Principal’s Message

Hello Johnnycake Families,

It’s hard to believe that the first quarter of the 2018-2019 school year has already been completed. I am hopeful that each of you had the opportunity to review your child’s report card and/or meet with your child’s teacher during our parent/teacher conference date. Remember, you do not need to wait until a designated conference time to discuss your child’s progress. You can request to meet with your child’s teacher at any time by contacting them through their BCPS email or calling our office, (410) 887-0823. It’s so important to remain in touch with your child’s teacher and to stay up to date in regards to your child’s progress. Some first quarter highlights from Johnnycake:

#knowusknowourstrengths: You may have seen this hashtag on our twitter account, at the bottom of your child’s teacher’s email signature, or prominently displayed throughout the building. Johnnycake staff has started our journey towards understanding the unique strengths, gifts and abilities of our staff members and how these strengths can translate into providing what students need to be successful. This journey will also include a three-year plan in which ALL staff and students will identify their five core strengths and learn how these strengths help us grow and learn as individuals and a school community. Stay tuned for more on strengths as the year progresses!

English Language Arts Residency Program: Johnnycake was fortunate to take part in a 6 week English Language Arts (ELA) Residency program in which staff from the BCPS ELA Office provided ongoing and continuous support for our Kindergarten and First grade teachers in the area of guided reading. This residency was designed to examine existing practices in ELA, review student data, and then support staff in deepening their level of understanding and expertise in guided reading instruction. The results are already being seen as students continue to receive structured instruction in small guided reading group with their ELA teacher, as well as targeted small group instruction with a reading interventionist. The program also included professional development in the area of reading instruction and culturally responsive instructional practices. We are so happy to have been selected for this type of program and look forward to continuing the push to provide guided reading to all students who require it.
Principal’s Message cont.

Math and Reading Night:  JES Staff was happy to host our annual Family Math and Reading Night on November 8th. Families in attendance were able to learn more about concrete ways in which they can support their child’s academic growth at home through fun games and activities. In addition, families learned about our Title I program, had the chance to visit classrooms, and spend time eating pizza and visiting with friends and neighbors from their community. Our Hispanic community was also able to access information through a bilingual session focused on academics, attendance, and WIDA testing. In short, it was a well-attended evening with lots of learning opportunities for attendees.

Visit from Interim Superintendent Ms. Verletta White: Our Interim Superintendent, Ms. White, visited JES last week. I had the chance to walk through the building with her, visit classrooms, speak with staff and students, and share the continuous growth we are making at Johnnycake. Ms. White remarked about the school climate and culture as well as the focus on literacy and intentional planning of and for instruction. It was the first opportunity that Ms. White had to visit JES and we are so glad that she was able to spend time with us and with our students:

And finally... My administrative team and I are so proud of our staff, their commitment to students, and the work they do each day for your children. It truly is a pleasure being the principal at Johnnycake and I appreciate the welcoming and supportive environment that I’ve joined. As always, if you have questions, concerns, or want to provide feedback to me, please feel free to contact me via my school email: pcollinsmccarthy@bcps.org

Thank you and I hope to see you at one of our many upcoming events!

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Tricia Collins-McCarthy
Principal

Know Us ... Know Our Strengths’
Hours of Operation:

** School Office Hours:

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

** New Enrollment Registrations and/or Withdrawals Hours:

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Administrator Caseload:

In order to support a closer collaboration between home and school; and to ensure that counseling support and instructional experiences are more tailored to student needs, the graphic below shows the caseload assignments for the 2018-2019 school year.

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Visitors to Johnnycake:

All visitors to Johnnycake are asked to access our school building through the front entrance (main doors). Upon arriving at JES, please use our intercom system to indicate your name, your child's name, and the reason for your visit. Visitors are reminded that access to the classrooms is only permitted after clearance from the office staff. This involves the visitor presenting a current form of identification and after the visitor has been cleared through our online Raptor system. Those families waiting to pick up students from morning Pre K or after school activities, are asked to wait outside the front doors for their child. **And as a reminder, JES does not allow early dismissals after 3:15 pm.**

Parent/Family Classroom Visitation:

Please note that while we work in partnership with you and your family, it is my responsibility, and that of my staff, to keep students safe when they are in our care at school. In order to decrease classroom disruptions and improve the quality of our instructional time, parents will need to give their child’s teacher an advance notice prior to visiting classrooms.

This is in accordance with: BCPS Rule 1240, “Classroom visits and conferences by parents and other authorized individuals are encouraged. Such visits should be arranged through the principal’s office or with the classroom teacher prior to coming to the school”.
Dismissal Procedures:

_Students will not be dismissed between 3:15-3:45._ If you are planning on picking up your child early, please do so by 3:15pm. If you are not able to pick your child up by 3:15pm, your child will be dismissed from the office at 3:45.

Inclement Weather:

Just a reminder about the heating system as the weather has turned cold. During the school day, BCPS maintains the classroom temperature at a range of 68-70 degrees. Please keep in mind that this may not be as warm as the temperature in your home. The units are meant to circulate fresh, outside air throughout the day. Please be sure to dress your children for the weather. If your child feels chilly in school, it is a good idea to keep a sweater or sweatshirt in his/her locker.

As the temperatures start to go down, please make sure your child comes to school with proper outdoor gear. Students go outside daily for recess unless it’s raining. Please make sure your child has a weather appropriate coat or jacket.

Keeping children and staff safe is the main factor in any decision to close or delay the opening of schools. Information about the weather is gathered and considered from many sources before a decision is made. BCPS receives hourly updates from AccuWeather and other weather information sources.

✓ Where can I find information about BCPS school closings or delays?

Download: **BCPS NOW APP:** Resource page for quick access to BCPS the from your IOS and/or Android phone

BCPS school status information line: **443-809-5555**

TV/Radio: local radio and television stations, including The Education Channel and Comcast Cable Channel 73.

Internet: [www.bcps.org](http://www.bcps.org) or [www.schoolsout.com](http://www.schoolsout.com)

Attendance:

Our goal this year is to ensure that every student attends school regularly and on time. _Regular school attendance has a huge impact on a student’s academic success._ Parents play a key role in conveying the importance of attendance and in making sure students get to school on time every day!

** When your child is absent from school, please be sure to notify your child’s teacher in writing or doc. **
**School News**

**Are you Moving?**

If you have moved, please make sure you notify us immediately. **If you do not notify us within 15 days of moving then you are considered to be fraudulently enrolled.**

It is important for the school to have the most up-to-date information concerning your children in the event of an emergency. Even if you switch apartments in the same development, you must re-register. Any changes to email addresses or phone numbers need to be reported to the main office.

**Please contact Johnnycake Elementary at 410-887-0823 with any questions or concerns.**

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**JOHNNYCAKES’S VIRTUES**

Johnnycake’s virtues are **COMMUNITY, EMPATHY, SELF-DISCIPLINE, PERSEVERANCE and HONESTY.** We recite our virtues each morning and the definition (see below) are shared. Each month we will highlight a different virtue.

During the month of September we highlighted the virtue of **Empathy.** Empathy is the ability to understand another person’s experience and how they feel. Empathy inspires us to be giving and selfless.

October we highlighted the virtue of **Perseverance.** To persevere is to continue trying to do something even though it is difficult. We persist with a task until it is completed.

November we are highlighting the virtue of **Self-Discipline.** Self-discipline is the ability to make yourself do things that should be done. Self-discipline gives us the will to persevere.

In December we will highlight the virtue of **Honesty.** Honesty is being truthful and sincere. When we are honest, we strive to keep our promises. We admit mistakes even when we know someone may be disappointed or angry.

Please talk to your students about our virtues and how they have displayed the virtues.
Dress Policy:

Children should be dressed appropriately for safety, modesty, personal hygiene and climate. **HATS/HOODIES are to be removed in the building.** Sneakers and appropriate clothing should be worn on physical education days. Additionally, appropriate footwear should be worn for outdoor recess. Flip flops, backless sandals, and high heeled shoes are not conducive for running, and consequently, would not be appropriate for recess or physical education class. Shorts and skirts should extend beyond fingertips when the student’s arms are straightened to their side. Midriffs should not be showing. Children wearing inappropriate/offensive attire will be asked to change. **Students will not be permitted to carry a purse during the school day.**

POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRALS...

This year, we are excited that we will have Positive Office Referrals! Students who display JES’ virtues, community, empathy, self-discipline, perseverance and honestly will share the good news with Mrs. Collins-McCarthy, Mrs. Salaga and/or Ms. Matthews. A phone call will be made home and the student will sign the Wall of Fame.

**We are certainly looking forward to these visits!**

Show interest in school work!

* Check the RED Take-Home folder everyday. *
  * Talk about school each day. *
  * Ask to see classwork. *
  * Have your child read aloud to you. *
* Read to and with your child from a variety of material in your first language. *
  * Encourage your child to discuss new ideas and opinions. *
  * Show appreciation for good efforts. *
Follow Team JES on Twitter!
Johnnycake Elementary:
@JohnnycakeElem

Kindergarten:
Ms. Horowitz- @MrsHorowitzKJES

Grade 1:
Ms. Cutter- @MrsLisaCutter
Ms. Pfaff- @pfaff_mrs
Ms. Caplan- @CaplanTeachMe
Ms. Kaye- @kaye_rhiannon
Ms. Shelton- @jshelton_JES

Grade 2:
Ms. Scott- @MrsScott_JES
Ms. White- @MissFlansClass
Ms. Pitts- @PittsClass

Grade 3:
Ms. Anticoli- @janticoli
Ms. Furletti- @furletti_grade4

Grade 4:
Ms. Garrett- @TeamGarrett1st
Ms. Lindsay- @Lindsayatcake
Ms. El-Fayoumy- @MsElfayoumy
Ms. Lugli- @lugliilovesJES

Grade 5:
Ms. Abrusci- @Ms_Abrusci

Resource:
Ms. Macek- @KerryMacek
Ms. Smith- @lsmith22bcps
Ms. Fields- @hopedfields
Ms. Lowman- @Carly_Brooks81
Ms. Adams- @adams_jcake

Special Areas:
Mr. Figola- @JFigola34
Ms. MacNichol- @JaguarArt
Mr. Myers- @Johnnymakeart
Ms. Cross- @rrkmne

Administration:
Ms. Matthews- @rmatthews529
Ms. Salaga- @salagamjm

Innovation Committee News

A New Home for the Innovation Station (i.e. Maker Space)

The Maker Space got a Makeover this summer. We are now located in Learning Cottage #6 with the new name of Innovation Station. Your children will be challenged to create, collaborate and innovate everyday problems. They will work in small groups to imagine, plan, create, improve and share. We use the Engineering Design Process to challenge every student.

With all the challenges we have planned we are looking for some donations. If you can help us shorten our list we will write your family name and place your children pictures on our Wall of Fame in the Innovation Station. Please just send it to school marked IS.

Here is what we need:

1" Masking Tape
Single Hole punch
Elmer's Glue
6" plates
Legos
Screw Drivers
Hammer
Googles
Clothes pins
Scraper
LED Lights
Coin Batteries
Copper Tape
Vibrating Batteries
AA, AAA, AAAA Batteries
9 Volt Batteries
Plastic snack bags
Plastic sandwiches bags
Plastic Gallon bag
Balloons
Tongue Depressors
Pool Noodles

Thank you so very much!
Box Tops 1st Newsletter:

Welcome back, Johnnycake Families! We are excited to host the Box Tops fundraiser for the fourth year together! Last year, with your help, we were able to raise over $500 for our school! The earnings were used to fund various school activities!

We need your help again! Please be sure to clip and send in box tops to your child’s teacher whenever you see one. We will collect the Box Tops monthly from each classroom teacher, and also from the jaguar in the school lobby.

Important Reminders:
- cut around the dotted lines
- check to make sure they are not expired

Yours Truly,
Mrs. Caplan and Mrs. Horowitz

News from the Media Center:

We have spent a good portion of our time talking about Digital Citizenship in order to act safely on our devices! Please remind your students to bring library books back every week!
Children with Fevers

All children with fevers of 100 degrees or higher must stay home until they have not had a fever for 24 hours. This is the policy of Baltimore County Public Schools.

They should be without a fever and not have needed to use medications such as Tylenol or Motrin for 24 hours before they are allowed to return to school. Using Tylenol or Motrin may cause fever to go away for a few hours, but this does not mean that your child is all better. Keeping a child with a fever at home helps to reduce the spread of illness.

Asthma and “Flu”

A child with asthma is at greater risk than most children for serious complications from influenza (flu) and pneumonia. To protect your child against the flu, he/she should be immunized every year.

The seasonal flu changes slightly every year and that is why it is important to get vaccinated every fall.

- The flu vaccines will NOT be given in school this year. Please call your child’s doctor to make an appointment flu vaccine.

ATTENTION:
2ND AND 3RD GRADE PARENTS

CAVITIES ARE THE PITS:
SEAL THEM OUT

Baltimore County Department of Health, Dentistry will be coming to Johnnycake December 4-11, 2018 to offer the Dental Sealant Program to your child. Dental sealants help prevent tooth decay on the chewing surfaces of molar teeth, where most cavities form. Dental sealants protect these areas by sealing out plaque and food that causes tooth decay. This service will be offered to your child free of charge. Parental consent forms will be coming home with your child several weeks before the Dental Sealant Program is to start. Students will not be able to participate without a signed parental consent form. If you have any questions, call the Baltimore County Department of Health at 410-887-2780 for more information.

Art News

Why Art Matters?

Nonverbal communication and expression, critical thinking skills, differentiated instruction to reach all learners, IMPROVES the sense of self.

Attention!

Flu vaccines will not be offered at Johnnycake Elementary this year.
A Message from Ms. Berman, School Social Worker

One of my roles as your School Social Worker, is to help families locate and connect with resources both within the school and in the community that can help strengthen families so that our students are able to come to school each day ready to learn and grow.

As the leaves fall off the trees, and we’ll be inside more, it’s a good time to try out new ways to communicate as a family. The Family Tree is one agency that is here to help with a website full of parenting tips, educational articles and a 24 hour hotline for caregivers to call if you have questions or need ideas to help with a parent-child issue. thefamilytreemd.org or call them at 800-243-7337. The messages are similar to the programs we are using at school such as the Virtues Project, Restorative Practices and the Zones of Regulation.

Did you know? Check out the BCPS Parent University www.bcps.org and click on the Parent tab. You’ll find useful tips for parents on how to support your child’s education. Including this offer from Comcast.

Comcast Offers Low-Income Families Low-Cost Internet Service

Make sure your child is prepared to succeed in school with home Internet service. Give them the tools to complete homework, email teachers, and stay connected. Your family may qualify for Internet Essentials, a low-cost Internet service from Comcast.

Families eligible for the program include those with at least one child eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program. Once in the Internet Essentials program, participants receive fast, affordable Internet service for $9.95 a month + tax, the option to purchase a computer for just $150 and access to free digital literacy training.

Call 1-855-846-8376 in English or 1-855-765-6995 en Espanol or visit https://apply.internetessentials.com/ to see if you qualify and to apply.

If you have any questions about the resources shared or are in search of something else to help your child succeed in school, please feel free to contact me at school and be sure to join us for our Family Chat and Chew Workshops and our Autism Caregiver Support group that meets monthly alternating between Johnnycake and Edmondson Heights Elementary Schools.
Johnnycake has a Lending Library

- Parents, guardians, and grandparents can sign out games to help with reading and math.
- Students will have fun while learning.
- We also have books to help with reading, math, child development and more.
- Materials can stay out 2 weeks or longer if needed.
- It’s free!
- It’s easy!
- See Danielle Phillips, School to Community Coordinator for more information, or email at dphillips3@bcps.org.

For additional information and resources please see Danielle Phillips in the school lobby, call 410-887-0823, or email me at dphillips3@bcps.org.

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Spanish Passport Program 2018-2019

¡Hola!

Dear families,

My name is Ashley Pearson and I am happy to be your child’s Spanish teacher this year. This quarter 4th grade students have learned how to say their names, age, birthday, telephone number, and colors in Spanish. The 5th grade students have learned how to describe themselves in Spanish as well as express their likes and dislikes. In addition, many 5th grade students have participated in saying the Spanish phrase of the week for the morning announcements. It has been a great year so far! I look forward to continuing to help your children to enjoy their bilingual experience.

Please feel free to email me at apearson2@bcps.org for any questions, or comments.

¡Adios!
English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) is designed to meet the diverse needs of English language learners (ELLs) who come from home environments in which the native language is other than English. These students may have difficulty understanding, speaking, reading, and writing the English language without additional support.

Please feel free to contact us by phone or email if you ever have any questions or concerns. **410-887-0823**

- Rhonda Elliott-Hall
  [relliotthall@bcps.org](mailto:relliotthall@bcps.org)
- Ramona Wilson-Xu
  [rwilsonxu@bcps.org](mailto:rwilsonxu@bcps.org)

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**Family Math and Literacy Night**

A big thank you to all the families that came out to our Family Math and Literacy night on November 8th. The children loved playing the fun, interactive and engaging games and then be able to make games to take home. The teachers enjoyed watching the children apply strategies to play math games. In addition, children were utilizing their reading skills while playing the literacy games. The Johnnycake staff appreciates all the support from all the families in making this night so successful.

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**Book-It Reminder!!!**

Your child has brought home a calendar to monitor reading progress each night. All Johnnycake students are required to read at least 20 minutes each night. The Book-It program is a great initiative that allows your child to earn a Pizza Hut certificate for reading each night each month. Continue encouraging your child to read each night and bring the calendar in at the beginning of each month to receive their certificate. Thank you for your diligence and purposefulness. Happy Reading! 😊
School to Community

Parents, grandparents, and guardians please join us each month for our Chat and Chews and Autism Support Groups. Each month is a different topic that will enrich your life and your children’s lives.

Volunteer

Important - Volunteer training must be done at least 1 week prior to an event or field trip. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS so please complete the training as soon as possible. We will no longer process or approve volunteer forms that are received less than a week before an event date. Volunteer training must be completed every school year.

The training can be done online at BCPS.org. Go to the Community or Parent tab, click on Volunteer with BCPS, and follow the directions in the middle of the page, step 1 and 2. You may also schedule a time with Danielle Phillips, School to Community Coordinator, and do the training at Johnnycake.

Once the training is complete the school will need a copy of the application and the certificate you received. The documents can be emailed to: dphillips3@bcps.org, faxed to 410-887-1048, or sent in to school with your child.

Once we receive the documents an administrator will do a background check. Provided there are no issues you will then be able to volunteer at Johnnycake Elementary, and chaperon field trips.

See Danielle Phillips, Family Engagement Liaison for more information, or email at dphillips3@bcps.org.
For additional information and resources please see Danielle Phillips in the school lobby, call 410-887-0823, or email me at dphillips3@bcps.org.
PTA MESSAGE

The JOHNNYCAKE ELEMENTARY PTA is very excited for the 2018-2019 school year. We started off the school year with a back to school dance welcoming our students and families back with a dance party. Our first big fundraiser of the year was Claire's Gourmet which wrapped up in the end of October. Please be on the lookout for information sent home asking for volunteers to help with sorting the orders, as well as a pick-up date.

The fall book fair ran the second week of November. Thank you to the volunteers who helped make the book fair possible. We had our first fundraiser night at the Bounce Party Place in Security Mall, and we will host our PTA meeting, as well as another fundraiser night there in January. We also had two restaurant nights, one at Chuck E. Cheese, and one at Panera. Please be on the lookout for information on our next restaurant night December 11th at Chipotle.

Our D.O.U.G. & Daughters Dance happened on November 16th and was a wonderful event for those who attended, there was food, fun, dancing, raffles, a photo booth, as well as a night of memories made. Please follow us on Facebook: search Johnnycake Elementary school PTA and like our page for updated information.

We have a running GoFundMe: go to gofundme.com and search for Johnnycake elementary school PTA from there you can share the link on social media. The PTA strives to improve the lives and experiences of our students at Johnnycake. We always hope to we can say yes when asked to assist with something for the school financially. The only way to do this is by fundraising throughout the year and generous donations from parents and the community. Questions or comments email pta.johnnycakees@gmail.com.
CHAT AND CHEW

Mrs. Berman
School to Community Coordinator

Mrs. Phillips

When: Tuesday, December 11, 2018
Where: Johnnycake Elementary Cafeteria
Time: 2:00p.m. – 3:00p.m.

*Reading Tips & Strategies
*Mrs. Hope Fields, Johnnycake Reading Specialist
*Latest Johnnycake News

*All are welcome – parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, caregivers