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<td><strong>IT’S COLD OUTSIDE!!</strong>&lt;br&gt;The cold air is here! Please be sure your child does not arrive at school before 9:00 a.m. Our building doesn’t open for students until 9:00 a.m. and our staff isn’t on duty to supervise children until that time. On days BCPS opens two hours late, our building opens for students at 11:00 a.m. There is no breakfast on days when school opens two hours late.</td>
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<td><strong>Ms. Deidre Lynch</strong>&lt;br&gt;Assistant Principal</td>
<td><strong>Mrs. Charlene Behnke</strong>&lt;br&gt;Principal</td>
<td><strong>Mrs. Nitsa Stakias Zdziera</strong>&lt;br&gt;PTO President</td>
<td><strong>Happy Valentine’s Day</strong>&lt;br&gt;PTO Spirit Night: Chick-fil-A 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.</td>
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READING AT HONEYGO
DETERMINING IMPORTANCE
We continue to use metacognition strategies as thinkers and readers at Honeygo. During the months of February and March, we will focus on determining importance. Readers need to prioritize as they read. This relates to identifying the main idea and themes. This skill is a critical skill for students as they encounter textbooks and nonfiction.

When reading with students at home you can discuss:
- **Identifying themes** - what kind of message is the author sending (fictional text)
- **Identifying main ideas** - discerning between main ideas versus interesting facts (non-fiction text)

Amy Holland
Reading Specialist
Honeygo Elementary

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Honeygo students have been busy focusing on heart health and fitness. Students have learned the importance of daily exercise and activities they can do outside of PE to be physically active. Our 4th and 5th graders have completed Fitnessgram testing and they will be receiving their reports at the end of the third quarter.

During the month of February, our kindergarteners, first graders, and second graders will focus on hand dribbling, passing, and some basic basketball shooting. Third, fourth, and fifth grade students will work toward mastering hand dribbling, passing, basketball shooting, and offensive/defensive strategies.

Reminder, please make sure your student is wearing their tennis shoes on their physical education day. Boots are a safety concern and cannot be worn during physical education. If your student has an extra pair of tennis shoes they can leave in their locker, that is a great back-up for days they may forget.

Calendar alert! Field day will be Wednesday, June 3rd (2nd and 3rd graders AM & 4th and 5th graders PM), and Thursday, June 4th (Kindergarteners and 1st graders AM). Be on the lookout for volunteer opportunities for this event.

As always, thank you for your support of the Honeygo PE program.

Honeygo….On the Run!!!!

Steve Ey (sey@bcps.org) and Zach Keesecker (zkeesecker@bcps.org)
Follow on Twitter @HoneygoPhysEd

COUNSELOR CONNECTION
Well, January certainly was interesting with days of 60+ degrees and others in the 20s! We hope you were able to enjoy some extra time outside with your family during those nice days. Our monthly counseling lessons for January focused on Character. Students learned about whole body listening, handling gossip and rumors, and how reputations are made and changed. A parent letter/follow-up worksheet was sent home after each lesson. During the month of February, the BCPS Counselor Core Curriculum lessons focus on Celebrating Differences. Some of the topics covered in these lessons are identifying interests and strengths, the difference between equity and equality, and accepting differences. Look for the parent letter that will come home after each lesson and ask your child about what they learned. As always, please contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the emotional health of your children, wcarver@bcps.org, jillconnolly2@bcps.org, or 443-809-8700
NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK
The first week of February is designated as National School Counseling Week by the American School Counseling Association (ASCW). This year, National School Counseling Week 2020, “School Counselors: Helping Build Better Humans,” will be celebrated from Feb. 3-7, 2020, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems. National School Counseling Week, sponsored by ASCA, highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

During National School Counseling Week, we would like to take the opportunity to thank the school community for their assistance with, and support of, our school counseling program. That school community includes administration, staff, parents, students, and the local community businesses who help us as we support the students at Honeygo Elementary School. As school counselors, we can provide short term individual counseling, small group counseling, and classroom lessons, as well as help to coordinate services for students and provide consultation for families and school staff.

Thank you for letting us help your children reach their potential and become the best they can be! If you have any concerns about the role of a school counselor, or would like to discuss any concerns you may have regarding your child, please contact us at wcaver@bcps.org, jillconnolly2@bcps.org, or 443-809-8700.

HONEYGO GIVES BACK UPDATE
After a very busy November and December, the Honeygo Gives Back club is looking forward to projects for the remainder of the school year. Honeygo Gives Back support for Raise Craze was highlighted in the latest edition of Honeygo Living. For their next project, they will be supporting the St. Baldrick’s Foundation to raise funds for childhood cancer research on Friday, February 28th. Members of the Honeygo Gives Back club, as well as some of their parents, will be at the entrance doors with buckets to collect donations. Anyone who makes a donation will receive a St. Baldrick’s bracelet to wear. You can also join the St. Baldrick’s team to make donations or sign up to shave your head at the St. Baldrick’s Day event on Sunday March 8, 2020 from 1-6 at Martin’s East by going to https://www.facebook.com/768697051/posts/10158119544632052/?d=n. A flyer is also attached to this newsletter.

Thank you for your generosity and support as we support the fight against children’s cancer!

MEAN BEHAVIOR VS BULLYING
It can be hard to determine the difference between bullying and mean behavior. Today, people often confuse mean and rude behavior with bullying. It is important to know the difference, so our language and interventions are consistent. At Honeygo, we teach our students that bullying is mean, on purpose, and over and over again (M.O.O). We teach monthly lessons to the students to recognize the difference and help students use their problem-solving skills if someone is being mean to them. If they are unsure, they can always ask an adult at school. Below are some articles that help to explain the difference.


https://www.verywellfamily.com/bullying-or-unkind-behavior-how-to-know-the-difference-460493

https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/passive-aggressive-diaries/201211/is-it-rude-is-it-mean-or-is-it-bullying

VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS
If you haven’t completed the BCPS volunteer application and training, please don’t wait until later in the year if you plan to volunteer. It takes several days to review the applications, so they need to be turned in at least three days before the day you would like to volunteer. Volunteers must complete a new application each year for each school they would like to support. Please send both your completed application and training certificate to Mrs. Carver. After it is reviewed, your name will be added to our approved volunteer list. Feel free to contact Mrs. Carver if you have questions about the application or training at wcaver@bcps.org or 443-809-8606.
NEWS FROM THE HEALTH SUITE
I am sure many of you have struggled with illnesses in your families during the past month. While there has not been an overwhelming number of illnesses at Honeygo, there have been some cases of flu, strep, pink eye and gastrointestinal illnesses. The very best thing you can do to prevent illness is work diligently with your children on the art of frequent and proper handwashing. This should be done with soap and water for a full 20 seconds (about the time it takes to sing the ABC Song). Make sure they wash not only the palms of their hands but also the back of their hands and in between the fingers. In addition, it is equally important to teach them that the germs get into their bodies by touching their eyes, nose and mouth.

Secondly, in the interest of keeping our school community healthy, please do not send your child to school if he or she is sick. **CHILDREN MUST BE FEVER, VOMITING, AND DIARRHEA FREE FOR A FULL 24 HOURS, WITHOUT THE USE OF ANY MEDICATIONS TO TREAT THESE SYMPTOMS, BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL.**

If your child has been sick or is just starting with symptoms and you are not sure what to do about sending them to school, please call me and we can discuss the situation and make a plan together.

Stay Well 😊

Kathleen Kammann BSN, RN
School Nurse

PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR

If your child was born between September 2, 2015 and September 1, 2016, they are eligible for Pre-Kindergarten for the school year 2020/2021. The Pre-K screenings will be held on April 14 and April 15, 2020. Please complete the attached form and return to Honeygo Elementary School.

If your child was born between September 2, 2014 and September 1, 2015, they are eligible for Kindergarten for the school year 2020/2021. The Kindergarten Roundup will be held on May 14 and May 15, 2020. Please complete the attached form and return to Honeygo Elementary School.

Approximately 2 weeks prior to the above dates of registration, a registration packet will be mailed to the home. The packet will include the date and time of your appointment. Please complete the forms and bring the forms and your child with you to your appointment.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

On Monday, January 27th, I had the pleasure of attending the meeting on **Innocence Stolen: Protecting Our Children Online.** Vince DeVivo from the United States Attorney’s Office, District of Maryland, presented information on how to protect young people from negative experiences online. The presentation was extremely informative and went through some strategies to ensure the safety and welfare of our children when they participate in our digital world.

All students, grade K through 5, participate in a Digital Citizenship unit every year in library. I am very passionate about protecting our children and reminding them of the dangers while being online. Please join me in reminding them of some of the Internet Golden Rules while in cyberspace. I have included in this newsletter some of the hand-outs given to us during the presentation.

Internet Golden Rules:

1. Rules from “real” life apply: Courtesy, kindness, modesty, dignity, respect for the law and others, etc.
2. Don’t talk to strangers.
3. Keep your private information private.
4. Never agree to meet an online friend without your parents.
5. There are no guarantees that what you say or post on the Internet is private.
6. Information, including photos, videos, etc., posted on the Internet can last forever.
7. Watch for apps that are difficult to understand, have a hidden purpose, or access your camera.
8. Find the “good” online – good friends, good web sites, good games – and enjoy.

As always, don’t hesitate to reach out to me (bcosgrove@bcps.org), if you have any questions.
Be Part of a Legacy

Every member of our Honeygo Elementary Community is part of something very special. Together, we built this school from the ground up! To celebrate this amazing legacy, the Honeygo PTO has designed a Legacy Tree that will be permanently displayed on the wall next to the library. This tree will honor the work and commitment of the families, teachers and staff who created the Honeygo culture.

Every child who was a student during Honeygo’s Inaugural Year will be represented on the Tree through a special engraved leaf that honors their class. All Honeygo Families, Teachers and Staff are invited to purchase an engraved leaf. Each family may purchase only one leaf.

Don’t delay ... these are expected to sell out quickly.

“Leaf” Your Message Behind!

Purchase an engraved leaf on the Honeygo Legacy Tree! Funds raised will be used by Honeygo Elementary School to support materials, activities and events for students. All leaves are the same size, but vary in price depending on the number of engravable lines.

Don’t delay in returning the attached order form with your payment. Leaves are expected to sell out quickly!

- **Gold Leaf:** $200
  - Up to Three Lines Engravable

- **Silver Leaf:** $125
  - Up to Two Lines Engravable

- **Bronze Leaf:** $75
  - One Line Engravable

Any questions? Please contact Nitsa Stakias Zdziera at ellie025@aol.com.

Sample Leaves:

- **Gold line 1 reads:** In Honor of
  - Line 2: Up to 21 characters
  - Line 3: Up to 27 characters
  - Line 4: Up to 17 characters

- **Silver line 1 reads:** In Honor of
  - Line 2: Up to 21 characters
  - Line 3: Up to 27 characters

- **Bronze line 1 reads:** In Honor of
  - Line 2: Up to 21 characters

Legacy leaves make a wonderful gift. Order form is attached!
Honeygo Legacy Tree Leaf Order Form

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Legacy leaves are expected to sell out quickly. Order forms and money must be received in order to secure your leaf. Any order forms and payment received after Noon will be counted in the next day’s collection. The HES PTO Facebook Page will be used to post updates on the number of leaves left at each level. In the event that leaves are oversold on any given day, a drawing will be held to select which families will be able to purchase the leaves.

Gold Leaf: $200
Up to Three Lines Engravable
32 Available

Silver Leaf: $125
Up to Two Lines Engravable
60 Available

Bronze Leaf: $75
One Line Engravable
100 Available

YES! Please reserve my Legacy Leaf. My engraved message is*: 

Line 1: IN HONOR OF

Line 2: (21 characters)

Line 3: Silver & Gold Only
(27 characters)

Line 4: Gold only
(17 characters)

* Message is limited to the number of character boxes indicated. Spaces count as a character. All text must be supportive of our Honeygo Mission and Vision, as well as the school system’s educational goals. Final decisions regarding edits or changes to text are at the discretion of the Honeygo Elementary PTO Legacy Tree Committee.

Leaf Color: __________________________ Cost: __________________________

Parent Legal Name: __________________________

Email Address: __________________________

Phone Number: __________________________

Student’s/s’ Name/s: __________________________

Student’s/s’ Teacher/s: __________________________

Check or Money Order only! Payable to Honeygo Elementary School.
Honeygo Elementary School
Pre-Kindergarten Screening
April 15th & 16th 2020

Pre-Kindergarten: If your child was born between September 2, 2015 and September 1, 2016, they are eligible for Pre-Kindergarten for the school year 2020/2021. In order to register for the screening, please complete the information below. Return this form to the office of Honeygo Elementary School. Thank You!

Today’s Date: ________________________________
Child’s Name: __________________________________
Birth Date: ________________________________
Sex: Male_ Female__
Name of Parent/Guardian: ________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
City/State: _______________________________________ Zip Code: ______
Daytime Phone #: __________________________ Email Address: ____________
Is a language other than English spoken in the home? Yes____ No____
If yes, what language? ________________________________

Honeygo Elementary School
Kindergarten Roundup
May 14th & 15th, 2020

Kindergarten: If your child was born between September 2, 2014 and September 1, 2015, they are eligible for Kindergarten for the school year 2020/2021. In order to register for the screening, please complete the information below. Return this form to the office of Honeygo Elementary School. Thank You!

Today’s Date: ________________________________
Child’s Name: __________________________________
Birth Date: ________________________________
Sex: Male_ Female__
Name of Parent/Guardian: ________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
City/State: _______________________________________ Zip Code: ______
Daytime Phone #: __________________________ Email Address: ____________
Is a language other than English spoken in the home? Yes____ No____
If yes, what language? ________________________________
We had a “BALL” at our winter “Snow Ball”
Celebrate
100 Days!
at Honeygo Elementary School

This year’s celebration of the 100th day of school is on Tuesday, February 11th.

Show your excitement by dressing up as if you are 100 years old!
Don’t be an Ol’ Fuddy Duddy, HAVE SOME Fun!
Help Honeygo Elementary Conquer Childhood Cancers!

St. Baldrick’s Spirit Day

Donation Day for St. Baldrick’s is Friday February 28th

Students can put their donations in one of the collection buckets as they enter the schoolhouse on that day (only in the morning, only that day). *Honeygo Gives Back* students will be at the collection tables with the buckets.

Anyone who makes a DONATION will receive a St. Baldrick’s bracelet to wear to show their support.

12th Annual Baltimore Heroes St. Baldrick’s Event

Sunday, 3/8/2020 from 1-6 pm at Martin’s East

located at 9000 Pulaski Highway in Middle River

Family Fun Day for All Ages – FREE Admission

Adults and children can volunteer to have their head shaved to show their support.

To join/sponsor and/or donate to *Team Honeygo Elementary*,
or to sign up to have your head shaved, visit:
https://www.facebook.com/768697051/posts/10158119544632052/?d=n

Activities:

- Free Admission
- Carnival Games
- Face Painting/Glitter Tattoos
- Food and Drinks
- Music
- Auctions/Raffles for Kids and Adults
- Gaming Wheels for Kids and Adults
- Green Hair Spraying/Irish Hair Braiding

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Internet, Mobile Phones, and Texting Safety Tips

Students

- **Do not** post personal information online (name, age, birth date, address, telephone number, or school name). This information can be used by others to find out where you and your family live.
- **Do not** post your picture or pictures of your family online – they can be copied or changed or used to find you.
- **Do not** send any inappropriate photo or message by email or text.
- **Do not** post your plans and activities in a chat room or on your personal website. Do not post entries that make it clear that no one is at your home.
- **Do not** communicate with someone who has made you uncomfortable or afraid. Tell your parents or a trusted adult if someone does.
- **Do not** join online groups or games without talking to your parents.
- **Do not** meet with someone you met online without first telling your parents or guardian.
- **Do not** post hurtful or inappropriate messages. If someone else posts hurtful or inappropriate messages — do not respond, but do tell a teacher, parent or other adult.
- **Do not** click on any link that you do not know, and you are not sure is legitimate.
- **Do not** buy any “apps” or “in app” purchases without talking to your parents or guardian.
- **Do not** enable any location services without talking to your parents or guardian.
- **Do** remember that people can lie online and say they are something they are not. Someone who says they are a 12-year-old girl could really be an older man looking to harm you.
- **Do** save messages that upset you and show them to your parents.
- **Do** share your password with your parents.
- **Do** visit [www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org) to learn more about Internet safety.
Internet, Mobile Phones, and Texting Safety Tips

Parents

- Do teach your child not to post identifying information on the Internet.
- Do set a limit for how much time your child can spend online.
- Do keep the computer in a public room in the house. Do not have an Internet-connected computer in your child's bedroom.
- Do utilize parental controls provided by your Internet Service Provider and/or blocking software. (Contact your Internet ISP if you have questions).
- Do talk to your children about purchasing "in app" products.
- Do talk to your child about using any location services on their device.
- Do periodically review your child’s computer, emails and messages. You should have all of your children’s passwords.
- Do spend time with your child online. Have them show you their favorite online destinations. Get to know your child’s online friends as you would their real-life friends. Learn to navigate the web.
- Do know who they text and email. Most providers have online ways to identify frequent contacts so you can see if someone new appears as a contact.
- Do monitor your child’s access to the Internet and texting.
- Do talk to your child about the danger of Internet predators.
- Do watch for unexplained changes in your child’s behavior.
- Do NOT hesitate to seek help from law enforcement if you think a predator may be targeting your child.

For more helpful Internet safety information, please visit www.netsmartz.org. Netsmartz.org has age appropriate videos, activities, and information for students in elementary school, middle school, and high school.
BCPS Stakeholder Survey
January 27 – March 1, 2020

For students in Grades 3-12, and all parents, staff, and community members

Your feedback guides our budget, staffing, and programs

Take the survey at www.bcps.org

- Only takes 5 minutes
- Use any computer, device, or phone
- 16 languages available for students, parents, and community