

OPR PENGUIN POST FAMILY EDITION

MAY NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL WOODEN

Greetings Families!

We have made it to the month of May! This means that we have been in school for almost 9 months. It feels good to see the growth of our scholars. Currently, scholars in grades 3, 4, and 5 are in the midst of the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program also known as MCAP. Throughout the entire month of May, scholars will be involved in assessments in the area of math, reading, and writing. Our primary grades are assessing as well. Their assessments are county based and school based. These assessments will allow us to capture student progress and set goals for the 2023-2024 school year.



On Friday, May 5, we will be having pre-k and kindergarten registration. Please contact the school to schedule a registration appointment. Also share this information with friends and family who might need to register a future pre-k and/or kindergartner.

Also on Friday, May 5, we will be hosting our Annual Art Show. The art show will take place in the primary building from 5-7 PM. There is so much talent in our school. You are going to be in awe with the young artists here at Old Post Road.

During the month of May, schools over the country take time to celebrate educators. This is known to us as *Teacher Appreciation Week*. I want to take the time to celebrate the teachers that serve our scholars each and every day here at Old Post Road Elementary School. I appreciate their commitment and love for teaching and learning. We are truly blessed to have them serve our school.

As we enter the month of May, please take time to celebrate the achievements that took place during the last 9 months of school and remind your scholar(s) the importance of finishing strong. Before you know it, June will be here. We got this!

It is my WISH during the last few weeks of school that we continue to live out our school's mission and vision.

Thanks for all that support that you provide to our school each and every day. WE ARE OPR!

Happy Mother's Day! Happy May!

Principal Wooden

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, May 5: Pre K and K Registration begins

Friday, May 5: Family Art Night

Monday, May 8: Spring Picture Day

Friday, May 19: Field Day

Friday, May 26: Early Dismissal

Monday, May 29: No School, Memorial Day



SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT FEEDBACK

Parents: We want to hear from you! Please consider helping us update our School-Parent Compact with ways that we can best increase student achievement. [School-Parent Compact Form](#)

GRADE LEVEL UPDATES

PRE-K

We hope everyone has been enjoying the spring weather as much as we have. We will begin our Pee Wee Olympics unit this month which will focus on what it means to be an athlete and how to show good sportsmanship. In reading, we will identify the following letters: W,X, Y and Z. In math we explore numbers 0-10 as we build sets and explore addition and subtraction with in 5. Pre-K will have their End of the Year Celebration on June 9, 2023 from 12:30-1:30. Look for more specific information in the upcoming weeks from your child's teacher.



KINDERGARTEN

Phonics: Playing with Phonics: Scholars will be able to independently use their learning to "teach" others about the many phonics skills they have learned throughout the school year.

Reading: Scholars will continue to strengthen their comprehension skills (summarizing and questioning).

Writing: How-To Unit: Scholars will write step-by-step how to do something!

Mathematics: Topic 11: Count Numbers to 100: Mathematicians will count numbers to 100 by using a hundred chart. **Topic 12: Identify and Describe Shapes:** Mathematicians will identify and describe two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes.

TUB: K Engineers: We will identify how engineers solve problems.

Please encourage your scholar to show **Penguin PRIDE** in all that they do! **Prepared.**

Respectful. Integrity. Determined. Engaged.



1ST GRADE

The month of May brings the fourth quarter of school! While we all feel a sense of excitement in anticipation for summer, please remind your youngster that school is still a place that has rules and consequences. In first grade, we are looking forward to our field trip to the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore on May 5th! We are sure to have a fantastic time! In May, we also begin our 26 Day Countdown to the end of school! First Grade teachers have planned a special activity to go along with each letter from A-Z for last 26 days of school! Be on the lookout for the calendar to know all about our letter of the day and how your child can participate!



We end our year in as authors by writing fictional stories in a series with the same character/characters going on different adventures! (Think of the Henry and Mudge series for example!) In reading, we will dive deep into fictional texts to explore the lessons learned by characters as they encounter adversity. In math, we will explore the concepts of length, time and shapes! We will also begin our last unit in Social Studies which focuses on financial literacy concepts. The First Grade Teachers look forward to all of the wonderful learning that will take place in May as we begin to wind down our year together!

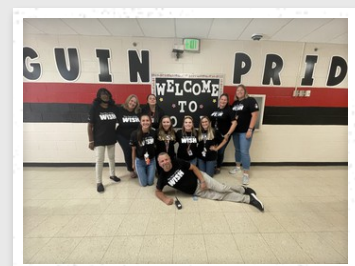
2ND GRADE

- End of the year picnic date will be coming soon. It will be a bring your own picnic lunch and spend time with your second grader to celebrate the end of the year celebration.

- It's chilly in the building now that the air is on. Please send your child with a sweatshirt that they can put on if they are cold.

- Please make sure your child has a water bottle to drink from

each day. As it gets warmer, students are needing more water and we don't have time in our



day to spend at the water fountain. Thank you in advance!

3RD GRADE

- If you have not returned the signed permission slip for our upcoming field trip to Ripken Stadium, please do so this week. It was due 4/26/23.
- We are running low on tissues! If you can donate a box or two to your child's homeroom, it would be greatly appreciated.
- Stay tuned for more information regarding our end-of-the-year event!
- Just a reminder that MCAP testing begins this week, 5/2-5/5 and then 5/17-5/18. Please make sure your child is present and on time. Testing begins at 10:00 a.m.
- As always, thank you for your support!!



4TH GRADE

We are in the home stretch now!! May is looking so exciting!

✪ Our field trip to Steppingstone Museum is on May 31st. We will leave school at 9:15 and return at 2:45.

⚡ In reading we will begin our final unit *Reading for Life*. We will look at fiction and nonfiction text once more.

🕒 May brings decimals in math!!

🌱 Our science unit is Life Science: Life Structures, Functions, and Senses.

🕒 May also brings Field Day - More information to come.

📖 Continue to encourage your scholar to read each night, as well as to practice multiplication and division facts. ✖÷

🌸 Happy Mother's Day!

👤 Fourth Grade Teachers



5TH GRADE

- 5th grade rocked their Language Arts MCAP this past month. Only two more days of testing for math MCAP in May on the 9th and 11th .
- Reminder that our 5th grade ceremony will be on June 8th at Edgewood High School.
- 5th grade picnic will be on June 5th with a rain date of June 6th. This is for students only. Be sure that they wear closed toe shoes as we will be outside all day.
- As the temperatures go up, please make sure that your child is coming to school with a water bottle.



- Continue reminding your child about following the school expectations throughout the remainder of the school year.
- Be sure that you are continuing to sign those agendas nightly.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

We made it to May and the last quarter of the school year! This is a great time for reflection. Please let your voice be heard by completing the [Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey](#). We truly value your input.

Summer Opportunity: Consider registering for [Camp SpARC](#) - a fun and inclusive summer camp with The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region; ages 6 – 21. Click the link above for more information.

Please Complete the Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey. *Your opinion matters!*
Available February 10 to May 19, 2023 **Start Now.**

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Please take 5 minutes to complete the MSDE Survey so we know how we can help you and your family.

Go to:
www.mdparentsurvey.com

For any questions contact Rachel Trovato at 410-273-5579 or Kenneth Hudock at MSDE at 410-767-7770 or Kenneth.Hudock@maryland.gov

**2023
Camp
Sp'Arc**

Four weeks, starting with the week of July 17th through the week of August 7th.

RSVP or Volunteer arcncr.org/camp

The Arc
Northern Chesapeake Region

SPECIAL AREAS- PRIMARY

- Media: Student will learn how to use blockli to solve coding puzzles
- P.E: Students will be engaging in Field Day as well as their Soccer unit with a spin of doing lawn games
- Art: Students will be working Spring theme painting projects. The Art show is May 5th 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- Music: Students will be composing their own music while creating their own instruments and preparing for their movement to the next grade!



SPECIAL AREAS- INTERMEDIATE

May is here and it's a busy one for the Special Area Teams. During this month we will be working on the following: In Art-- The ART show is on Friday, May 5, 2023 in the primary building. We hope to see many families come out and enjoy an evening of art. The intermediate art classes will be working on creating sculptures. In Media--we are working researching various topics. In Music--4th and 5th grades will be working with the musical staff including lines and spaces and their note names. 3rd graders are starting to play the soprano recorders and earning recorder karate belts. In Physical Education--we will be working on preparing for field day (May 19th) and doing fitness testing.



Old Post Road Elementary School

Family Art Night

Join us for an evening of art
for the whole family!

Student Artwork

Art

Making

Summer
Resources

Community
Partners

May 5, 2023

5-7 PM

Primary Building



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