

"The Howling Wolf"

Red House Run Elementary School

A National Blue Ribbon School



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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"The aim of education is the knowledge, not of facts, but of values."

~William S. Burroughs

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Calendar of Events

October	3	Picture Day
	18	5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. PTA Fall Fest
	19	Schools Closed for Students – MSEA Convention
November	6	Schools and Offices Closed – Election Day
	9	12:20 p.m. Early Dismissal – 3 Hr. Early Dismissal Elementary and Middle Schools (Only) First Marking Period Ends
	12 – 16	American Education Week Visitation
	16	VIP Picture Day Grandparent Visitation Day
	19	Make-Up Picture Day
	22 – 23	Schools and Offices Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday
	26	Report Cards Distributed
	29	PreK Conference Day – No School for PreK Students
	30	Schools Closed for Elementary Students – Elementary School Conference Day
December	11	6:30 p.m. Band/Orchestra Concert
	13	6:30 p.m. Chorus Concert
	22 - 31	Schools Closed – Winter Break/Christmas Holiday
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



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



It has been a wonderful opening to the 2018-2019 school year. Mrs. Davis, the staff, and I, eagerly welcomed all of our students and families back to Red House Run on August 30th, and excitement was felt by all! It was an exhilarating beginning, and there are many positive changes.

As you have heard by now, Red House Run is pleased to announce that this school year, all students will have the opportunity to eat breakfast in their classrooms, at school each morning, at no charge. Breakfast will include milk, juice and/or fruit, and an entrée, such as a whole grain muffin, oatmeal chip bar, or reduced-sugar cereals.

This program, which is called Breakfast in the Classroom (BIC), is funded by the Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA) with money from the federal National School Breakfast Program and with state funds awarded to our school by the Maryland State Department of Education.

We will continue to offer school lunch in the cafeteria under the traditional payment system.

Safety is Baltimore County Public Schools' number one priority. As was announced at Back to School Night, and via School Messenger, Red House Run Elementary School staff and students will be trained this fall in a new protocol for responding to the unlikely event of an active assailant. Traditional responses to this type of incident have been to lock down and wait for the police to arrive. Case studies of several active shooter incidents have shown that using only this response resulted in an increase in casualties. Baltimore County Public Schools in partnership with the Baltimore County Police Department is adopting the option-based "ALICE" response protocol to assist those in harm's way should this type of incident occur. Individuals would respond based on information that they have at hand regarding the situation. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. These measures provide the knowledge and skills needed to make the best decisions available for the safety of students, staff, and visitors.

Our parking lot continues to be a challenge, especially in the afternoons. Because of incoming cars, buses are not permitted through the loop in order to pick up the students. As a result, our boys and girls are late getting home, and the buses cannot make it to their next school pick-up on time. Additionally, this situation is often hazardous to our youngsters. We have attempted various remedies, but to no avail. Remember, for the safety of our students housed in the Villas, no cars are permitted access to the back parking lot after 2:45 p.m.

Of course, this year we will continue to innovatively think about how we can best meet the strengths and needs of all our children. Together, we will fully implement the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). These standards, a set of high quality academic expectations in English/Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics define the knowledge and skills all students should master by the end of each grade level in order to be on track for success in college and career. In ELA, students will continue to read more complex nonfiction and fiction texts. They will create written arguments using evidence from multiple texts, and to gather evidence to defend their opinions. In mathematics, students will persevere in developing a foundation of mathematical skills and learning from kindergarten through 12th grade, giving them the building blocks to understand why and how math works in the real-world. Students will still memorize math facts, but they will also be asked to show their understanding by explaining, in writing, how they solved math problems. Literacy, the ability to read, write, speak, communicate, and seek and process information will be the cornerstone of all teaching and learning.

To assist us in reaching our academic targets is our newly elected PTA. Already this school year, our dynamic new Board has planned and hosted events that will assist us in moving the school forward, especially in the area of learner-centered environments. Please consider joining our cause this year by becoming an active member of the school community: join the PTA, participate in the many events offered throughout the year, attend meetings, or volunteer at school or at home. **Join us in our continuing effort to solicit volunteers (parents and grandparents) especially for our kindergarten, first and second grade classes.** Remember the importance of consistent attendance, and please allow us to assist you with any challenges you may be having in this arena; avoiding gaps in learning is critical to success.

Our PTA Executive Board members for 2018-2019 school year are the following:

Amanda McKinney	PTA President
Lauren Canterbury	PTA Vice President
Tiffany Welch	PTA Treasurer
Michelle Chronowski	PTA Secretary

The school administration and staff would like to thank our executive board for dedicating their time and energy to our students, and we look forward to working with them, and all of you, as we strive to “keep on our toes” in providing the best educational experience possible at Red House Run Elementary School.

A very warm welcome goes out to our new staff members. Although these staff members are new to the Red House Run, many come with a lot of experiences from other schools.

 Lynette Wilson	Office Secretary
 Lindsay Jones	Grade 1
 Jennifer Groh	Grade 1
 Heather Stewart	Grade 4
 Emma Gristina	Grade 5
 Monica Roth	Title I Academic Engagement Teacher
 Jackie Warfield	Physical Education .5
 Keirstyn Henderson	Paraeducator SELS 3/4
 Roshawna Cunningham	Paraeducator SELS 5
 Patricia Williams	SLP
 Angela Robusto	Social Worker (1.0)
 Alexandria Brown	Adult Support
 Yvonne Green	Adult Support
 Tracey Sutton	Adult Support

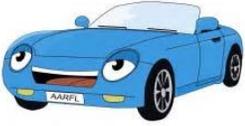
We are looking forward to our students' accomplishments and to a wonderful school year!

Please know that we are here to make certain that students reach their full potential. Feel free to contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Davis, or me, with any questions or concerns. At Red House Run Elementary we will ensure your child's passport to a bright future full of endless possibilities.

With Warm Regards,

Ms. Whitney

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Principal



Parking Lot

While we are all anxious to pick up our children in a timely fashion, we must ensure the safety and well-being of our entire school family.

The parking lot is congested in the afternoons, especially during inclement weather. When picking up their children, parents must park either on Weyburn Road or in a valid spot in the parking lot.

Under no circumstances can parents leave their cars randomly unattended, even with their blinkers flashing. This presents a huge safety hazard and prohibits buses from securely moving through the bus loop.

Please be mindful and courteous of staff requests. They are always acting in the best interests of children.



BCPS One card Student ID's

If students lose or misplace their BCPS One card student ID's the replacement cost is \$5.00 for each occurrence.

Giant A+ Reward Program

We received \$ 395.44 from parents participating in the A+ Rewards Program for the 2017-2018 school year. This year the program begins September 7, 2018, and 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.

Volunteering

In order to volunteer at Red House Run Elementary, you need to complete volunteer training and a volunteer application. This can easily be done from home as you access the training and the application online. Please see the attached paper that describes this process. All completed applications and certificates that verify you have finished the online training need to be returned to school so that your request to volunteer can be processed.

No one can volunteer for a field trip unless they have completed the volunteer training and have been approved.

If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Castle at 410-887-0506.