



# The Lion's Den

Bethesda Elementary School & Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Newsletter

Issue 2

September 16, 2011

## Principally Speaking...

Dear Families-

It was great to see so many of you at Back to School Night! We are looking forward to our next PTA sponsored event, the Back to School Picnic, which will be held on Monday, September 19th, starting at 6:00 p.m.

At the October 4th PTA Meeting, the focus is the State of the School. Topics covered include:

- County and State assessment performance data and what it means for our school.
- Math Curriculum 2.0- What is it? How is it being implemented at BE.

The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Media Center.

ESOL Night is also just around the corner! ESOL families are invited to join us at Bethesda ES. This is a parent information evening and families may choose to bring a dish to be shared (with at least 5 families). The evening will begin in the cafeteria with the shared dishes to eat, and then parents will join Ms. Siguenza, ESOL Teacher, and, me in the Media Center for a parent information session. Students will remain in the cafeteria (supervised by parent and student volunteers) for a movie while the parents are meeting.

During arrival and dismissal, I've noticed individuals walking with their dogs to the front of the building. I ask that you consider the fact that we have children with allergies to dogs, as well as a fear of dogs. Although I appreciate your compliance with having your dog on a leash, the leash can be hazardous during high traffic times and can result in someone tripping and/or falling. I ask that, if you choose to walk your leashed dog to school, that you keep a distance from the entrances and high traffic areas.

Thank you again to *Wheats Landscaping* for enhancing the circle located on Moorland Lane!

*Lisa Seymour*



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### Important Dates:

- September 19, 2011  
Back To School Picnic (6:00 PM)
- September 28, 2011  
Early Release Day ( 12: 35PM)
- September 29, 2011  
NO SCHOOL- Rosh Hashanah
- October 3, 2011  
ESOL Night (6:30 pm)
- October 4, 2011  
PTA Meeting-State of the School  
(7:30 pm)
- October 5, 2011  
International Walk To School Day
- October 10, 2011  
Parent Visitation Day

## From the PTA...

### Calling all 5th Grade Parents!

Our 5th grade graduation fundraising bake sale is on Monday, September 19th, during Back To School Picnic. We are hoping the parent of each 5th grader will donate two desserts.

We would like to have all desserts delivered to BE on Monday between 5:00pm - 5:30pm. If you can not drop it off at the time, please contact [mwade1@me.com](mailto:mwade1@me.com) to make other arrangements.

To sign up, go to: <http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5thgrade331>

Thank you for all your support!

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### B.E. Spiritwear Sale is underway!

### *Show your Bethesda Elementary School Pride*

Order your t-shirts today!

Gear up and show your school spirit! B.E. Spiritwear sale starts today and ends September 30th. Lots of new colors and styles to choose from and be sure to check out the samples in the main entrance display case! Don't forget to show the order form to your parents and return it back to your homeroom teacher.

Please see the order form on page 3 to order your "BE Spiritwear 2011"

Return Order Form with Payment to your Teacher by  
Friday, September 30th



# ORDER YOUR SCHOOL SPIRITWEAR TODAY!

GEAR UP & SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!!

Sample is on display at school.

These Top Quality items are great for spirit days, school events, field trips, and every day use!

Pullover hoods available in your choice of **NAVY** or **LIGHT PINK!!!**



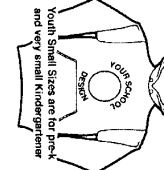
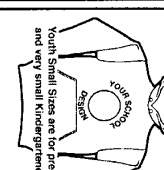
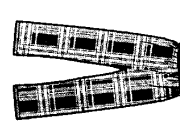
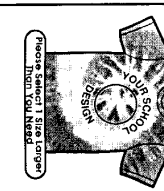
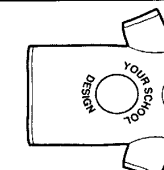
ORDERING DEADLINE  
FRIDAY, September 30, 2011

(This is your NEW design)

- Orders due: Friday, September 30, 2011
- Checks payable to: **BEPTA** (include payment with order)

		SIZE SUGGESTIONS											
AGE		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TEEN			
SHIRTS	Y-S	Y-M	Y-L	Y-L	Y-L	Y-L	Y-L	Y-L	Y-L	Y-L	Y-L	Y-L	
	6-8	10-12	14-16	14-16	14-16	14-16	14-16	14-16	14-16	14-16	14-16	14-16	
PANTS	Y-S	Y-S	Y-M	Y-M	Y-M	Y-M	Y-M	Y-M	Y-M	Y-M	Y-M	Y-M	
	6-8	6-8	10-12	10-12	10-12	10-12	10-12	10-12	10-12	10-12	10-12	10-12	

Because these are custom made items, we cannot accept returns or exchanges for incorrect sizes ordered.

 <p><b>HOODED SWEATSHIRT</b></p> <p>YOUTH \$27.00 ADULT \$29.00 XXL \$31.00</p> <p>ITEM COLOR: <b>NAVY</b></p> <p>Blended Polyester and Cotton</p> <p>Youth Sizes: Y-S, Y-M, Y-L Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL</p> <p>Please enter a QUANTITY IN BOXES, NOT "X"</p>	 <p><b>HOODED SWEATSHIRT</b></p> <p>YOUTH \$27.00 ADULT \$29.00 XXL \$31.00</p> <p>ITEM COLOR: <b>LT. PINK</b></p> <p>Blended Polyester and Cotton</p> <p>Youth Sizes: Y-S, Y-M, Y-L Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL</p> <p>Please enter a QUANTITY IN BOXES, NOT "X"</p>	 <p><b>FLANNEL PANTS</b></p> <p>YOUTH \$26.00 ADULT \$28.00 XXL \$30.00</p> <p>ITEM COLOR: <b>BLUE PLAID</b></p> <p>100% Cotton Left leg imprint</p> <p>Youth Sizes: Y-S, Y-M, Y-L Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL</p> <p>Please enter a QUANTITY IN BOXES, NOT "X"</p>	 <p><b>TIE-DYE TEES</b></p> <p>YOUTH \$19.00 ADULT \$21.00 XXL \$23.00</p> <p>ITEM COLOR: <b>BLUE</b></p> <p>100% Cotton Heavy Weight</p> <p>Youth Sizes: Y-S, Y-M, Y-L Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL</p> <p>Please enter a QUANTITY IN BOXES, NOT "X"</p>	 <p><b>TEE SHIRT</b></p> <p>YOUTH \$10.00 ADULT \$12.00 XXL \$14.00</p> <p>ITEM COLOR: <b>NAVY</b></p> <p>100% Cotton Heavy Weight</p> <p>Youth Sizes: Y-S, Y-M, Y-L Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL</p> <p>Please enter a QUANTITY IN BOXES, NOT "X"</p>
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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ HOMEROOM TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
(With area code)

TOTAL NUMBER OF GARMENTS ORDERED: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

MARYLAND SALES TAX CHART

\$5	Tax	\$5	Tax	\$5	Tax	\$5	Tax	\$5	Tax
1	0.06	21	1.26	41	2.46	61	3.66	81	4.86
2	0.12	22	1.32	42	2.52	62	3.72	82	4.92
3	0.18	23	1.38	43	2.58	63	3.78	83	4.98
4	0.24	24	1.44	44	2.64	64	3.84	84	5.04
5	0.30	25	1.50	45	2.70	65	3.90	85	5.10
6	0.36	26	1.56	46	2.76	66	3.96	86	5.16
7	0.42	27	1.62	47	2.82	67	4.02	87	5.22
8	0.48	28	1.68	48	2.88	68	4.08	88	5.28
9	0.54	29	1.74	49	2.94	69	4.14	89	5.34
10	0.60	30	1.80	50	3.00	70	4.20	90	5.40
11	0.66	31	1.86	51	3.06	71	4.26	91	5.46
12	0.72	32	1.92	52	3.12	72	4.32	92	5.52
13	0.78	33	1.98	53	3.18	73	4.38	93	5.58
14	0.84	34	2.04	54	3.24	74	4.44	94	5.64
15	0.90	35	2.10	55	3.30	75	4.50	95	5.70
16	0.96	36	2.16	56	3.36	76	4.56	96	5.76
17	1.02	37	2.22	57	3.42	77	4.62	97	5.82
18	1.08	38	2.28	58	3.48	78	4.68	98	5.88
19	1.14	39	2.34	59	3.54	79	4.74	99	5.94
20	1.20	40	2.40	60	3.60	80	4.80	100	6.00

Sub Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
add Sales Tax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

From the PTA...



**5TH GRADE CLASS**  
**ANNUAL BAKE SALE**



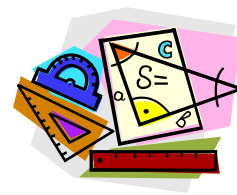
**MONDAY SEPT 19TH 6PM DURING**  
**BACK-TO-SCHOOL PICNIC**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS GRADUATION EVENT**

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*BETHESDA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STORE*  
Coming Soon!

Grade 4 Parents: Check your student's  
Friday Folder for volunteer sign-up!



- contact Ken Tercyak ([tercyakk@georgetown.edu](mailto:tercyakk@georgetown.edu)) with questions -

## From the PTA...

### The time is NOW...to join the PTA!

Forms can be downloaded from the PTA website <http://www.bethesdapta.org/home/join-the-pta> and returned to school in your child's backpack.

**\$40 Family Membership....**

**\$10 Teacher/Staff Membership...**

**REMINDER...**2011-2012 PTA dues (both faculty/staff and families) may be paid using a credit card on

[www.pay4schoolstuffonline.com](http://www.pay4schoolstuffonline.com).

- There is a small processing fee for each transaction.
- Any questions can be sent to [BEPayments@yahoo.com](mailto:BEPayments@yahoo.com).

We are so fortunate to be part of such a wonderful community and school. We look forward to seeing you at the Back to School Picnic on Monday, September 19th.

Thank you, in advance, for your support of  
**THE BETHESDA ELEMENTARY PTA!**

*Bridget Diaz and Sherri Katam,*

PTA Communications Co-Chairs



Greetings Bethesda families and friends! I would like to welcome all of you to a wonderful new school year. It has been so nice to meet all of our new students and their families. This month I will be visiting with all classes to review my role and let students know how they can come see me if they ever need to. I am looking forward to working with your child throughout the school year. The Montgomery County School Counselor addresses four areas of your child's education: Academic Achievement, Personal Development, Social Development, and Career Development. These Areas are addressed through the following ways:



### **Individual Counseling**

One– on- one counseling support is available to all students in grades K to K. This support is intended to address specific emotional, behavioral or social concerns that a particular child may have. I see students for a variety of reason including death in the family, changes in the home, conflicts with friends, difficulty with school work, self-esteem issues, anxiety, bullying, etc.

### **Small Group Counseling**

Small group counseling provides support for K to 5 students with similar academic, social or personal concerns. When students are exhibiting difficulty in a particular area, teachers or parents can refer a child for group counseling. Small groups take place during lunch time. Topics may include: self-esteem, friendship, social skills, divorce/separation, anger management, self-esteem, cooperative play, organization, etc. Occasionally, we will also have lunch groups just to enjoy talking with each other! Be on the lookout later this month for information on the upcoming groups.

### **Classroom Guidance Lessons**

Classroom guidance lessons for Kindergarten through Fifth grade focus on a variety of issues commonly faced by elementary school aged children. I visit classrooms on a monthly rotation to discuss topics such as conflict resolutions, respect for self and others, decision making, friendship, bullying, teasing, inclusion, career exploration and cooperation/ teamwork.

If at anytime I can be of assistance to your or your family, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am looking forward to a wonderful year!

*Jessica Nicholson*

## Note from the Nurse...

It's great to be back at school and look forward to servicing the health needs of your children. Here are a few things to keep in mind at the start of the school year.



Health information can be found on the BE website under Bethesda ES Quick Links

Medication at School – No prescriptions or over-the counter medication can be administered without a current doctor’s order. Refer to the website for policy.

Lice Education – Please refer to the L-6 letter posted on the BE website. For more details info check out: <http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/>

Health Forms – can be downloaded from the MCPS website [www.montgomeryschoolmd.org/departments/forms/student.shtm](http://www.montgomeryschoolmd.org/departments/forms/student.shtm)

Upcoming Flu Mist Clinic – offered free in mid-November. Date and details coming soon.

Email contacts for Christine Rostami, RN, School Health Room Nurse and Joan Kaplan, CNA, School Health Room Aide are listed in on the BE website under Bethesda ES Quick Links.

## Center Program for the Highly Gifted...

Attention Parents of Grade 3 Students!

### Application Information

Applications for the Elementary Centers for the Highly Gifted (HGC) were recently mailed directly to all parents for grade 3 students in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). **This is a reminder that if you are interested in having your child considered for the HGC, you must complete the application and return it by November 7, 2011, to:** HGC Application

Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services

11721 Kemp Mill Road

Silver Spring, MD 20902

If for some reason you did not receive an application in the mail, and are interested in the program, contact the school or access it from the website– [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/). The packet is also available in Chinese, French, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

## Parent Academy Workshop

**MCPS Safety and Security Codes**

**Monday, September 19**

**7:00-8:30pm**

For well over a decade, Code Blue and Code Red procedures have been used to keep students safe during emergencies that occur on or near school grounds. New federal safety guidelines contained in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) have since been adopted by both Maryland and Montgomery County. Come learn about the new guidelines as well as Lockdown—Evacuate—Shelter (LES), MCPS’s updated emergency preparedness program. The program complies with NIMS guidelines and will be implemented in the 2011-2012 school year.

**Thomas W. Pyle MS, 6311 Wilson Ln., Bethesda 20817**

## Summer Celebrations...

Congratulations to all of the children who participated in the Summer Reading, Writing, and Math Programs. Students we honored for their accomplishments. Thank you to Ms. Froom and Ms. Pincus for organizing the events.

*Karen Sanchez*



## BE Activity Bus... Departs at 4:15 PM

Month	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	5 <sup>th</sup> Week
October		11, 12, 13	18, 19, 20	25, 26, 27	
November	1, 2, 3		15, 16, 17		29, 30, 12-1
December		6, 7, 8	13, 14, 15		
January	3, 4, 5	10, 11, 12	17, 18, 19	24, 25, 26	
February	1/31, 2-1, 2,	7, 8, 9	14, 15, 16	21, 22, 23	28, 29 3/1
March		6, 7, 8	13, 14, 15	20, 21, 22	27, 28, 29
April		10, 11, 12	17, 18, 19	24, 25, 26	
May	1, 2, 3	8, 9, 10			

**Please Note:**  
A week was added to the Activity Bus Schedule.

Reminder...the Lion's Den is going ONLINE! Beginning next month (October), the Lion's Den will ONLY be posted online at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bethesdaes/administration/>. If you would still like to receive a paper copy, please complete the information below and turn it in to the Front Office by **September 30th**.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to receive a paper copy of the Lion's Den.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_