Seymour’s Shout Out...

BE Events

My appreciation to all those who contributed to Arts Night!  The 5th grade stunned us with their talent in *We Haz Jazz*. As always, the hallways were filled with the artistic talents of all our BE students. Thank you Ms. Calomiris and Ms. LaGrave for all of your time and dedication that went into preparing for Arts Night. A special THANK YOU to all of our parent volunteers who helped to prepare the displays throughout our halls!

The last day of school is, Friday, June 16th and it is an EARLY RELEASE DAY. School is dismissed at 12:55. We will do the CLAP OUT for all students on this day as we celebrate the end of the school year.

As we wind down the year, I want to take the time to wish you all a wonderful summer!  We are already working hard on our preparation for the 2017-2018 school year.  We look forward to seeing you in September!

Lisa Seymour

Dear Parents:

We are pleased to provide you with a variety of suggested summer math activities, designed to help strengthen your child’s math abilities. On the Bethesda ES website, [http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bethesdaes/news/news.aspx?id=537753](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bethesdaes/news/news.aspx?id=537753) you will find a math packet with a variety of problems depending on your child’s grade for next year. These activities are not a school requirement, but they are offered to you in response to the many parent requests we have had to provide such activities. Your child can solve these problems throughout the month of July and/or August.

In addition to these activities, it is essential that children continue to master basic mathematic facts so they are better prepared to solve multiple step mathematical problems that they will encounter as they move into higher grade levels. We encourage you to work with your child often on learning math facts so that he/she retains and increases mathematical proficiency.

If your child completes the expectation for his or her grade level, he or she will participate in a Popsicle social during the month of September. Please complete the form verifying your child’s participation (link is found on the front of each packet) by **Friday, September 15th**. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth von Schwarz at 240-204-5300 or by email as provided below. Thank you, and have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth von Schwarz
Staff Development Teacher
Elizabeth_vonSchwarz@mcpsmd.org
Dear BE Families,

Summer is a fun and exciting time to enjoy the outdoors, time with family and friends, sporting events and relax. It is also a perfect opportunity to encourage children to read!

We would like our students to read many books over the summer. Primary students should read 15-20 minutes daily. Intermediate and middle school students should read 30-60 minutes per day. Public libraries and book stores maintain a list of recommended titles for each grade level as well as a large selection of books and audio books. In addition, our PTA has provided funding so that your child can access myOn, a personalized collection of more than 5,700 digital books to read over the summer on computers, laptops, and other devices anytime, anywhere while on the go. Similar to the public library, text selections span multiple grade levels with a variety of genre options, so be sure to monitor your child’s selections for readability and content. Reading aloud is also encouraged and is a wonderful way for students to experience great books.

Our students have two options for the summer reading program this year. On the Bethesda ES website, you will find two choices, a BINGO card, or they may participate in the myOn National Reading Contest. For more information on the reading contest go to [http://about.myon.com/reading-campaigns/ReadontheGO](http://about.myon.com/reading-campaigns/ReadontheGO).

Upon completion of one of the programs, complete the Google form. Students who complete the program will be invited to a celebration. [https://docs.google.com/a/mcpsmd.net/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfc1Ueh-nnSsO8Zpl4nuKY3Zdp5SnHbpzD5-kyD0UF3_3jlGw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/a/mcpsmd.net/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfc1Ueh-nnSsO8Zpl4nuKY3Zdp5SnHbpzD5-kyD0UF3_3jlGw/viewform) Also, you are welcome to print and send in a picture of your child and/or your family reading while you are on the go.

Enjoy the summer! Happy reading!

Yours truly,

Karen Sanchez
Reading Specialist
Bethesda Elementary School

Hello, BE Families,

We are happy to announce that, on June 12, the BEPTA will host the return of a very popular traveling science exhibit at our school—the mobile STEAM museum. This is a hands-on science, technology, engineering, art, and math program that includes a humanoid robot, 3D printer station, bike generator, and more.

We’re in need of parent volunteers (no science background necessary) to assist classrooms and students visiting our museum that day (set-up in the BE gym).

Please volunteer for as many slots as possible, arrive on-time, and wear comfortable clothes. We need lots of help for this fun event. Please sign up using the link below. Thanks!

Sincerely,

Lynn Huang and Becky Berman (your BE STEM Co-coordinators)

Sign up link: [STEAM Assembly](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0849a9af28a64-steam)
Cultural Arts Corner…

Dear BE Families,

As the end of the school year approaches, what better way to celebrate than with movement and music!

Arlington-based award-winning dance company, Bowen McCauley Dance, will perform for all grades their newest production, "Dances from around the World", which will feature:

"Dreamers and Tangos" a waltz and tango piece with music by Alexey Shor and Carlos Gandel, tango arrangement by John Williams;

"Charleston" with music by James P. Johnson;

"Far Behind" with music by Jason Ringenberg of "Jason and the Scorchers";

... and excerpts of "Hamilton the musical"!

Our Kindergartners and 1st graders will continue the fun during their dance workshops, with the teaching artists from Bowen McCauley Dance, that same afternoon and the following day.

This will be the last cultural arts residency of the year. We thank you for your support, both in-kind as volunteers as well as through donations to the Bethesda Elementary PTA. Please continue to support your PTA next year, so that we can provide cultural enrichment (and many other services) to all the students at BE! Enjoy your summer!

Marie Kobayashi & Rosemary Berger, Education and Cultural Arts chairs.

Important Dates:

All-school performance of Bowen McCauley Dance June 5th

Dance workshops for Kindergarten and 1st grade June 5th and 6th.

GT Screening…

If your child participated in the screening for GT, a letter will be sent home in an envelope in their Friday Folders on June 9th. Contact Karen Sanchez if you have questions regarding the letter, Karen_G_Sanchez@mcpsmd.org or by calling 240-204-5300.

MCPS News…

Parent Academy Workshops
The spring season of the Parent Academy will end on Thursday, June 15. The last workshops of the year will explore active parenting. Please share this information with parents. Information on the workshops is posted on the Parent Academy website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/.

MCPL Summer Read and Learn Program
Montgomery County Public Libraries invites all students to participate in this year’s Summer Reading Program, which will run June 10–September 10. Starting June 10, participants can sign up for the program and keep track of the books they read or have read to them. Registration will be available online at montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/kids and at any Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) branch.
## Bethesda Elementary 2017 Awards Assembly

**June 14, 2017**

**9:25 AM**

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