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What's New at Bay View

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Message from the Principal Mr. Edwards

Welcome Back to the 2009-2010 school year. We are very excited to share with you some of the new things that we have added for the year.

Technology continues to be a high priority for our Bay View students and we are pleased to announce that we have brand new computers in both of our labs. In addition each classroom also received three brand new computers. Finally, we are adding seven more smartboards to our classrooms. We started with one last year in Mr. Barczewski's classroom and are now up to 18.

This learning tool is truly amazing and we are very happy that our students have the opportunity to make this an integral part of their everyday experiences at Bay View!

We look forward to sharing more about the programs that we have to offer this year at Bay View at our "Back to School" night on September 15, 2009 at 6:30 pm.

We are looking forward to a great year and anxious to share information with you that will help to make your child successful!

Please feel free to contact me at anytime if you have any questions or concerns, redwards@ccps.org. I look forward to working together with you this year!

"The achievement of an organization are the results of the combined efforts of each individual."

Vince Lombard, Pro Football Hall of Fame Coach

**Message from Assistant Principal
Regina Roberts**

Welcome back to the 2009 – 2010 school year! It's hard to believe that the first month of the school year is upon us. Our teachers have worked hard to establish routines for what promises to be another outstanding school year here at Bay View Elementary.

As we begin this new year it is important that we work closely together to help our children stay focused and maintain the consistency in doing their homework, class work and daily studying. Establishing good routines at home will help in this process. Please continue to give your encouragement and support in helping your child develop good study habits and a good attitude toward school.

As always we need to remind our students about the importance of bus safety. The majority of Bay View's students ride the school bus to and from school everyday. By reviewing expectations and safety rules, we can ensure our students will have a pleasant and safe riding experience.

Please take a few minutes to discuss the following rules and expectations

1. Bus riders always go home by bus unless the teacher received written instructions otherwise. Bus riders will not be permitted to ride any other bus but their assigned bus.
2. Students must obey the driver cheerfully and promptly and be courteous to the driver and to the other students. The driver is in full charge of the bus and has the authority of a classroom teacher.
3. It is recommended that students be at their bus stop five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. The bus must operate on a timely schedule and can't wait for students not at the bus stop when they arrive.
4. Students should never stand or play on the road while waiting for the bus. Students should exhibit good behavior while waiting for the bus to arrive. They must stay on walkways and respect neighboring property owners.
5. Before boarding bus, students should remain at least 10 feet from the bus doors until the bus comes to a full stop, turns on the flashing red lights, puts out the arm in front of the bus, and motions to the students to board.
6. Students must look both ways before crossing the street to board or exit the bus, then WALK not run to a safe area so the bus may continue on its route.
7. Students must not try to get on or off the bus while it is in motion. Students must remain seated while the bus is in motion.
8. Riding the bus is a privilege, violating the rules WILL result in a suspension from riding the bus.
9. Students should line up on the side of the road in a safe area prior to entering the bus.
10. Students should wait at least 20 minutes for the bus if it happens to be running late prior to going home. (weather permitting) If no one is home, the student should call school for a ride to school. Have the school number posted near your telephone for this purpose.
11. No animals of any kind may be taken on the bus.
12. No eating or drinking on the bus.
13. Students must stay seated at all times as there are no seatbelts. Studies have shown that students will be safe in a collision if they are seated properly. The large cushioned seat in front of them will protect them.
14. Students must remain in their assigned seat on the bus, even as it empties during the bus route.

Thank you for your continued support to make this a great school year.

**Counselor's Corner
Christie Edelson**

Welcome back! I am very excited to start a new year at our amazing school! I am very thankful to be serving as the child development counselor for Bay View Elementary again this year. I wanted to take a moment to describe how I can be of assistance to your child/children. I provide classroom guidance lessons on a rotating basis for all classes' kindergarten to fifth grade. I help teach children about their feelings, how to solve problems, accept differences and build strong character, and we explore the world of work. I also provide small group counseling and individual counseling throughout the year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have any questions about my counseling program or if I can be of assistance to you or your family.

I look forward to another fabulous year!

Newsletter Sept./Oct. 09

Hello from Joan Frampton, Family Involvement Advisor: Title I

Welcome to the new school year! I look forward to being involved with our families: having family workshops, coordinating the volunteer program (Volunteers- you are amazing!!), offering the PAT (Parents as Teachers) program to PreS and PreK families, coordinating our RIF program so students get free books, and having monthly Book Swaps - to name a few things I am involved in! ***Please watch for fliers, newsletters, our monthly school calendar, check the school's website (www.ccps.org and go to the Bay View site), or call our main office (410-996-6230).***

Contact me any time at 410-996-6230, or jframpton@ccps.org. I look forward to seeing you this year.

KIDS LEARN! SUMMER WORKBOOK - If your child completed this workbook over the summer, have them return the workbook to school to receive a prize and be entered into a raffle to have a Happy Meal lunch with Mr. Edwards, our principal. **Please return these books by September 8.**

BOOK SWAP- We will have a monthly Book Swap for grades K-5. The first one will be Thursday, September 17. Watch for the flier that describes what it is!

VOLUNTEERS- If you can volunteer this year, fill out a volunteer application. If you are able to volunteer in school, you will need to come to the Volunteer Orientation on Wednesday, September 23, from 9-10am, or contact me. Everyone that volunteers in the school needs to have a current background check before they can help in the school.

PARENT CLUB- We are offering an informal monthly meeting during the school day to encourage parents/guardians to become involved in some school decision making. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 30, 9-10am -watch for a flier. Family involvement is so important to the success of our students - please get involved at school this year!

FACTS & SNACKS- A monthly morning workshop for K-5 students and families with fun activities and snacks. The first one will be Tuesday, September 29, 8:15-9am in the cafeteria- watch for a flier.

TO GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS FOR YOUR CHILD, BE SURE TO COMPLETE A MEAL BENEFIT APPLICATION AND RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL.

Parents, a great website for all kinds of parenting information is: Maryland State Parental Information Resource Center (PIRC) at www.mdpirc.org

PTO CORNER

Welcome back to the new school year! It is always an exciting time. Your officers this year are: President - Dawn Branch, Treasurer - Janet McCusker, & Secretary - Jennifer Plummer. We have some fun family activities planned. Our first 2 meetings are September 1st & October 6th from 6-7pm in the Art Room. Please join us - your help & input are important. We will have our annual "Laps for Learning" on October 22nd during the school day. Pledge forms will be coming home in early October. Finally, our annual Trick or Treat Parade is October 30th from 6:30-7:30. More information on both of these events will be forthcoming.

Membership dues remain \$5 per family this year. If you have not already received a membership form, please email me at dbranch@ccps.org. Last year, the PTO supported Bay View Elementary in many areas. These include: After School Programs, R.I.F. (free books for kids throughout the school year), Cultural Arts Assemblies, Teacher Grants, Field Day, Teacher Appreciation, Landscaping, & other needs that arise. Your support is important to all of the children & staff here at Bay View.

Finally, please continue to turn in your Box Tops for Education & Campbell's labels. Label the baggies with your child's homeroom teacher. The class that turns in the most Box Tops by April 1st will win a class pizza & ice cream party.

Please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions by emailing me at dbranch@ccps.org.

Have a Great Year!
Dawn Branch
President

Attendance Notice

Please be aware that students will not be eligible for perfect attendance if they are signed out before 3:30 pm on a regular day and before 1:50 pm on Wednesdays.

Pre-School News from Mrs. Wright's Class

Miss Wanda and I are excited about the 2009-2010 year in preschool. Since this is the first school experience for many 3 year olds, we will start out learning basic skills that will enable our toddlers to be successful students. We will practice walking in a line, waiting our turn to speak, sharing materials, and numerous other behaviors that are important for school success. Throughout the year, we will work to develop a love of reading and math, and a love of school. Please feel free to stop in and see the preschoolers at work!

Connie Wright