



Calendar of Events

March

- 2 Read Across America Celebration Day
- 3 PTA Meeting 6:00-7:00 PM
- 5 Career Day
- 5 Interim Reports
- 6 Spirit Day
- 10 School Improvement Team 3:45 PM
- 13 Math Day
- 23 Kick Off for Patriot and Defender Program
- 27 School Play 7:00 PM @ Dumbarton Middle
- 28 School Play 1:00 PM @ Dumbarton Middle

April

- 2 Peacemaker Swag Shop
- 3 Peacemaker Pep Rally / House Party
- 3 3-Hour Early Dismissal/3rd Marking Period Ends
- 3 Kona Ice at Dismissal
- 6-13 Spring Break
- 14 Schools Re-open
- 15 Kindergarten Round-up (by appointment only)
- 21 Grade 5 Panoramic Picture
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- 22 Earth Day
- 23 Individual and Class Pictures
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- 28 Primary Election Day – Schools Closed
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Rodgers Forge Chronicles

Rodgers Forge Elementary School empowers students to be lifelong learners.

From the Principal's Desk

March 2020

Dear Rodgers Forge Families,

February was very busy! In honor of **Black History Month**, we recognized many notable African Americans through literature and writing in classrooms. Contributions of these important figures in history were shared by students on the morning announcements, as well as noted on a school-wide banner that grew throughout the month. We also celebrated the **100th Day of School!** It is hard to believe we are over halfway through the school year! **And... our students read for a total of 96,180 minutes which equates to 1,603 hours** during the month-long **"WE LOVE TO READ"** Reading Incentive Program. **WOW!!** Mrs. Rowland and I performed **Green Eggs and Ham** for the school to celebrate this accomplishment! We are so proud of our students! Even though the Reading Incentive program is over, it is still important for students to continue reading every night! This will help increase their fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. I would like to thank **HOT SPOTS** extended care program for donating books to many lucky winners throughout the month.

Many thanks to Ms. Celenza for coordinating another successful **Jump Rope for Heart!** Students had so much fun jumping and participating in a variety of cardio activities focused on being heart healthy. During special area rotations Mrs. Celenza set up stations and activities for students to learn about exercise and heart rates.



The virtue during the month of February was **"Joyfulness"**. During our **Peacemaker House** gathering Ms. Tierney led the school in a sing-a-long of many happy tunes! Students also decorated a link for a chain illustrating what brings them joy. All house chains are displayed in our front lobby☺. The virtue for March is **"Courtesy"**.

In March, we are looking forward to **Career Day**. We have 27 parents and community members that will share their trade and occupation with students on Thursday, March 5th.



Seussical the Musical will be performed by 27 talented 5th graders at the end of the month. Each performance will be at Dumbarton Middle School. We hope you can join us and see first-hand the hard work of our talented students.

Finally, we are seeing an increase in the number of student cell phones visible and being used during the school day. We require that **all student phones (including cell phone watches) are turned off and put away during the instructional day**. We truly need the full attention of our students.

Don't forget to **follow the great things happening every day at Rodgers Forge** on our Facebook page or on Twitter @missyfanshaw or @RodgersForgeE

Missy Fanshaw
Principal



Thank you to ALL of our students who participated in our school-wide reading incentive **We LOVE to READ**. It was incredible to gather the reading tracking sheets every week and see that our students truly **LOVE** to read and spent hours doing so over the last 4 weeks. It was even more exciting to see the looks on their faces and hear the cheers when we revealed just how much time our students spent reading! Drumroll please.....96,180 minutes!

Teachers were also excited to celebrate their love of books, authors, and genres! They led their students in an amazing door decorating activity that allowed for our passion for reading to be on display for all to see. We hope you enjoy them as much as we did 😊



Sincerely,
RFES Reading Committee

From the Health Suite...

SEASONAL ALLERGIES AND POLLEN SURVIVAL

Spring is almost here!!! In the spring and fall, tree, grass, and weed pollens become airborne and can result in a runny nose, sneezing, and itchiness in the nose, throat, and eyes. Doctors call it allergic rhinitis (when it affects the nose) or allergic conjunctivitis (when it affects the eyes). Understanding allergic reactions, minimizing pollen exposure, and considering allergy medication may help reduce symptoms of seasonal allergies.

Even though pollen is normally a harmless substance, some people have immune systems that overact to it. In an allergic reaction, the pollen that enters the mucous membranes (eyes, nose and throat) is seen as an intruder, or allergen. The body's immune system, then, releases histamine which begins a series of reactions to help the body get rid of that intruder, including sneezing, watery eyes and itching.



There are a few natural ways to help minimize allergic symptoms. Here are some things to consider:

- Dry your clothes in a clothes dryer if available, not on an outdoor line. Pollen can collect easily on clothing or bed linens left outside.
- Close windows in the house and the car. Open windows can be refreshing, but they let in pollen. Close windows and outside doors, especially on high-pollen days, and turn on the air-conditioning, if available.
- Wipe your pet's fur. If you have a pet that goes outside, wipe his fur off before he comes back in. Pets can bring pollen indoors on their fur.
- Remove your shoes at the door at home. Take off your shoes before you come in to the house so you don't track in pollen.

Sometimes avoiding pollen isn't enough, and often it is just not possible. Your child may need allergy medicine. Talk to your pediatrician about over-the-counter options, such as Claritin or Zyrtec. Please note that we do *not* have any allergy medicine at school for daily use. What we can do at school to help is very limited. If your child is struggling with symptoms, a morning dose of allergy medicine prior to school may be beneficial. As always, call/email with any questions or concerns. Happy Spring!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE
ASSESSMENT PROGRAM



What is MCAP?

The **Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP)** provides information to educators, parents, and the public on student progress towards proficiency on the Maryland state content standards.

Why do students have to take the MCAP tests?

The **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)** requires that states administer annual statewide assessments to all students in English Languages Arts/Literacy and Mathematics in grades 3-8 and once in high school, as well as in science once in each grade span (3-5, 6-8, and high school), and annual English language proficiency assessments in grades K-12 for all English learners.

How will I know how my student did on the test?

MSDE has designed a detailed student report on how your student is progressing and where he or she needs assistance. This report is designed to help you work with teachers and administrators to best support your student's needs. These reports are usually sent home at the end of September.

Each student will receive a scale score from 650 to 850 and a performance level of 1 to 5. Please note the following performance level descriptions.

Level 1:	Did not yet meet expectations
Level 2:	Partially met expectations
Level 3:	Approached expectations
Level 4:	Met expectations
Level 5:	Exceeded expectation

What testing supports are available for students that have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), 504 Plan, or English Learner (EL) Plan?

School staff is required to provide accommodations that are designated in a student's academic plan.

Parents who have any questions or concerns about specific accommodations should contact their student's case manager at his/her school.

How will the results be used by my student's school?

Teachers and parents will get a sense of how well students are learning the Maryland College and Career Ready Standards, as well as identifying students who may need additional instructional support.

Can I see what is on the test?

There are sample tests available at: <https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/>

Are there additional resources available?

Maryland State Department of Education: www.marylandpublicschools.org/aboutMCAP

Understand the Score: <http://understandthescore.org/your-state/maryland/>

An illustration of three children standing in a row. On the left is a girl with brown hair in pigtails, wearing a red dress with white polka dots and brown boots. In the middle is a boy with brown hair, wearing a yellow shirt and blue shorts. On the right is a girl with blonde hair and a blue bow, wearing a blue dress with white polka dots and brown boots. They are all smiling and holding colorful hearts. The word 'Kindergarten' is written in a large, decorative, black font arching over the children. Below the children, the word 'Registration' is written in a similar decorative, black font.

Kindergarten Registration

We are taking calls for Kindergarten Registration

Registration will be held on April 15, 2020
Everyone must have an appointment
to register.

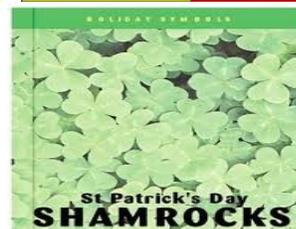
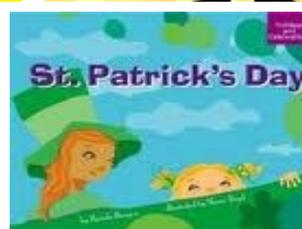
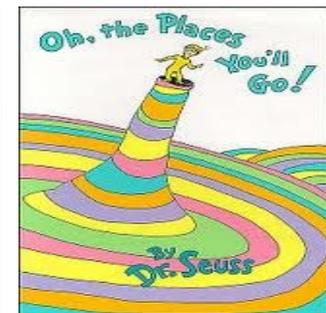
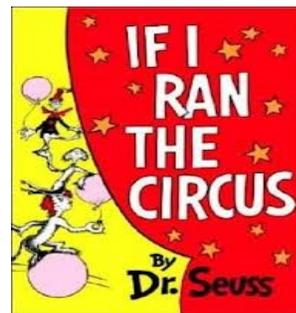
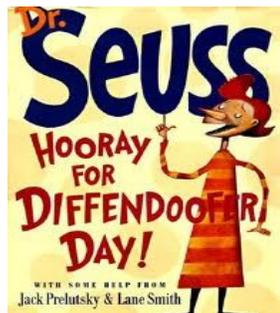
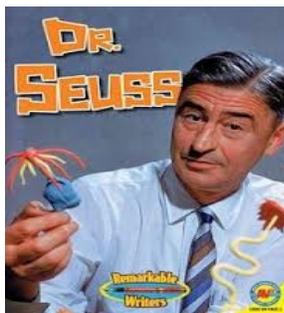
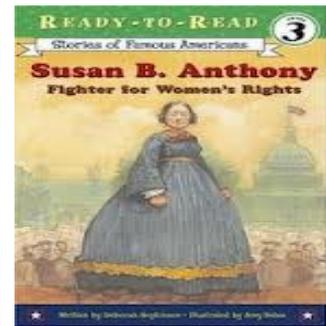
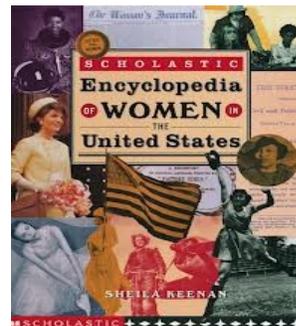
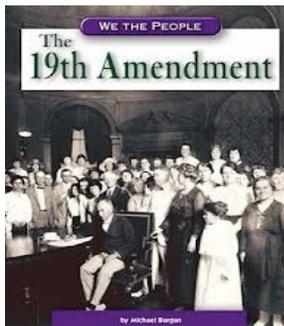
Call 410-887-3582 to schedule your appointment.

Library Update

Library Highlights for March



This month in library students will be given the opportunity to celebrate **Women's History Month** and **Read Across America Day!** We also celebrate **St. Patrick's Day** this month. Some titles that are available in the RFES library that may interest students this month may include:



Take time to explore more books that can be found in the library by visiting RFES Destiny Quest at <http://destiny.bcps.org>. Students can make their selections at home and then find those resources during their scheduled library period. Also, don't forget to stop by the Towson Public Library for even more titles! Check out their website to take a peek at their collection:

http://www.bcplonline.org/branches/branch_to.html



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH!

March is Women's History Month, where we spotlight the achievements of famous women in history! Here are some books in the RFES Library to celebrate!



BOOK ORDER!!!

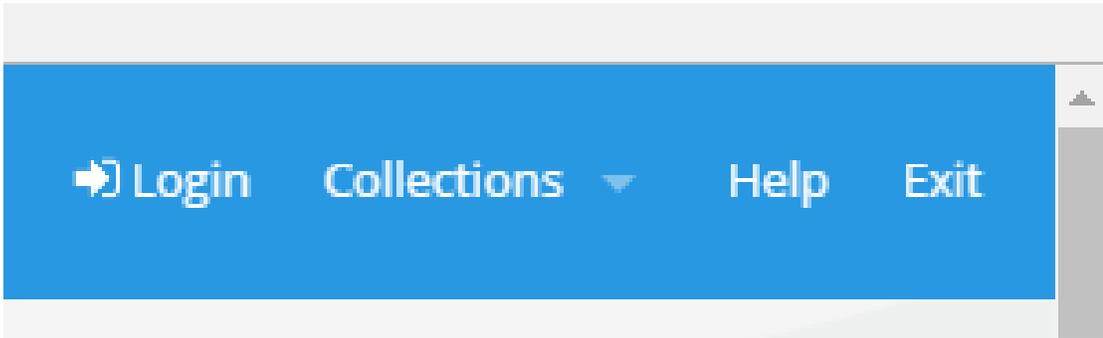


This certainly is an exciting month at the Rodgers Forge Library! Students will each get the opportunity to provide a suggestion for the 2020 Spring Book Order. It's a chance for students to be an active partner in building the library collection and put their personal stamp on the library! The 2020 Book Order will be completed soon in the month of March!

We have lots of great E-Books! E-Books are a book that students can read right on a computer or tablet. Here's how you can check out ebooks from home:

Follett Shelf eBooks

1. From the BCPSHome page www.bcps.org, select Students.
2. Click the words "Digital Content"
3. Click Destiny
4. Select Rodgers Forge Elementary.
5. Login (link in upper right corner of screen.)

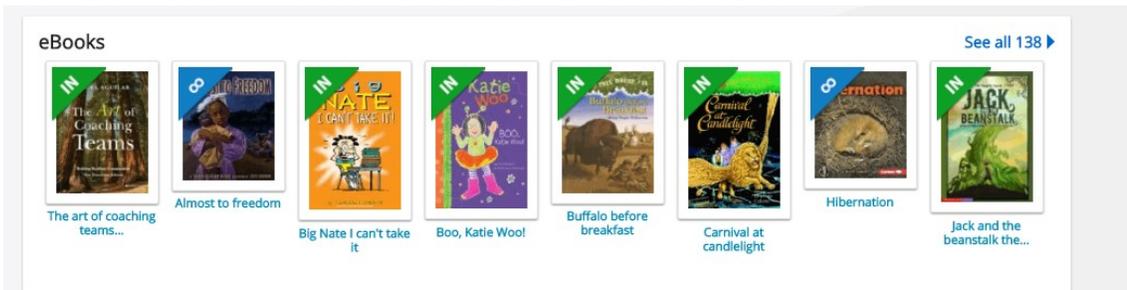


6. Students must use their BCPS User Name and Internal Password (Sent home earlier this year)

Log in using your Follett account

A light gray login form. It has two input fields: 'Username' and 'Password'. Below the fields is the text 'Trouble logging in? Ask your media specialist or librarian.' At the bottom right are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Submit'.

7. Click on "See All" to see the ebooks that are available!



8. Now you can preview, checkout, and return eBooks!

As always, thanks for sending your children ready to learn, and with an enthusiasm for reading and learning!

Any questions? Just email me at

pholden@bcps.org

News from the Counselor's Corner



In the month of February, the following students were recognized for demonstrating virtues



All Teachers
 Ms. Fanshaw
 Ms. Rowland
 Mrs. Evans
 Mrs. Mercer
 News Crew
 Safeties
 Art Helpers
 Gym Helpers
 Orion Lee
 Leo Meacham
 Isabella Giordani- Gossman
 Hina'ea Hoopai
 Jack McGivern
 Daniel Palmer
 Emma Stevenson
 Gemma Watkins
 Claire Badertscher
 Michelle Razon-Fernandez
 Hemsly Cooch
 Joseph Razon-Fernandez
 Mrs. Kopf's Class

Siba Almuhammad
 Chloe Nivatpumin
 Emma Yang
 Julia Cocchiararo-Ferreira
 Avery Callaghan
 Olivia Kahn
 Luka Stone
 Lincoln Vandenberg
 Mrs. Evans' Class
 William Angerhofer
 Mark Flynn-Taylor
 Tatum Jackson
 Ani Mumford
 Josephine Schroeder
 Conor Vuolo
 Kadence Trader
 Skyli Cook
 Colin Shamosh
 Piper Keating
 Hailey Mychailysz

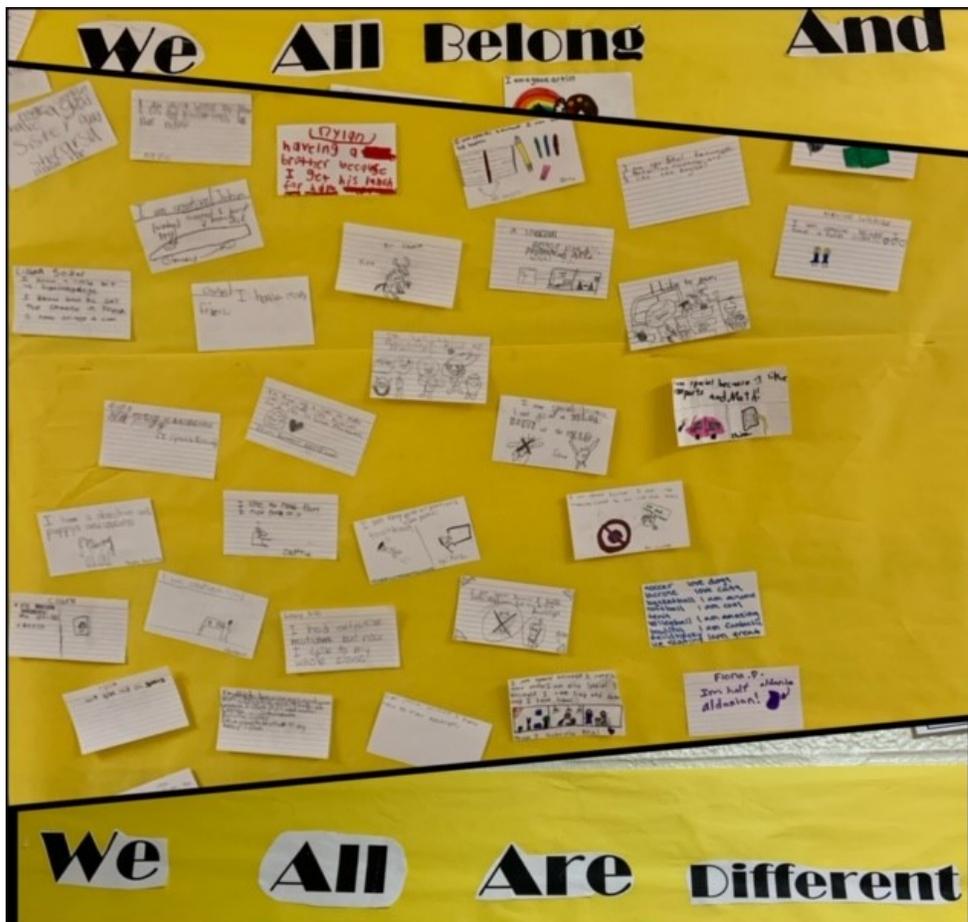
Teni Akenroye
 Gleny Duarte Contreras
 Gavin Hardy
 Ryan McKenzie
 Brittany Metzger
 Lilly Reed
 Emery Webster
 Elliott Roberts
 Elizabeth Kennedy
 Dara Kobilarov
 Alexander McKinney
 Ms. Manley's Class
 Abigayle Hanson
 Preston Metil
 Jasmine Bishop
 Max Ortiz
 Blakely Geyer
 Tess Duncan
 Anneliese Gover
 Steven Nguyen

Random Acts of Kindness Week

Random Acts of Kindness Week was celebrated the week of February 17th. GQ mentoring students kickstarted a kindness bookmark make and take. Students made bookmarks that were hung up around the school and students were encouraged to take one to spread the kindness.



GQ members also re-visited the WE ALL BELONG Campaign started a few years ago by a former GQ member. As part of celebrating and appreciating differences, students were encouraged to write something that makes them different/unique/special and place it on a large poster paper displayed by the office.





Theme for March Lessons

March lessons will focus on emotional regulation. Our virtue for March will be courtesy.

Below are some tips from GoZen to say to an upset child.



We're on the same team. I will help you.

11 Things to Say When Kids Cry

by GoZen!



I can see this is hard for you.



I understand you're overwhelmed and that's OK.



That was really sad/frustrating/disappointing.



Let's take a break.



I love you. You are safe.



Would you like help/a break/ to try again?



I can hear you are crying, but I don't know what you need. Can you help me understand?



I remember when you...



Let's come up with a solution together.



Maintain silence and hold loving space for your crying child.

March Is Music In Our Schools Month!

This year the theme is....

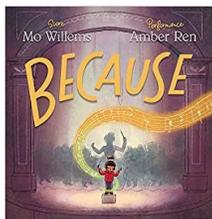


In 1985, the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) officially designated the entire month of March as a celebration of school music. The purpose of Music in Our Schools Month (MIOSM) is to not only raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children, but to bring music programs to the attention of each school and community to show that school is where ALL children should have access to music and to display the benefits of school music to students of all ages.

In March, music educators and music students will be celebrating music education in their schools and communities with classroom activities that show how “Music Changes Lives,” the theme of the 2020 observance of Music In Our Schools Month®. The impact of music education on the lives of students is evident in its social-emotional effect on young people and how they interact with the world around them.

Greetings,

This year as part of our celebration at RFES we will be reading and reflecting on the book **Because** by Mo Willems.



Thank you to all those who participated in the Coffeehouse. It was a great night.

Thank you for supporting music in your child's life and here at Rodgers Forge!

Sing-cerely,

Mrs. Lisa Tierney

ltierney@bcps.org



Announcing our Winter Homeroom Contest Winners

Third Place: Mrs. Burgner-Hannum's Class

Second Place: Mrs. Kopf's Class

First Place: Mrs. Lark's Class

Thank you to everyone for contributing to Box Tops for Education!

Remember they are phasing out the "cutting out" part of the program so download the Box Top app and scan your receipts to automatically send box tops to our school account!

Our Box Top funds were used to purchase ukuleles! We have a complete classroom set. Next we will be updating our Orff instruments-xylophones and bell sets.

Thank you to our PTA Coordinators-Pari Ghorbani and Kate McGivern. Thank you for your time, creative ideas and support!

We appreciate all the volunteers who helped to count this year. Thank you!



Save the Dates

Third Grade Recorder Concert

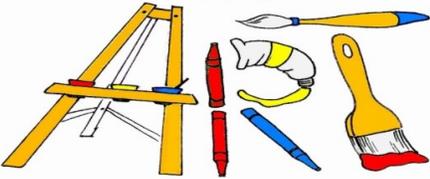
Tuesday, April 21, 2020

6:30 pm in the RFES Café

Fifth Grade Spring Concert

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

6:30 pm in the RFES Café

the

 News
 room

It's all about Radial symmetry in the 5th grade Art classes. Students are using their imagination and creative thinking abilities to create an original design from their own imagination. They will be introduced to a drawing and design technique to turn their sketch into a design that has RADIAL SYMMETRY.



By using using the primary colors, grade 4 will be creating secondary as well as tertiary colors to complete their very own color wheel. Each student has chosen a pose for their Self Portrait Silhouette that they will add to their colorwheel.



Grade 3 is inspired by the works of Georgia O'Keeffe and the powers of observation to create a

realistic flower composition. Students are using a view finder to help them concentrate on their flower subject. Your 3rd grade artists will create a series of practice thumbnail sketches before beginning their final composition.



Grade 2 artists are using the art element of VALUE to create the illusion of a three-dimensional sphere for their chalk pastel "snow people" compositions. They will be creating shading and cast shadows in our work.



Grade 1 artists are learning all about clay and sculptures as they begin to create their clay pinch pots.

The Kindergarten students took a virtual trip to Antarctica to learn all about penguins as an inspiration for their penguin collages.

Ms. Kotapish kkotapish@bcps.org



[Steam Night in the ART ROOM! Oh What fun!!](#)

Coming up in MARCH!

Look for Rodgers Forge Elementary School Student Art on display at the Towson Public Library starting the second week of March. Congratulations, ahead of time, to the students who will have their wonderful Art on Display at the Towson Public Library!





WOW!!



Kids Heart Challenge was a huge success!! We met our goal by raising a little over \$10,000. All R.F.E.S. students celebrate heart health during our event.!! Thank you to the special area teachers and Hotspot volunteers during our event!

Spring Cleaning??

The PE department is always looking for gently used outdoor games, aerobic steps, old lacrosse sticks (especially girl's) and other sporting equipment (we have plenty of soccer balls, though). If you have any that you would like to clean out...please contact Mrs. Celenza at bcelenza@bcps.org

Sports Day (9 am- 12 :30 pm):

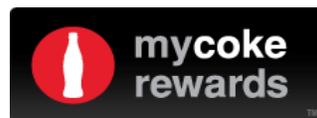
K-2 May 28th

3-5 May 29th

Volunteers are needed for Sports Day whether you can come for an hour or the whole day... please contact Mrs. Celenza if interested at bcelenza@bcps.org

Tennis Shoes for P.E Class and Recess!!

As the weather and temperatures fluctuate, many students enjoy wearing boots to school. When outdoor recess is possible and/or P.E. class is scheduled, please send a pair of tennis shoes for your child(ren) to change into for these activities to keep him or her safe while participating.



DON'T FORGET!!! Please continue to submit the Coke Rewards Points from product like Dasani Water, POWERADE and other Coke products at <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/>. These points will allow our Physical Education Department to earn new equipment. Thanks for your support!



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Adults

Zentangle®

Adult

Learn a new way to relax by creating works of art using the Zentangle® Method taught by Becky Boynton, a certified Zentangle® teacher. No art experience necessary. All supplies provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Towson Library. Registration required.

March 4 Wed 7:00 PM

Ready, Set, Go! The Nuts & Bolts of Starting a Business

All ages

A workshop designed for small businesses in the planning phase of building a company. Featured topics include registering a business name, filing your business as a legal entity, marketing and advertising strategies, charging and reporting retail sales tax, creating a business plan, zoning guidelines and business licensing. Registration required.

March 10 Tues 6:00 PM

Gmail for Beginners

Adult

Learn the basics of navigating a Gmail account. Attendees must have an active Gmail account. Familiarity with keyboard and mouse required. Registration required.

March 12 Thu 2:00 PM

Beginner's Guide to Woodworking: How to Get Into the Hobby and Make a Cutting Board

Adult

Learn about basic woodworking tools and techniques, discover online resources for additional techniques and project ideas, and assemble your own cutting board from pre-sawn strips of wood. All supplies provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Towson Library. Registration required.

March 17 Tues 7:00 PM

Remarkable Women of Maryland

Adult

Take a virtual field trip with the Maryland Historical Society and learn about Maryland women who played a pivotal role in history. As part of the cybertour, hear from Harriet Tubman, Elizabeth Bonaparte, Margaret Brent and others, view artifacts from the museum's collection and participate in discussion with MDHS staff.

March 19 Thurs 6:30 PM

History Book Club

Adult

Join us as we discuss *The Immortal Irishman: The Irish Revolutionary Who Became an American Hero* by Timothy Egan.

March 18 Wed 7:00 PM

Veterans Book Group

Adult

Join us as we discuss *The Frozen Hours: A Novel of the Korean War* by Jeff Shaara. Led by Dr. Karen Arnold, independent scholar, this book group is open to current service members and veterans from all eras. Participants should plan to attend all five sessions. Required registration ends February 24. Dinner is provided. Veterans Book Group is coordinated statewide by Maryland Humanities and presented locally in partnership with Baltimore County Public Library, supported in part by the citizens of Baltimore County, via a grant received from the Baltimore County Commission on the Arts & Sciences.

March 23 Mon 6:00 PM

BC Roads: Meet Jarrett Krosoczka

Teen/Adult

Author and illustrator Jarrett Krosoczka shares his own story in the illustrated memoir *Hey, Kiddo*. At a very young age, Jarrett is cared for by his grandparents, as his addict mother cannot care for him and his father is not part of his life. It is not until his teenage years that Jarrett begins to

piece together the truth of his family, reckoning with his mother and tracking down his father. Krosoczka is known for graphic novels designed for younger readers. He has written the Lunch Lady series and Platypus Police Squad series, popular with middle schoolers. In this work, relatable to both teens and adults, Krosoczka utilizes the medium he works best in an effort to help reduce the stigma of addiction. Sponsored by the Friends of the Towson Library.

March 23 Mon 7:00 PM

Introduction to Google Drive

Adult

Learn about cloud storage and the basics of formatting documents, sheets and slides through Google Drive. Attendees must have an active Gmail account. Familiarity with keyboard, mouse and computers required. Registration required.

March 26 Thurs 2:00 PM

Towson Book Club

Adult

Join us for a lively discussion of *Dope-sick: Dealers, Doctors, and the Drug Company That Addicted America* by Beth Macy, a BC Reads selection.

March 28 Thu 6:30 PM

Creative Mandalas

Adult

Robin Williams from Inner Harbor Wellness teaches you how to create a mandala, a symbol of wholeness and healing used throughout the world as an expressive tool for centering the emotions, mind and body. Create without judgment or expectation as you inspire your inner artist with music, poetry, guided mindfulness practices, nature and a variety of art materials. For the curious beginner and experienced explorer. Registration required.

March 31 Tues 6:30 PM

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Children & Families

Infant Story Time:

Babies and Books

Newborn to 12 months with adult. It's never too early to introduce your baby to books. Discover rhymes, lap dances, songs and simple stories while connecting with other families. Designed for newborns and crawlers; siblings and all abilities welcome. Limited seating available; first come, first served.
Wednesdays 10:00 AM

Toddler Story Time: Wiggles and Fun

Toddler: (1 to 3 years) with an adult. Encourage language development and early literacy through interactive stories, songs, rhymes and movement. Designed for children who are newly mobile and active; siblings and all abilities welcome. Limited seating available; first come, first served.
Monday 10:00 AM
Thursdays 10:00 AM

Family and Friends Story Time

Toddler: (1 to 3 years)
Preschool: (3 to 5 years)
Develop language and early literacy skills together through stories, songs, rhymes and movement. Designed for children who range from newly mobile and active to learning to sit for short periods; siblings and all abilities welcome. Limited seating available; first come, first served.
Fridays 10:00 AM
2nd & 4th Saturdays 10:00 AM

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss Story Time

All Ages
Celebrate the beloved author's birthday with stories, music and a craft. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.
March 2 Mon 10:30 PM

Paws to Read

6 to 11 years old with adult
Shy or reluctant readers can read to a lovable dog from Paws on Wheels. They are friendly, non-judgmental and good listeners. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.
March 7 Sat 2:00 PM

Saturday Crafternoon

All Ages (Children under 8 must be accompanied by an Adult)
Make a craft in our children's area. Materials provided.

March 7: Make a Four-Leaf Clover
March 21: Tissue Paper Painting



3D Printer Training

All ages
Let's build things together! During this librarian-guided training, learn the basics of how 3D printing works and become certified to use a branch 3D printer independently. Adults accompanying children under 12 must also obtain 3D certification. Registration required.
March 11 Wed 6:00 PM

Reptile Wonders

All ages
Reptile Wonders presents a hands-on, interactive and interpretive program featuring several species of reptiles, including baby turtles, giant tortoises and pythons. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.
March 14 Sat 2:00 PM

Teens

3D Printer Training

All ages
Let's build things together! During this librarian-guided training, learn the basics of how 3D printing works and become certified to use a branch 3D printer independently. Adults accompanying children under 12 must also obtain 3D certification. Registration required.
March 11 Wed 6:00 PM

LGBTQ+ Teen Meet-Up

Teen
Middle school- and high school-aged members of the LGBTQ+ community are welcome to join us for discussion, socializing and engaging DIY activities. Snacks provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Towson Library.
March 6 Thu 7:00 PM
March 17 Tues 7:00 PM

BC Reads: Meet Jarrett

Krosoczka
Teen/Adult
See other side for description
March 23 Mon 6:00 PM

Girls Who Code: Grades 6 to 12

Girls build character and coding skills as they learn, plan and build to create a project using Scratch, Python, JavaScript or Thunkable. During each session, girls celebrate together and build community through interactive activities while learning about inspiring role models and engaging in fun and simple self-guided coding tutorials. No previous experience necessary. Participants are expected to attend each Tuesday (10 meetings) through May 26. Registration required by emailing towson@bcpl.net or by calling 410-887-6166.
March 24 Tues 6:30 PM

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They grow up so fast.

Now's your chance to shape their future.



A kindergartener counted in the 2020 Census this spring will be starting high school when the next census comes around in 2030. That's 10 years of school supplies, teachers, school lunches, and so much more. This is your opportunity to help ensure they have a bright future.

Right now, students across the country are getting an introduction to the 2020 Census through the Statistics in Schools program. This program offers free activities and resources to schools to help prepare their students for an increasingly data-driven world.

Students are learning that the 2020 Census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. Responding to the census helps your community get its fair share of funding. Census data guides how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year for schools, health care facilities, roads, transportation, recreation centers, social services, and more.

You have the power to shape your future, and the future of all children, by counting everyone in your home in the 2020 Census.

Learn more about how you can shape your future at 2020CENSUS.GOV.

Get more information about the Statistics in Schools program at CENSUS.GOV/SCHOOLS.

Students are also learning these key things about the 2020 Census—and we want you to know them too:

- Starting in March 2020, everyone living in your home needs to be counted. That includes children and newborn babies, citizens and noncitizens, relatives and nonrelatives, and even those staying with you temporarily.
- It's easier than ever to respond to the census. You can respond in 13 different languages, and you can complete it online, by phone, or by mail.
- Your responses to the census are safe and secure. The law requires the U.S. Census Bureau to keep your information confidential, and your responses cannot be used against you in any way.



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