

"The Howling Wolf"

Red House Run Elementary School

A National Blue Ribbon School



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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

*"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."
~John Dewey*

January and February 2019
Volume 3

Calendar of Events

January	2	Schools Reopen
	21	Schools and Offices Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
	22-31	Vision and Hearing Screening
	25	12:20 p.m. Early Dismissal – 3 Hr. Early Dismissal Elementary and Middle Schools (Only) – Second Marking Period Ends
February	1	Vision and Hearing Screening
	7	Report Cards Distributed
	13-14	Vision and Hearing Screening
	18	Schools and Offices Closed – Presidents' Day
	21-25	Dental Sealants
March	18-27	Dental Sealants
April	5	12:20 p.m. Early Dismissal – 3 Hr. Early Dismissal Elementary and Middle Schools (Only) – Third Marking Period Ends
	19–22	Schools Closed – Spring Break
	23	Schools reopen Report Cards Distributed
May	6	Pre-K Conference Day – No Pre-K Students
June	5	Professional Development Day – No School for Students Teachers on Duty
	12	<u>Last day for Pre-K Students</u>
	13	12:15 p.m. Dismissal – Elementary and Middle Schools close 3 hours early
	14	12:15 p.m. Dismissal – Last Day of School Elementary and Middle Schools close 3 hours early Report Cards Distributed
	28	Last Day to verify Fifth Grade Residency
	28	<u>Last Day to Renew – Shared Domicile</u>

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome to 2019! As we embark upon the journey that will take us to the end of this school year, please be assured that the teachers and staff, and Mrs. Davis and I, will continue to diligently work with all constituents to foster an environment that ensures an interactive, cross-curricular learning community, characterized by thoughtful decisions and follow-through centering on safety, social well-being, high expectations for all learners, and effective first instruction.

I am proud to announce that Red House Run continues to be recognized as a school that meets the needs of diverse, eager young learners. As a result of the school's many successes, and an environment that beautifully reflects the Goals and Actions of our School Plan, we continue to welcome teachers, principals, and offices from across the county to our school to witness, first hand, our amazing accomplishments. It is evident to all who visit, that the foundation of our thinking is a deep connection to children and a commitment to their growth and achievement, a shared vision of pivotal life-long learning, and our investment in stretching perceived limits.

You, of course as parents, through your diligence and commitment to the growth and achievement of your children have been more than instrumental in our successes. Working together as a team we will continue to move forward in our mission to nurture disciplined, academically diverse classrooms in which all students, delighting in new experiences, can learn at optimum levels, committed to their own accomplishments. Our school success could not happen without you!

On behalf of the entire Red House Run community, we hope that you and your families have a remarkable 2019, complete with an abundance of health, good fortune, and personal success.

Best Wishes,

Ms. Whitney

♪ MUSIC NOTES ♪ *from Mrs. Brown* ♪

The Red House Run Star-Spangled Chorus has been invited to sing *The National Anthem* at Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen, MD on July 19, 2019. If your child is a member of chorus and interested in performing *The National Anthem* at the ballpark, please return the permission form with your down payment to hold your spot. Payment is due in two equal installments. The first half is due by **March 1, 2019**. The second half is due on **April 26, 2019**. If you wish, you may pay the entire amount anytime on or before April 26, 2019. If you need another form please contact Mrs. Brown.



AFTER SCHOOL CHORUS

After-School Chorus will begin again on **Wednesday, February 6, 2019**. If your child was a member of chorus in the fall/winter of 2018, then you do not need to fill out another permission form. Chorus will dismiss promptly at 4:30 pm.



RECORDERS for THIRD GRADE STUDENTS

ATTENTION THIRD GRADE FAMILIES: Your third grade student will learn to play the recorder this year during vocal music class. Playing recorders helps students develop their music-reading skills and enables them to improve their musical independence. We have arranged to purchase Yamaha recorders at a reduced price of \$5.00. If you wish to purchase a recorder for your child, please return the RECORDER ORDER FORM with cash or a check made payable to Red House Run E. S. or please indicate on the order form if you have paid for the recorder **on-line with a credit card** in an envelope marked *RECORDER* with your child's name. On-line payment instructions are attached to the recorder order form. We will begin learning how to play the recorders in mid-February.

Thank you for supporting Red House Run's Vocal Music Program.

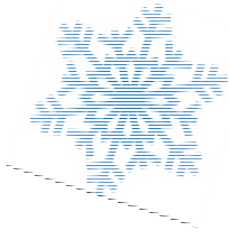
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Giant A+ Reward Program

Our total as of November 30th from parents participating in the A+ Rewards Program for the 2018-2019 school year, is \$135.27. This year the program runs through March 16, 2019. Please register your Giant Rewards Card at any time during the promotional period. The school number for Red House Run Elementary is 01651.



BCPS Weather Information – School Closings

The BCPS weather information telephone number is 443-809-5555. You may call this telephone number for any weather related school closing or late opening information.

School closings will also be announced on all major television stations – Channel 2, 11, 13, and 45.

You may also check the BCPS Website at www.bcps.org for weather related closing