



Honeygo Elementary School

2019—2020

On the Run



TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- PTO Greeting
- Administrator's Message
- Session 1
- Session 2



HONEYGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Our Mission

The PTO's mission is to enhance and support the education of children at Honeygo Elementary School by fostering relationships among the students, parents and teachers and to improve the environment at Honeygo Elementary School through volunteer and financial support.

WHAT IS A PTO?

Honeygo Elementary School parents voted to form a PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) instead of a PTA (Parent Teacher Association).

A PTA is a local parent group affiliated with the Maryland PTA organization and the National PTA. School-based groups that belong to the PTA must pay dues to the state and national organizations and abide by state and national group rules.

A PTO is a local, independent parent group that operates under its own bylaws, rules and policies. All PTO dues collected remain at the school.

WHY JOIN THE PTO?

- **Help your child achieve**
 - Family involvement is the strongest predictor of school success for children
- **Stay informed**
 - Learn about events and opportunities for students
- **Build our Honeygo Elementary School community**
 - Connect with families, teachers and staff
- **Have fun**

WHAT DOES THE PTO DO?

Our PTO raises funds in the following ways:

- Membership Dues
- Direct Donations
- Fundraisers
- Box Tops
- Family Events

Our PTO coordinates many events and activities:

- Family Fun Nights
- Student Enrichment Assemblies
- Teacher and Staff Appreciation
- School Musicals
- Field Day
- 5th Grade Programs
- School-wide Celebrations
- Book Fair
- And so much more

JOIN US!

Honeygo Elementary School
September PTO Meeting

Tuesday, September 10th

7:00

Honeygo Elementary School Library

*Child Care will be provided for children age 5 and older

HONEYGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Honeygo Elementary School is committed to engaging, educating, and empowering all learners in a safe environment that is responsive, innovative, and creative. Culture and diversity are recognized, valued, and respected to nurture an uplifting atmosphere.

We foster a community with high expectations in which students thrive emotionally, socially, and academically. We grow to our full potential through thoughtful interactions, intentional instruction, meaningful collaboration, and infusion of the arts. We create partnerships with all stakeholders to cultivate a community full of opportunities as well as successful and kind citizens.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

- All visitors entering any BCPS school will be expected to present a government issued identification in order to move past the office area.
- This system, called Raptor, tracks all visitors entering and leaving our school. It also protects the school, children, and staff from inappropriate visitors.
- For all early dismissals we must have a note from the parent or legal guardian that the child resides. In the absence of a note, we will try to call the parent. If the parent can not be reached to confirm the early dismissal the child will remain at school.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR HANDBOOK

- Students will receive a copy of the Student Behavior Handbook within the first few weeks of school.
- The administrators will do a presentation on the handbook for each grade.
- Please read it with your child. This year parents will acknowledge that they have reviewed the handbook electronically. After September 30th, parents who have not acknowledged this will no longer have access to BCPS One.

SAFETY AND SECURITY AT HONEYGO ELEMENTARY

Like all BCPS schools Honeygo Elem will practice and prepare for the following emergencies:

ALICE

Lockout

Drop/Cover/Hold

Severe Weather Safe Area

Shelter in Place

Evacuate

In the event of an emergency where we would need to relocate off our school site Honeygo students would go to Soukup Arena, Snyder Park, or CCBC – Essex.

New last year, the Safe Schools Act of 2018 requires school systems in Maryland to conduct active assailant drills. Although the chances of ever needing to respond to an active assailant are very low, it is our responsibility to prepare for even the worst-case scenario. In partnership with the Baltimore County Police Department, we now practice how we prepare for an active assailant. All staff have undergone training on the ALICE protocol, which stands for alert, lockdown, inform, counter, and evacuate. ALICE allows staff to make decisions in the best interest of those in their care using an options-based approach.

VOLUNTEER PROCEDURES

- BCPS requires anyone interested in volunteering to be trained every year and to submit the training certificates and application to school personnel.
- Volunteer Training is now available on line. Please visit our school website under the “News” category for the information. You must submit the completion certificate along with the volunteer application in order to Volunteer.
- Details and directions are available on our school website.



ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

BCPS RULE 5120 - Attendance

Absences

- A student absent from school shall present a note immediately upon return to school.
- Upon receipt of the absence note, the school will certify the absence as excused or unexcused.
- Absences not supported by a note will be considered unexcused/unlawful.

LAWFUL ABSENCES

- ❖ Death in the immediate family
- ❖ Illness of the student
 - ❖ The principal **may require a doctor's note** for students with **excessive absences for illness**
- ❖ Court Summons
- ❖ Violent weather
- ❖ School related or approved work
 - ❖ Must be **approved by the principal** and sponsored by the school, the local school system, or the State Education agency
- ❖ Observance of a religious holiday
- ❖ State Emergency
- ❖ Other emergency or set of circumstances
- ❖ Suspension
- ❖ Lack of authorized transportation
 - ❖ Does not include students suspended from the bus)

MAKE-UP WORK

- Students are expected to assume the responsibility for maintaining the continuity of learning regardless of the reason for absence.
- Teachers **will assist** students in making up missed work for **excused absences** whenever possible.
- Teachers **may assist** the student in making up work missed for **unexcused absences**, although this is not required. Work for unexcused absences will be given when the child returns to school. Visits to family and vacation trips are unexcused absences.

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL EVENING

- Learn more about the curriculum at each grade level.
- Plan for parent/teacher conferences for another time.
- Use information presented to support the instructional program at home.
- Schoology is the BCPS Learning Management System

Parents who have a BCPS One account will be able to log into Schoology.

If you need information, there are flyers available tonight with explanations of how to get an account.

