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Ms. Deidre Lynch
Assistant Principal

Mrs. Charlene Behnke
Principal

Mrs. Nitsa Stakias Zdziera
PTO President
Honeygo Elementary School is made up of a school community who respects and values education. Almost every day of this school year we have had more than 96% of our students in school. Several of our grade levels have posted 100% attendance on multiple days.

The Maryland State Standard for each day is:
- 96% or more students present – Excellent
- 94%- 95.9% students present – Satisfactory
- Less than 94% - Unsatisfactory

We all know that children cannot learn from the lessons that the teachers plan and teach if they are not in school. The Maryland State Department of Education has yearly attendance expectations and ratings.

Honeygo Elementary School staff have created a team of teachers, administrators, school counselors, and other BCPS team members to promote student attendance. The mission of this team will be to:

- Identify students who have frequent absences.
- Define and implement school-wide practices for contacting parents when students' absences become chronic.
- Implement positive ways to communicate with parents about children’s attendance prior to contacting a Pupil Personnel Worker to investigate.
- Identify ways to celebrate students who attend school regularly.

Student absences impact a child’s academic progress. When students are chronically absent, they miss the necessary skills and concepts that are taught at that grade level. Their homework, classwork, and test performance may suffer. It is not uncommon for students who are frequently absent to have a report card that reflects lower achievement than the child is truly capable of achieving.

Please send your children to school each day. If they are absent, please send a note documenting a reason for the absence. Attached to this newsletter, please find some easy to use notes that can be sent to school when your child is absent.

At Honeygo Elementary School, we care about your child and your family. Please let us know if we can support you in any way!

Charlene Behnke
Principal

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

In Spring 2019, the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) assessments were administered to students in Grades 3-8 in Math and English Language Arts/ Literacy. The MCAP Mathematics and English Language Arts/ Literacy assessments are based on the Maryland College and Career Readiness standards and measure how well students have learned grade level content in Mathematics and English Language Arts/ Literacy. Results help schools determine whether a student is ready for the next grade level and is prepared to leave school college and career ready. Performance level information for all schools in the state are available at: https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/.

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SAFETY & SECURITY

All visitors to our building must register in the school office immediately upon entering. All visitors will be required to present valid identification. Picking up students from school during the school day is discouraged unless your child is ill. However, we understand that there may be a reason why you need to pick up your child for a medical or dental appointment. If you need to pick up your child early, please send in a note to your child’s teacher and be prepared to present a picture ID to the front office staff. If a parent or guardian with which the child resides is not the person picking up the child, a note MUST be sent to the child’s teacher. In the absence of a note from home and in the event that a parent/legal guardian cannot be reached to confirm an early dismissal, the child will not be released from school. In cases of shared custody, we will attempt to notify the parent with whom the child resides to inform them of dismissal.

All exterior doors will be locked all day. Our safety policy will be strictly enforced. Thank you for your cooperation.

HONEYGO ELEMENTARY’S FIELD TRIP REFUND POLICY

Please note that transportation costs are based on class size. If your student cannot attend the field trip for any reason, only admission fees can be refunded. Requests for refunds must be sent in writing to your child’s teacher.

REMINDER FROM OUR SCHOOL HANDBOOK

While we are excited for children when they have their birthdays, we need to make sure that celebrations do not impact our instructional day. Food items will not be served for individual students’ birthdays. Families wishing to send in an item to celebrate will want to consider pencils, erasers, or other small non-edible treats. Balloons and flowers for students should not be sent to school. Please save these special ways to celebrate for home.

As per BCPS policy, we are promoting non-food items being sent to class for scheduled celebrations. Pencils, erasers or other small non-edible treats are strongly encouraged. A list of permitted snacks for identified classroom celebrations will be provided that comply with our BOE policy.

FROM THE CAFETERIA LUNCH APPLICATIONS

Please submit new Free and Reduced Meal applications for the 2019-20 school year as soon as possible. Keep in mind that it may take two weeks to get approval. The Office of Food and Nutrition suggests that you fill out the application on line because the approval time is much faster. The application is found at https://mealapps.bcps.org/lserver/EFORM. If your application has not been processed by mid-October you will be responsible to pay the full price of all meals, which is $2.90 for lunch and $1.40 for breakfast.

Reminder: When sending in lunch money, always put your student’s first and last name and cafeteria or lunch on the envelope. Please do not use nicknames; use their full name that they are registered with. Thank you.

FROM THE COUNSELOR’S CORNER – MRS. CARVER AND MRS. CONNOLLY

Magnet Applications Now Available!

Magnet applications are now available on the BCPS Magnet Programs’ website. The online application deadline is Friday, November 15, 2019, at 1:00 PM. Applications can be submitted online, or they can be downloaded from the BCPS Magnet Programs’ website and mailed to BCPS Magnet Programs by the deadline date. Paper applications that are postmarked after the November 15, 2019, deadline will not be considered.

Remember to mark November 15, 2019, as an important date on your calendar!

Magnet brochures were sent home with all Pre-K and 5th grade students the first and second week of school. Check out the information in the magnet brochure and on the posters you’ll find outside Mrs. Carver’s office and in all PreK and 5th grade classrooms.

Please see Mrs. Carver, school counselor, if you have any questions or need assistance in obtaining a magnet application.

Counselor Connection

This year is going to be exciting! We have two school counselors at Honeygo ES, Mrs. Wendy Carver and Mrs. Jill Connolly. Mrs. Carver is in the building every day and will be working with the students in Kindergarten and grades 3-5. Mrs. Connolly will be at Honeygo all day on Mondays and Fridays, and Wednesday mornings. She will be working with first and second grade. Though we have grades we are focused on, both of us are available to
support all students at any time. We have started our monthly classroom guidance lessons. From now through the end of the year, we will be seeing each class every month and following the BCPS Counselor Core Curriculum. Each month will focus on specific topics geared toward teaching Honeygo students the various skills they need to have a successful school year socially, emotionally, and academically. Our first lessons were an introduction and orientation to our job and the ways we can support students. Each lesson has a short parent note that is sent home that tells you what we learned. For these first lessons we also sent home a blue brochure with information about us, our program, and how to contact us. It also includes information about services that we offer to students. Please check your child’s folder or backpack for this blue paper. During the month of October, we will be learning about bullying. Students will learn to identify bullying versus teasing, and strategies to help them handle these situations. Look for new information each month in the Counselor Connection section of the school newsletter!

Here are some tips to help your child succeed this year!
2. Visit the school and its website. https://honeygoes.bcps.org
4. Send your child to school ready to learn.
5. Get involved!
6. Take attendance seriously.
7. Make time to talk about school.
8. Try to make time each day to play and relax.

There are more ideas at this website: https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/school-help-elementary.html

“Honeygo Gives Back” is the community service club at Honeygo. Last year the students organized a food drive, the Giving Tree, and item collection for the Raise Craze service night. Students also visited the Eastside shelter and Brightview Perry Hall, and they planned a community birthday party for children in Fontana Village. This year, current fifth-grade members who participated last year will be continuing in the club as mentors for the fourth-grade members. Fourth graders will be invited to complete an application to participate in early October. Participating students will meet twice a month on Friday mornings and will plan projects to give back to the community. The students will plan, organize, advertise, and participate in the projects they select, as well as support the Raise Craze PTO fundraiser and service night. Team members will also use their leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills to ensure the group’s success. Spaces are limited for this club.

The students will need your support to complete their projects, so be on the look-out for flyers and information in future newsletters for ways you can help Honeygo to Give Back!

NEWS FROM THE HEALTH SUITE

I am very excited to be starting a new school year working with Honeygo students and families! For those of you new to the Honeygo Family, my name is Kathleen Kammann and I am the Honeygo school nurse. I am starting my 22nd year as a Baltimore County school nurse and my 39th year in the nursing profession. I have worked in a variety of practice settings including adult medical surgical nursing, urgent care, and newborn and neonatal intensive care. By far my most rewarding and most challenging role has been caring for children in the school setting. I am a wife, mother of an adult son and daughter, and grandmother of two beautiful grandchildren ages 2 and 9. My goal is always to provide your children with the level of care I would want for my own. When you visit Honeygo please stop by and say hi and take a look around our beautiful health suite.

A Few Reminders To Help Things Run Smoothly:
- ALL medications, including over the counter medication, must have a written doctor’s order for school.
- The only exception to this rule is medication given in the Health Suite if there is a Discretionary Medication Form signed by the parent. (Yellow Form- return if you haven’t done so already.)
- Children are not allowed to bring medication to school; it must be brought to school by an adult.
- If your child has vomited more than once, has diarrhea, or a fever more 100 degrees or higher please keep them home from school until they are symptom-free for a full 24 hours without medication to control the symptoms.
- Flu Season is coming. Please be proactive and make an appointment for your child to get the flu vaccine. Did you know the CDC reported 135 pediatric flu-related deaths during the 2018-19 flu season?

Stay Well!
Mrs. Kammann
NEWS FROM HONEYGO LIBRARY
Hello Honeygo! It is great to be back in the Honeygo Library. We have some exciting things planned for this year. Please be on the lookout for more information coming home.

This month, students in grades 2 through 5 have begun working on the Digital Citizenship unit. They are learning important rules to help keep them safe when they go online, as well as how to be a responsible digital citizen. Please talk to them about safety rules for going online.

The library is in need of volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering to help your child’s class with book check in and check out, please email me (bcoisgrove@bcps.org) your name and email address. I will be sending out a sign-up genius to those interested parents.

Thank you for all you do for the Honeygo community!

MATH HOMEWORK HELPERS
ATTENTION STUDENTS: The new season of Math Homework Helpers begins Wednesday, October 2. Get ready to join the fun, call in 410-494-1459, and win a prize!

Math Homework Helpers is a BCPS *LIVE* call in show, hosted by two math teachers and a crazy, fun-loving puppet to help our BCPS friends with math homework. Students are encouraged to watch Math Homework Helpers live every Wednesday and then call in! The call-in number for the show is 410-494-1459. **Prizes are awarded to ALL callers**

Why should I watch? Because it’s so much fun, AND you finish your math homework, AND you win a prize!

What Day? Every Wednesday beginning 10/2
What Time? 4:30 – 5:30 pm
How do I Watch? Comcast 73 and Verizon 34
How do I win a prize? Call 410-494-1459 during the show
When will I get my prize? If you call in, your prize will be mailed to your school.

This LIVE call-in show has been airing and helping the students of BCPS with their math homework for over two decades.

OCTOBER
¡Hola! ¡Saludos de la clase de español! The 4th graders have already learned so much in this first month of school! In 4th grade, students can already greet people, express how they feel, say their name, say their age, and birthday! Students will begin working on an online interactive program in the next few weeks. WOW! This is going to be an exciting year!

In 5th grade, we reviewed material from 4th grade Spanish and began discussing physical descriptions.

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!

4th Grade:
- ¿Cómo te llamas?
  Me llamo _______. ¿Y tú?
- Me llamo _______.

OCTOBER
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Honeygo students have been on the climb during physical education! The Movement Education Equipment is part of BCPS’s rotating equipment that schools can bring in for students. The equipment is set up for students to travel under, through, and over. Students have been enjoying the Movement Education Equipment and working on a variety of challenges during PE class. During the rest of October, kindergarteners, 1st graders, and 2nd graders will be enhancing their locomotor movements (walk, run, hop, jump, skip, gallop, leap, slide) and working with manipulatives (bean bags, hula-hoops, scarves). Our 3rd graders, 4th graders, and 5th graders will begin working on their flag football skills and strategies.

Cross Country runs will begin in October for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. Permission slips were sent home at the end of September and we look forward to another successful season of cross country with our Honeygo Foxes.

Please encourage all Honeygo community members to get up and get active for 60 minutes each day. Going for a walk, riding your bike, playing sports, and working out are all great ways to be active. We would enjoy seeing the Honeygo community being active and improving wellness. Share your stories on Twitter using #HoneygoWellness.

Be on the lookout for information regarding the NFL Play 60 program. Students will be bringing home information on how they can track their activity each day. Prizes and incentives will be announced throughout the program.

It’s been an amazing start to the school year and we look forward to continuing the high energy the rest of the year.

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

READING AT HONEYGO
Honeygo Focus

Honeygo believes thinking about our thinking is important because students need a strong vocabulary. During planning and problem-solving situations, teachers are using think alouds in order to demonstrate the thinking processes.

Harvey and Goudvis state, “Learning is a consequence of thinking. Knowledge comes on the coattails of thinking. As we think about and with the content we are learning, we truly learn it…Knowledge does not just sit there, it functions richly in people’s lives so they can learn about and deal with the world.” (Strategies that Work, Harvey and Goudvis, 2017.)

This year at Honeygo, we are focusing on thinking strategies in order to become more strategic readers and thinkers. The focus for September and October is making connections and visualizing. After reading with your child, use some of the following thinking stems.

Amy Holland
Reading Specialist
Honeygo Elementary
COSTUME PARADE AT HONEYGO ELEMENTARY
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2019

9:15 Regular arrival at school. Students should come to school their regular way. Students should wear their costume to school, but bring a change of clothes for after the parade.

9:45 Our Costume Parade will begin. Please see the attached map for parade route.
Parking: You may park in the front parking lot, the rear lot or the bus lot if it is after 9:30am. Please be sure not to block anyone in. Please do not come into the bus lot before 9:30am. Additional parking may be available across the street at Soukup Arena. Thank you for helping, as parking is limited when we host full school events. All cars must be off the bus loop by 11:30am.

After each Preschool – Grade 2 class parades around the building one time, they will head back into their classroom and students in Grades 3-5 will parade. We kindly ask you only come into the school if you have made arrangements with your child’s teacher to assist with classroom activities. Classroom teachers will communicate with parents their plans for the remainder of the school morning. Any parents invited by teachers to come in, will have to sign in at the main office with their identification. All volunteers must be BCPSS volunteer trained and on our approved volunteer list prior to this date.

OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION:
• In the event of rain, the parade will be cancelled.
• Excessive make-up is best to be used during your family’s or neighborhood’s Halloween celebration.
• Students may not bring toy-like weapons of any kind. Example: guns, knives, fake like fingernails.
• Costumes do not need to be violent to be fun. If your child is a clown, make sure it is a friendly clown. Violent looking clowns are not welcomed at school.
• Teachers will determine the appropriateness of any questionable props.

PARADE ROUTE DETAILS:

For Parents ~ In order to ensure a safe and festive Costume Parade, please adhere to the following guidelines:

• Arrive at 9:30. Consider parking at Soukup Arena and walking over.
You may sit or stand anywhere along the outside perimeter of the school.

• Please stay off of the side walk, in order to allow classes to walk by with plenty of room.

• Classes will exit the front of the building, and walk around the school once.

• Classes will enter and exit out the front doors.

For those families whose children may not participate in our Costume parade, the school will host appropriate Fall Activities in the library. Please send a note to your child’s teacher stating this request.
Honeygo Elementary - Before and After School Activities

*More details will be sent to students as these clubs begin. The number of students for each club may be limited.*

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