



Mammoth News

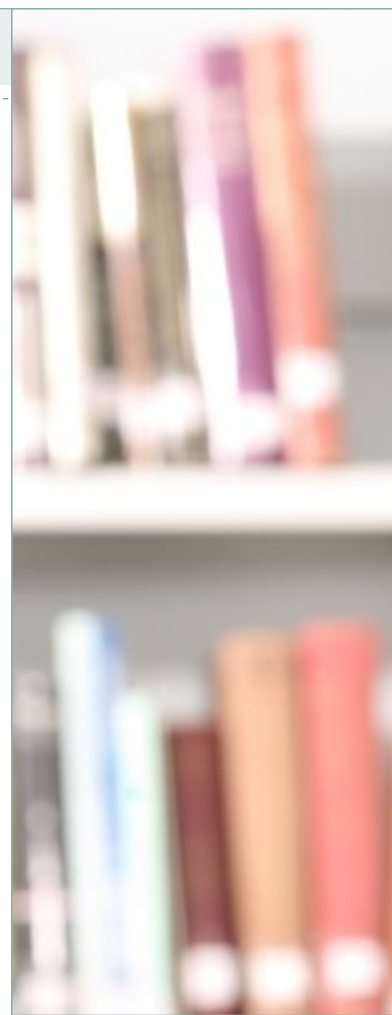
WELCOME TO 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Happy new year Winfield family! I trust that everyone had a safe and fun-filled summer. Our students seem excited to be back in school, to see old friends, and to meet new ones. Thank you to all of the families who came out for Back to School Night. If you were unable to make Back to School Night, do not worry. We will post the power point on the website once our new webmaster is trained this month. I have also included important points in this newsletter. We are looking forward to a year of engaging activities for families, as well as learning opportunities for parents/guardians. Each month, a newsletter will come home on the 1st Wednesday of the month with upcoming dates for events and school updates. Our most recent Winfield family celebration is to welcome Mrs. Berger's new baby, William, who was born on Sept 5, 2019. Both, baby and mom, are doing well. Have a great and prosperous September!

Mrs. Porter

SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Please have your photo ID every time you come to the building and stop in the office to have your ID scanned.
- Adults who are not staff members must be buzzed in at the front doors. Please do not enter side doors during arrival and dismissal times.
- Please DO NOT hold the door open for anyone. Everyone must state their business before being buzzed in.
- Parents/guardians must make an appointment with the teacher or administration before visiting the classroom. You may leave a phone message or email classroom teacher or administration.
- Please send a note to make changes to dismissal whenever possible. If you must call, office staff will have to call you back from numbers we have in system to verify who you are.



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STAY ENGAGED! USE SCHOLOGY THROUGH BCPSONE.BCPS.ORG

BCPS ONE Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is BCPS One?

BCPS One is a digital ecosystem available anytime, anywhere for all BCPS staff, educators, students and parents. BCPS One supports teaching and learning by providing users the opportunity to engage in the educational process through access to online tools, resources, and student progress. Questions about how to use BCPS One should be directed to your school. Main systems used by staff, educators, students, and parents within BCPS One include:

- + Student Information System (SIS)
- + Schoology Learning Management System
- + Digital Content
- + Instructional Tools
- + Employee Effectiveness
- + Professional Learning
- + Data & Reporting
- + Parent University

2. How is access to BCPS One provided?

- + Students
- + New Parents/Guardians
- + Returning Parents/Guardians

WAYS TO TALK WITH PRINCIPAL

Phone Conference—Leave a message with Ms. Weston or Ms. Velasquez and I will get back to you the same day or the next day I am in the office.

Scheduled Appointment—Make an appointment through Ms. Weston for my next available opening.

Each week, I will be keeping free a 2-3 hour block of time for scheduled appointments. Appointments will be scheduled for 30 minute timeframes. The days and times change each week.

Drop-ins may not be honored depending on my schedule for the day.

Parent conferences will not take place until after morning announcements, approximately 9:25.

TITLE I FUNDING AND SUPPORT

Winfield is a Title I school with schoolwide funding. A school is eligible for additional funding when the percentage of Free and Reduced Meals (FARMS) is at or above the targeted percentage set by the school district. Approximately 90% of our additional funds through Title I have been used to increase staffing to support student achievement and student social/emotional development. Currently, we have two math resource teachers since math is a critical need area throughout the county. We have also been able to add a second school counselor to support the needs of our students, as we continue to support their growth in self-awareness and self-management. We have also been able to provide additional academic support for targeted students after school and during the summer.

Every year, our funding is based on the number of families who qualify for FARMS through submission of lunch applications. If you believe you may qualify, please complete the online application at https://businessservices.bcps.org/departments/business_services_operations/food_and_nutrition_services/free_and_reduced_price_meal_benefits. In order to count towards our school funding, applications must be processed by Oct 31, 2019.

Are you interested in working with the school on ways to use funding to support our school progress plan initiatives? Would you like input on the parent workshops that take place at Winfield ES? If you are interested, please participate in our Title I Family Advisory Meetings (FAM). You may contact Dr. Kelsey Pope at kpope@bcps.org or leave a message for her in the office at 410-887-0766. Dr. Pope is at Winfield every Tuesday. FAM will take place three times per year. Thanks in advance for your input and support.

Please see the Title I Parent Right to Know letter on page 4 of this newsletter.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

14% of all students (78 students) last school year (2018-2019) were chronically absent.

These are students who have been absent 18 or more days out of the whole school year. This includes excused and unexcused.

Approximately 20-25% of this 78 students have been on the chronically absent list for the last 3-4 years.

This severely negatively impacts students' overall achievement and how the state determines the effectiveness of our school.

In order to stay in good attendance standing for the year, a student cannot miss more than 10 days for the entire year.

Attendance matters from preK to 5th. If your child has a chronic illness that impacts their ability to come to school, please notify Mrs. Newmark, the school nurse, so we can work out a plan of support.

IMPORTANT DATES

September 11	Student Handbooks go home. Please review with child, sign and return back page to teacher.
September 12	PTA meeting-5:45 Meet and Greet; 6:00 Meeting begins
September 18	MAP testing begins for grades 1-5. Teacher will notify students of their actual testing day.
September 26	5th grade BioBlitz field trip
September 30	No school for students

PTA CORNER

Be a member!!!!

\$10 for individuals/\$15 for families (2 adults)

CANDY SALE!!!!

Begins Sept 16 thru Sept 27. Individual bars are \$1. Students will get order forms and sell bars as individual orders OR families can buy entire \$60 box upfront.

Meetings are every 2nd Thursday

5:45 Family meet and greet
6:00 Meeting begins

Contact information

Email: wespta21244@gmail.com
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UNIFORM POLICY

All students should wear uniforms every day except Fridays.

Navy, white, light blue polo **shirts**

Navy or Khaki **bottoms**

Shoes of choice but they must have backs on the heels and safe for climbing and playing at recess.