



# OWL NEWS

Michelle Webster, Principal  
Lori Grant, Assistant Principal  
James Marthe, Assistant Principal

## Principal's Corner

Dear Featherbed Lane Families:

There are exciting things happening at Featherbed Lane! In the month of October, we had our first Family Math Night with over 250 families in attendance. We had class lessons all month with our School Counselors. During Bully Prevention Week, Ms. Rossi and Ms. Eades focused lessons on Kindness. Red Ribbon Week followed with focused lessons on being Drug Free. We held the first of our Monthly Heart Markets and our first PTA sponsored Trunk or Treat! Thank you to all our families and to the many volunteers for their support.

The week of November 19-21 we will host American Education Week. We hope you will take an opportunity to experience firsthand the learning and instructional practices by visiting Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Please use the schedule in the newsletter for visitation information. Our S.T.A.T. Teacher, Ms. Mobley, Reading Specialist, Ms. Rampata, and Math Resource Teacher, Mr. Gifford will be hosting information workshops during the week. Please bring a picture ID and RSVP by using the link or returning the form included, so that we can pre-print your visitor's badge:

<https://tinyurl.com/y5ynov5s> .

Elementary Conference Day is Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> which means school is closed for students, so we may meet with parents. Report cards are distributed on November 21<sup>st</sup>. We have encouraged all teachers to schedule conferences with families. If you are not able to meet your child's teacher, we encourage you to arrange a phone conference.

During this time of year, I'd like to pause and take the time to say thank you for the extra efforts you have extended in supporting Featherbed Lane! We appreciate all your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Michelle Webster,  
Principal

## November Events

| Monday                                     | Tuesday  | Wednesday                                 | Thursday   | Friday  |
|--|--|---|--|---|
| 4<br>PTA General Meeting<br>6:00-7:00 P.M. | 5  | 6   | 7  | 8<br>School closes at 12:40 P.M. for students |
| 11<br>Book Fair                            | 12<br>Book Fair<br>Fall Concert Kindergarten & 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade | 13<br>Book Fair<br>Primary Music Assembly | 14<br>Book Fair  | 15<br>Book Fair                               |
| 18<br>American Education Week              | 19<br>OGE/PreK, 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade          | 20<br>Kindergarten 4 <sup>th</sup> grade  | 21<br>1 <sup>st</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> grades<br>Report Card Distribution | 22<br>Conference day-Closed for students      |
| 25   | 26   | 27  | 28<br>Thanksgiving Holiday   | 29<br>Thanksgiving Holiday                    |

## Upcoming Events - December

| Monday                                     | Tuesday   | Wednesday          | Thursday                 | Friday  |
|--|---|--------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 2<br>PTA General Meeting<br>6:00-7:00 P.M. | 3   | 4                  | 5<br>Make-up Picture Day | 6   |
| 9  | 10<br>Winter Concert<br>4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 11                 | 12                       | 13<br>**Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> PTA Sponsored Winter Festival |
| 16   | 17  | 18                 | 19                       | 20  |
| 23<br>Winter Break begins after school     | 24<br>Winter Break  | 25<br>Winter Break | 26<br>Winter Break       | 27<br>Winter Break  |
| 30<br>Winter Break                         | 31<br>Winter Break  |                    |                          |   |

### Contact Our School

Featherbed Lane Elementary School  
2700 Richardson Road Baltimore, MD 21207

Phone: 410-887-1302 Fax: 410-887-6867

E-mail: [featherbedlane@bcps.org](mailto:featherbedlane@bcps.org)

Website: <http://featherbedlane.bcps.org>

Follow us on Twitter: @flesbcps

# *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 always paramount, 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 speak with students daily about bus safety and how to sit safely on the bus ride to and from school. Please take a moment to reinforce this with your student.

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, please remember that it is important to explain the reason for the absence or lateness in a note to the classroom teacher when your child returns to school. It is also important that you and/or your child request make-up work for the time that is missed. As a school we are currently at 95.62%.

## *Counselor's Corner*

In November students will learn conflict resolution strategies in the school counseling core curriculum. Kindergarteners will learn about Buzz the Bee and what to do when they feel "bugged". Students in first grade will discuss how our words and actions attract others to us or repel others away. Second graders will review a definition of tattling to determine when to tell/report and when not to. In addition, they will develop a list of skills and strategies to use before getting adult help. Third graders will differentiate between mean and nice teasing to determine when they may be hurting someone's feelings. In fourth grade students will compare stories from multiple perspectives in order to see an alternate point of view on conflict. Fifth graders will be introduced to the concepts of a fixed and a growth mindset to set a goal that can be attained with practice.



# Healthy News



- Allergy and Asthma season is upon us. Monitor all symptoms closely and follow your health care provider's advice. Medical care plans, rescue inhalers, and Epi-Pens are a necessity, and may save a life! If your child needs an inhaler, Epi-Pen, or daily medications in school, please contact the school nurse to obtain the appropriate paperwork needed.
- If your student has a health condition or needs special care during the school day such as medication, treatments, or monitoring, please inform the school nurse. Individual health care plans help keep your students safe and healthy.
- Annual school health screenings for vision and hearing will be held in January for all new students to BCPS and students in grades First and Fourth.
- The health suite is in need of gently used clothing in all sizes. If you have any clothes that you can donate, please feel free to drop them off at the health suite. It is greatly appreciated.

Reminder: children should stay home from school when:

- your child has a fever above 100.0. Do not send your child back to school until your child has been free of fever for 24 hours without fever reducing medication
- your child is vomiting
- your child has a productive cough with phlegm
- your child has been diagnosed with strep throat and has been on antibiotics for less than 24 hours.



## *Educational Game Lending Library*

Featherbed Lane Elementary school is pleased to announce the Educational Game Lending Library is available for families to borrow. The library consists of reading and math related educational games for all grade levels. Checking out a game is simple! Stop by room 10 between 9am - noon any day and select a grade appropriate game. Complete a game checkout form and start enjoying hours of learning fun with your child. We kindly ask games families to return games after one week and check out a new game. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Hardesty at [mhardesty@bcps.org](mailto:mhardesty@bcps.org) or by phone at 410-877-1302.

## *Magnet Information*

Attention all 5th grade parents!! Magnet applications are currently available! You can access the application at: [www.bcps.org/offices/omp](http://www.bcps.org/offices/omp). All applications must be submitted online or mailed by November 15, 2019. Online applications are accepted until 1pm. Mailed applications must be postmarked by November 15, 2019. Applications submitted after the deadline date will not be considered. Please contact Ms. Rossi, School Counselor, at [krossi2@bcps.org](mailto:krossi2@bcps.org) for more information.



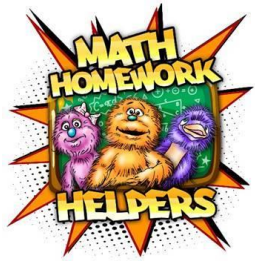
## *Math Homework Helpers*

**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.



**BCPS SCHOOLLOGY**

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](http://www.bcps.org). Please contact Ms. Mobley, S.T.A.T. teacher by email [kmobley@bcps.org](mailto: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 Ms. Hardesty at [mhardesty2@bcps.org](mailto:mhardesty2@bcps.org) or by calling 410-887-1302. The volunteer application and training module can be accessed at:

[http://www.bcps.org/community/volunteer\\_info/](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](mailto:mhardesty@bcps.org) and she will note your registration.



## *Featherbed Lane PTA*

Featherbed Lane has a PTA that is seeking family support. Membership is \$12 per family. Being a member means you are contributing to the events and activities to support students and Featherbed Lane. Meetings are typically held the first Monday of the month from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the library. You can follow PTA events on the PTA Facebook page, Twitter and Instagram. The next event is the Fun Run which will be held on 11/27/19.

*Thank you to the PTA for sponsoring the first Trunk or Treat event!*

### *PTA Board Members:*

*Ms. Chandler: PTA President*

*Ms. Moore: Vice President*

*Ms. Adams Treasurer*

*Ms. King: Secretary*

## *Gratitude Daily #1 - What Does Gratitude Mean?*

Gratitude is mindful thankfulness and the ability to be thankful even when things in life are challenging. Practicing Gratitude has many health benefits including better sleep, increases self-esteem and can even expand our life-span. All of this leads to greater happiness.

As we move through the month of November, we will continue to be mindful and be thankful!

## Library Night



**Tuesday, November 19**  
**6:00 - 7:30 PM**

Elementary School Students and Families

Join us for a fun evening of activities including Minecraft, LEGOs, Button Making, Google Expedition Virtual Reality and more! An appearance by special guest, Sneaks!

Collect a raffle ticket upon entry for a chance to win a tote bag full of prizes!



### Schedule of Activities

**Minecraft**  
Use your awesome powers of creation to build and explore new worlds in Minecraft. Both new and experienced players welcome. No account necessary.

**LEGOs**  
Create with LEGO blocks! Participate in a building challenge or create something new.

**Google Expedition VR**  
Take a Virtual Reality trip without leaving home using a Google Expedition viewer.

**Button Making**  
Make buttons of your favorite book character, super hero, or emoji!

**Create your own Bookmark**  
Decorate a bookmark to take home using a variety of materials.

**Library Resource Table**  
Learn about Student Accounts and all of the valuable library resources available to students.

**Story Time & Raffle Drawings**  
Enjoy stories read by BCPS staff and a chance to win a BCPL tote bag full of great prizes!

Woodlawn Branch • 1811 Woodlawn Drive • 410-887-1336

Featherbed Lane  
Elementary School  
presents...

# American Education Week

November 18th- November 22nd



Featherbed Lane students and staff members invite you to visit your students classroom during American Education Week! All are welcomed to visit our classrooms throughout this special week to get a snapshot of the life the quality education your student receives every-day within our school building.

November 18th- November 22nd

Featherbed Lane Elementary School

All visitors must have a valid ID to check into the office prior to their visit. To RSVP to the event please visit this link: <https://tinyurl.com/y5ynov5s> or complete the portion below and turn it into your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, November 15th.

### Suggested Visiting

#### Hours:

- Pre-Kindergarten AM/PM  
Tuesday 11/19
- Kindergarten  
Wednesday 11/20  
9:30-1:30 am
- First Grade  
Thursday 11/20  
9:30-1:30 am
- Second Grade  
Tuesday 11/19  
9:30-1:30 am
- Third Grade  
Tuesday 11/18  
9:30-1:30 am
- Fourth Grade  
Wednesday 11/20  
9:30-1:30 am
- Fifth Grade  
Thursday 11/18  
9:30-1:30 am

Don't Forget! Conference Day is  
Friday, November 22nd!

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Adult (s) Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_