Principal’s Corner

Dear Featherbed Lane Families:

Best wishes to you and your family for a happy and healthy holiday season. During our first quarter together, we enjoyed a great start with many activities and events such as Family Math Night, Trunk or Treat, our Fall Fun Run, Fall Concert, Book Fair, and American Education Week.

Our first quarter provided with excitement and surprise assemblies! Mindy Basara, Channel 11 News Anchor, and Debbie Phelps, from the Education Foundation of Baltimore County, visited to bring good wishes from the Huddle from 100 Campaign. In addition to the good wishes, the Huddle for 100 Campaign donated 100 Cinch bags filled with school supplies to Featherbed Lane. Additionally, Arthur Lewis from the Harlem Wizards Basketball team visited. He shared a message of kindness and friendship with all students.

The month of December is filled with some exciting opportunities for you to see our talented students. On Tuesday, December 10th our 4th and 5th grade students and the Dance Team will perform during the Winter Concert. On Saturday, December 14th the PTA will host the first ever Winter Festival. We hope you will enjoy this time celebrating the holiday season with our Featherbed Lane family. Students will be able to have fun making crafts, playing games and a holiday shop will be set up for students to purchase very inexpensive gifts. Please contact Mrs. Chandler at featherbedlaneppta@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer or participate.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Michelle Webster,
Principal

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Arrival and Dismissal

Arrival and dismissal are the busiest times of the school day for our school community. The safety of every Featherbed Lane student is paramount at all times, particularly during these important times of the day. As a school community, we are committed to regularly examine our arrival and dismissal procedures to ensure that our students arrive in our building safely and leave safely. We ask that as if you or a family member drives a student to school and uses Richardson Road at any time, that you are mindful of the families who live in the community. A request has been made that we do not park on grass of any of the neighbors in the community. We understand that parking around our school is limited, however, we want to be mindful of our neighbors. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness!

Attendance Announcements

Attendance is an essential component to a student’s academic and social success. Each day, the material presented in class establishes a foundation for future learning. Missed instructional time can lead to breaks in that learning process. If an absence or tardiness cannot be prevented, it is important to explain the reason for the absence or lateness. It is also important that you and/or your child request make-up work for the time that is missed.

Counselor’s Corner

January Lessons with both Ms. Eades and Ms. Rossi will focus on personal safety. Ms. Eades and Ms. Rossi will conduct classroom lessons.
Healthy News

The health suite is still in need of gently used clothing. All sizes will be accepted. Thank you!

When should I keep my child home? The cold weather is here, and the flu season is coming. The question always arises when to keep your child home from school? Children who have the following symptoms should stay home and not come to school until these symptoms have been gone without the help of medication. The doctor must send a note that states the condition is not contagious and that it is OK for your child to come back to school.

**Fever** If a fever over 100 degrees is present please do not send your child to school. Children should be fever-free for 24 hours, without the use of medicine, before returning to school.

**Vomiting/Diarrhea** Until we know that these are no signs of a contagious illness, such as a stomach virus, your child should be kept home. If the vomiting or diarrhea happen more than once that day, or if they are associated with fever, you must keep your child home.

**Skin Rashes** – If the rash has any fluid or pus coming from it, the child must remain out of school until the rash has been treated. A note from the doctor should be sent stating it is ok to return to school. If the rash is gone, dried, or scabbed over with no new spots appearing, students may also return. Anytime a rash is associated with fever, the child may not come to school until that fever is gone for 24 hours without medication.

**Red Eyes, especially if there is also drainage or crust ing around the eye** - This can often mean your child has conjunctivitis, also known as pink-eye. Not all pink-eye is contagious. Sometimes it is just allergies or other irritations that are causing the red color. Until we know for sure, which means we must have a note from the doctor stating the condition is not contagious, or until the redness and drainage are completely gone, students must stay at home.

Math Homework Helpers

**WEDNESDAYS, 4:30 – 5:30 pm on BCPS-TV!!**

Join the fun and give us a call!

We have prizes, we have puppets, we have teachers ready to help you!

EVERY caller will win a special prize!

Get help with your math homework, join the fun, CALL IN, and WIN!!

Get a pencil ready...... at 4:30 WEDNESDAYS tune into BCPS-TV

Comcast channel 73 or Verizon channel 34.
Do you have a BCPS One account? Have you accessed your child’s BCPS One account? Have you explored our brand-new Learning Management System—Schoology? If you’ve answered “no” to any of the questions above, visit the BCPS website and click on the BCPS One icon in the upper right corner so that you can get started. Schoology will give you access to your child’s classes, grades, and instructional resources. You can also communicate with all your child’s teachers via Schoology. To get started visit www.bcps.org. Please contact Ms. Mobley, S.T.A.T. teacher by email kmobley@bcps.org with any questions.
Volunteer Information

Continue to complete volunteer applications if you would like to help in and around Featherbed Lane. Even if you completed the training last year, it is required that a new volunteer application and training certificate be submitted each school year. All training is completed electronically. If you do not have access to the internet, arrangements can be made to utilize a computer at Featherbed Lane. Please contact the school to make arrangements. The volunteer application and training module can be accessed at http://www.bcps.org/community/volunteer_info/. Once you complete your application and the Safe Schools Training, send your application and your certificate to Ms. Hardesty, mhardesty@bcps.org and she will note your registration.

Questions about Moving:

- If you have moved, please make sure you notify us immediately.
- If you do not notify us within 15 days of moving, then you are considered to be fraudulently enrolled.
- It is important for the school to have the most up-to-date information concerning your children in the event of an emergency.
- Even if you switch apartments in the same development, you must reregister. Any changes to email addresses or phone numbers need to be reported to the main office.
- Please call 410-887-1302 for assistance with enrollment.

Fall Fun Run- Students had a wonderful time participating in the PTA sponsored Fall Fun Run! Thank you to all the families who donated as the PTA collected just over $700! These funds which the PTA collected will help to support assemblies for students. We have a K-2 assembly scheduled for next week and a 3-5 assembly scheduled for January. The PTA has generously agreed to sponsor these assemblies for our students!
PTA Information

Winter Festival
The Featherbed Lane Elementary School PTA is hosting a spectacular Winter Festival. Come join us for a day at the Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe and more. Fun Games Prizes
December 14, 10am - 1pm
Featherbed Lane Gymnasium
6700 Richardson Road, Gwynn Oak MD 21207
Volunteers and Vendors Are Needed
For More Information Please Email featherbedlaneptainc@gmail.com

Holiday Candy Grams
$1.00 per Holiday Candy Gram
Surprise a friend, teacher, or family member with a candy gram showing them how much you appreciate them.
Sign up for your Holiday Candy Gram orders on December 10th before and after the Winter Concert & December 15th during the Winter Festival
All Holiday Candy Grams will be distributed on December 20th
Sponsored by FLES PTA

PTA Membership Drive
Have you joined yet?
Next Meeting: Monday, January 6th at 7:00 PM
We need you:
Yearly membership dues are $12. Please send in dues to your child’s homeroom teacher. Your dues will go towards a school mascot, assemblies, and other student activities.
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FLES Spirit Week
Mon: Mix Match
Tue: Teacher Twist
Wed: Pajama Day
Thu: Hero Day
Fri: Crazy Hat Day
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