum foil
- Disposable containers (e.g. yogurt cups, pudding cups)
- Disposable forks, spoons, knives or straws

Go trash free, the last Friday of each month!

Community News



It's been on my

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Parents, do you need help locating child care for your child with a special need? If so, did you know that parents of children with a special need such as asthma, allergies, medical issues, social/emotional or behavioral issues are eligible for a free service to assist in locating regulated child care? **LOCATE: Enhanced Special Needs Services** has trained special needs counselors to assist you with your child care needs. For referrals to regulated child care, please contact us at (800) 999-0120 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Do you know what the **BCPS Operating Budget** is? The Board of Education wants to hear from you! Join the Central Area Educational Advisory Committee on October 15 at Cockeysville Middle School at 7:00 p.m. This is your chance to be able to voice your opinions and make suggestions about your children's school services in an informal setting. The Operating Budget encompasses services such as the number of teachers, salaries, curriculum, educational materials, innovative technologies, transportation, enrichment programs and activities and much more. If you have any questions or would like to pre-register, call the Central Area Office at (410) 887-3172 or email Laura Mullen at tlmullen4@verizon.net. Walk-ins are welcome.

In keeping with the school system's Blueprint for Progress, the Board of Education of Baltimore County and the school system seek to recognize individuals or groups for their achievements and/or contributions throughout the school year. The Board's **Recogni-**

tion Ceremony celebrates teachers, school employees, students, parents, business partners, community members, or organizations that have significantly contributed to a school or the school system, notably if their accomplishments have been recognized on the local, state, or national level. If you would like to nominate an individual for recognition, call the school office at (410) 887-1902 for a nomination form. Nominations are due to Bana Miller in the BCPS Office of Communications by October 16.

"Windows of Opportunity for **Prevention of Childhood Obesity**"—On Wednesday, October 28, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Dr. Alan M. Lake from The Maryland Pediatrics Group will speak to an audience regarding the role of the family, the physician, and the community. The lecture will be held at Dogwood Elementary School, 7215 Dogwood Road in Baltimore. If you would like additional information, contact Eileen Edwards, R.N., at (410) 887-6819.

Recycle, Recycle, Recycle
<p>Seventh District is working hard to revitalize our printer cartridge recycling program. Please donate your used inkjet and laser cartridges. You can drop them off in the office or library. We will then send them in for cash for school technology needs and help keep our community green at the same time. Every donation helps, but laser cartridges are particularly profitable. Consider bringing used laser printer cartridges from your workplace. Thank you for your help.</p>

**Annual 7th District Student
Government Association
Food Drive**

to benefit

**North Cluster Food Bank
At Pine Grove United
Methodist Church in Parkton**

**Non-perishable donations accepted
Monday 10/5 thru Tuesday 11/10**

**Donation boxes located in the library area,
modular building and the bench near the office**