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**Notes:**
- PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- PTO Spirit Day: Wear Green for St. Patrick’s Day

**Contact:**
- Ms. Deidre Lynch
  Assistant Principal
- Mrs. Charlene Behnke
  Principal
- Mrs. Nitsa Stakias Zdziera
  PTO President
PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

We are very proud of the students’ academic progress at Honeygo Elementary School. We know that many of our students have set goals for themselves and are working towards achieving them. The third quarter of the school year ends Friday, April 3rd, so there is still time for students to assess their progress this quarter, set new goals for themselves, and work hard in class to improve or maintain their grades. Please be sure to check BCPS One to monitor your child’s progress.

After teaching for almost 29 years in Baltimore County Public Schools, I am grateful to have the opportunity to be on the staff at Honeygo Elementary. We have extremely dedicated and smart teachers and staff, as well as families that send us children who care about learning and work hard to be successful! Please take the time to complete this year’s BCPS Stakeholder’s Survey and let our school system know that Honeygo Elementary is a very special place for children to work and learn!

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have. Thank you for your continued support of our school community and our students.

Charlene Behnke
Principal
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Honeygo students have been busy wrapping up basketball and having a blast performing Cardio Drumming. Students are ready for the weather to get warm so that they can be active outside daily. We are always thrilled to hear about our Honeygo Foxes participating in activities outside of school.

During the month of March, our kindergarteners, first graders, and second graders will focus on foot dribbling, floor hockey skills and striking with and without implements. Third, fourth, and fifth grade students will work on floor hockey skills and games and moving into striking with our hands and volleyball.

Exercising or being active as a family can really benefit everyone involved. Try to come up with some awesome activities for your family and implement them. If they are working well, please share them with other families in our community.

Calendar alert! Field day will be Wednesday, June 3rd (second and third graders AM & fourth and fifth graders PM), and Thursday, June 4th (Kindergarteners and first 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
The interesting February weather continued with beautiful warm days and LOTS of gray and rainy days. We are hoping March’s weather will be warm and sunny. Our monthly counseling lessons for February focused on Celebrating Differences. Students identified their interests and strengths, learned the difference between equity and equality, and discussed the importance of accepting differences. A parent letter/follow-up worksheet was sent home after the lesson. During the month of March, the BCPS Counselor Core Curriculum lessons focus on Emotional Regulation. Some of the topics covered in these lessons are identifying stress and anger management coping strategies, learning how to prioritize your time, and preparing for tests. 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: wcgarver@bcps.org or jillconnolly2@bcps.org, 443-809-8700.

HONEYGO GIVES BACK UPDATE
At the end of February, Honeygo Gives Back supported the St. Baldrick’s Foundation by having a donation day on Friday, February 28. Thank you to everyone who donated. Don’t forget the St. Baldrick Day’s event on Sunday, March 8, 2020 at Martin’s East. The event is free and there are lots of activities for the whole family. Our project for March is visiting the Luna’s House Animal Shelter in Edgewood and reading to the animals. Each student will bring a donation for the shelter and will get to read to the animals for 30 minutes. They are very excited to see the animals!

Honeygo Gives Back has plans for two more projects after visiting Luna’s House and we will update you in the April newsletter. We appreciate your support as we work to make a difference in the lives of others. Our goals cannot be accomplished without you!

FIFTH GRADE INTEREST SURVEYS
Starting at the end of March, Mrs. Carver will be meeting with each fifth grade student individually to complete an interest interview to talk about their interests, goals, schoolwork, and more. This was a new initiative last year from BCPS to help your child to begin to think about middle and high school and their goals for the future. In middle school, all students work with their counselor to create a Six Year Plan that will help in planning the classes that your child will take in order to be ready when they graduate for the career they would like to pursue. Once your fifth grader and Mrs. Carver have completed the interest survey it will be sent home with a cover letter. Please try to find a time to sit down and go over the survey with your child. It will be a great way to start a conversation about your child’s future plans and aspirations.
FIFTH GRADE CAREER DAY
Wednesday, May 20th, is going to be a very special and exciting day for Honeygo ES as we have our annual Fifth Grade Career Day. We are currently looking for presenters and appreciate anyone who has already offered to volunteer. This year we are working to have presenters from a wide variety of career paths and options so our students can find out more about possible careers they might want to pursue. Presenters don’t have to be parents; they can be anyone from the community who wants to share their passion for their career. A “Call for Presenters” flyer went home in late February and another copy is attached to the newsletter. Please consider presenting for our students. As one presenter from last year shared, “This was such an awesome experience to take part in.” Look for updated information in the next school newsletter and feel free to contact Mrs. Carver if you have any ideas or would like to volunteer: wcarver@bcps.org.

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 two 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.

TESTING TIPS!
Testing season is upon us. We know that some kids get anxious when taking tests. Students who are prone to anxious thoughts may need some additional support during this time. Please see the article below for strategies to help your student cope with anxiety:

10 Ways to Help Students with Anxiety in Your Classroom
Exercise helps anyone who is feeling anxious. Anxiety can end up looking like anger, so if you see this, try taking a movement break. You probably already have some favorite ways to do this, but if you’re looking for some ideas, check out our video above.
www.weareteachers.com
PASSPORT PROGRAM
¡Hola! ¡Saludos de la clase de español! The fourth graders are working hard on their proficiency! In fourth grade, students will continue to discuss what they like to do. They will begin to add details, including when, where, and with whom they do their favorite activities.

In fifth grade, students will finish the food unit. They will begin unit 3, in which they will learn about vocabulary pertaining to school.

Are you looking to practice some Spanish at home? Ask your child to teach you what they learned in Spanish class each week! Below are resources to practice what we have learned so far (some classes may vary depending on the teacher).

¡Hasta luego!
Honeygo Legacy Tree Leaf Order Form

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.

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

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Honeygo Elementary School

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

All Day. Every Day.

Baltimore County expects students to maintain satisfactory attendance at the state standard of 94% or higher, and defines chronic absenteeism as missing 10% of the school year. At Honeygo, attendance is a priority and our Attendance Committee meets monthly to look closely at the attendance of every student. Students who are absent more than 6% of the year to date are the focus of the committee’s attention.

Did you know?

Poor attendance in the first month of school can predict chronic absence for the entire year.

10 minutes late every day = 30 hours of missed instruction in a school year.

By showing up to school every day, students are developing a work ethic and preparing for future success.

Attending school regularly helps students feel better about school and themselves!

Research has proven a high correlation between regular school attendance and academic performance. Attendance is the key to high school graduation and college and career readiness. Students who regularly attend school are more likely to read on grade level, less likely to drop out of school, and more likely to graduate on time.

A child who misses a day of school misses a day of learning. Although 2 days per month may not seem like a lot, it translates into 20 days per year or one month of school. Over the course of thirteen years of school, it translates into 260 days, or nearly 1 ½ years of school.
Things your child can miss in a typical school day:

- Phonics
- Whole group instruction
- Math
- Collaboration with peers
- Writing
- Reading
- Modeling of skills done by the teacher
- Collaborative conversations and discussions amongst peers
- Valuable instruction time which covers grade level material in all content areas
- Being a part of daily routines
- Being a part of our classroom family
- Skills for both Math and ELA that build upon one another.
- Responsive small group instruction
- Whole and small group instruction during Math and ELA
- Collaborative group work
- Daily graded assignments that can’t be sent home to complete (Math and ELA)
- Hands-on manipulatives that improve students’ learning experience
- Graded assignments such as test/quizzes
- Explicit whole group instruction

REMEMBER!

- Send your child to school every day
- The school doors open at 9 AM and your child is late after 9:15 AM. Being late affects the start of your child’s day.
- If your child has a fever or is vomiting, please keep them home until they are 24 hours fever and vomit free. Contact Mrs. Kammann, the school nurse, if you have questions.
- ALWAYS send in a note for why your child is absent. If no note is sent it is coded as an unexcused/illegal absence.
- Vacation is not an excusable absence. Please try to plan your vacations during days off in the school schedule.
- If your child is not wanting to attend school, please reach out to your child’s teacher and/or school counselor so they can help.
Lead in Drinking Water – Public and Nonpublic Schools

IMPORTANT NOTICE: WATER SAMPLE RESULT(S)
Honeygo Elementary School

LEAD WATER SAMPLE RESULT(S)
All Maryland public and nonpublic schools are required to sample all drinking water sources for the presence of lead pursuant to the Code of Maryland Regulations. On December 21, 2019, 1 water samples were collected from Honeygo Elementary School. Of these water samples, NONE (0) had levels of lead exceeding the action level of 20 parts per billion (ppb) for lead in drinking water in school buildings. These were samples from fixtures that were repaired in the past year.

ACTION LEVEL (AL)
The AL is 20 ppb for lead in drinking water in school buildings. The AL is the concentration of lead which, if exceeded, triggers required remediation.

LOCAL AND FEDERAL DRINKING WATER STANDARDS
Without being required to do so, BCPS has tested school drinking fountains for lead since 2016. There are no federal regulations for schools regarding drinking water. The federal Clean Drinking Water Act requires public water systems to test for lead. Nine of our schools have well systems, and those systems have tested for lead as required.

HEALTH EFFECTS OF LEAD
Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body from drinking water or other sources. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys, and can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body. The greatest risk of lead exposure is to infants, young children, and pregnant women. Lead is stored in the bones and it can be released later in life. During pregnancy, the fetus receives lead from the mother’s bones, which may affect brain development. Scientists have linked the effects of lead on the brain with lowered IQ in children. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults.

SOURCES OF HUMAN EXPOSURE TO LEAD
There are many different sources of human exposure to lead. These include: lead-based paint, lead-contaminated dust or soil, some plumbing materials, certain types of pottery, pewter, brass fixtures, food, and cosmetics, exposure in the workplace and exposure from certain hobbies, brass faucets, fittings, and valves. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 10 to 20 percent of a person’s potential exposure to lead may come from drinking water, while for an infant consuming formula mixed with lead-containing water this may increase to 40 to 60 percent.
NEXT STEPS
None

HOW CONSUMERS CAN REDUCE EXPOSURE TO LEAD IN DRINKING WATER
1. Run your water to flush out lead: If water hasn’t been used for several hours, run water for 15 to 30 seconds or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature before using it for drinking or cooking.
2. Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula. If lead was present in the plumbing, it would dissolve more easily in hot water.

Please note that boiling the water will not reduce lead levels.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
1. For additional information, please contact David Glassman, Supervisor, Environmental Services at 443.809.6310 or dglassman2@bcps.org.
2. For additional information about reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit EPA’s website at www.epa.gov/lead.
3. If you are concerned about exposure, contact your healthcare provider. If you do not have a healthcare provider, please contact the Baltimore County Department of Health at 410.887.3725.