

The Seneca Sentinel

Seneca Elementary School
545 Carrollwood Road
Baltimore, MD 21220



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 1 PTA MEETING 6:00 p.m. | 2 | 3  | 4 | 5 PTA Yankee Candle Fundraiser Begins |
| 8 | 9 | 10 Every Wednesday is Wolf Wednesday!  | 11 Interims Go Home | 12 FALL PICTURE DAY  See inside for details |
|  15 | 16 | 17 Wear your favorite Seneca Gear or Seneca Colors (blue and yellow) | 18 FIELD TRIP Grade 5 to Jerusalem Mills | 19 MSEA Convention SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS |
| Red Ribbon Week | | | | |
| 22 Red Ribbon Week Students will discuss healthy choices and make posters that will be displayed around the school. | 23 My Future is So Bright Students and staff can wear their favorite college or Seneca shirt to show their commitment to healthy choices and bright futures. | 24 Red for Healthy Choices Students and staff can wear red to show support for healthy choices. | 25 Life is Your Journey Students can share their future plans in morning meetings or write about what they hope their life journey will look like. | 26 Sock it to Drugs Students and staff can wear crazy socks to school to promote healthy decisions. FALL DANCE * SPONSORED BY OUR PTA* 6 – 8 P.M. |
| 29  | 30 | FALL PARADE 2:00 P.M. See inside for details | | |

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| MR. JASON FEILER PRINCIPAL | MRS. LAUREN STUART ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL | MRS. HEATHER GALONI PTA PRESIDENT |
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

We are off to a great start to the school year. As I write this, we have only been in school for about 15 days; however, our teachers and staff have already accomplished a great deal. Students have learned the routines and expectations for their classes and now are well into the curriculum. Mrs. Stuart and I visit classrooms on a daily basis and we have been very impressed with what our students are doing every day.

As I shared during our Back to School Night, Seneca has been identified as a Title 1 Targeted Assistance school. This means additional funding for our students that will enable us to have more small group instruction in 4th and 5th grade reading, as well as an extended day reading program for identified students. I will continue to keep everyone updated on these exciting opportunities. Please be sure to complete the Free and Reduced lunch form if you feel your family may qualify as this can enable us to maintain this funding for next school year. I appreciate your continued support as we work together to help our students do their best each day!
Jason Feiler , Principal

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

Individual school picture day is Friday, October 12, 2018. Order forms will be sent home with students the first week of October. All students will have their photos taken. Only students who have payment on Picture Day will have packages delivered. All other students will receive a proof for future purchase. Photo packages will be in before the winter holidays. Make ups for picture day will be November 27, 2018. **Individual and class photos are also scheduled for this spring. All students will have their photos taken on Spring Picture Day.**

SAFETY AND SECURITY**ATTENTION PARENTS: POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

All visitors to our building must register in the school office immediately upon entering. All visitors will be required to present valid identification. Picking up students from school during the school day is strongly discouraged unless your child is ill. However, we understand that there may be a reason why you need to pick up your child for a doctor or dental appointment. **If you need to pick up your child early, please send in a note to your child's teacher and be prepared to present a picture ID to the front office staff. If a parent or guardian with which the child resides is not the person picking up the child, a note MUST be sent to the child's teacher. In the absence of a note from home and in the event that a parent/ legal guardian can not be reached to confirm an early dismissal, the child will not be released from school.** All exterior doors will be locked all day. Our safety policy will be strictly enforced. Thank you for your cooperation. Please be reminded that students are dismissed between 3:45 and 3:55 p.m. Please help us keep our front lobby clear by waiting outside of our front doors for your child.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION/PTA

Want an easy way to help your school earn money **AND** win a prize? Help us reach our goal by filling up a baggie of box tops! Zip lock bags will be sent home with each student. Simply find box tops on hundreds of products, clip from each package, place them in the baggie and send them back to school. Each student who returns their baggie filled will win a prize.

October kicks off our classroom membership contest. The classroom with the highest percentage of PTA memberships will win a gift certificate for each student to spend at our November book fair. In addition, the winning classroom's teacher will receive \$50 to spend at the book fair. Please join the PTA .

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS: Cupcakes and other food treats

As we begin this school year, I want to remind parents that students will not be allowed to distribute cupcakes, donuts, or other edible treats as part of in school birthday celebrations this school year. It is important for us to move in this direction in order to be in compliance with BCPS policies including Policy 5470 which focuses on wellness. Additionally, edible treats can cause potential dietary and allergy concerns for some families. Information regarding this transition was shared throughout last school year in order to ensure everyone was aware of this change.

For parents who would like to provide a small treat for their child's classmates, suggestions are provided below:

- pencils, stickers, erasers, notepads, etc.
- donate a book to the classroom and schedule a time with your child's teacher to read it.
- donate classroom supplies.
- provide supplies and directions for a craft.
- donate a board game for indoor recess

Also, please note that balloons are not allowed in our classrooms. They distract from classroom instruction.

I appreciate your understanding and support as we move forward with this change. If you have any questions, please contact me at 410-887-5945.

Mr. Feiler, Principal

FROM THE CAFETERIA LUNCH APPLICATIONS

On October 17, 2018 applications will expire for all students who received free or reduced meals during the 2017-2018 school year. Therefore, please submit new applications for the 2018-2019 school year as soon as possible. Keep in mind that it may take two weeks to get approval.

BCPS WEATHER INFORMATION TELEPHONE LINE

With the onset of cooler weather and the potential for inclement weather, please be informed that the BCPS weather information number is 410-887-5555.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

ALL individuals who wish to volunteer in the school, including chaperoning field trips, are required to be trained EVERY school year in accordance with BCPS policy.

This year, the BCPS Volunteer training is available on-line. Please visit the [BCPS website](#) and click on Volunteer with BCPS under the Parents tab. Please be sure to print out the **Application and the Certificate of Completion**. Once submitted to the school office, a background check will be completed and approved applicants can be added to the volunteer list.

MSDE ATTENDANCE RULES

The MSDE Maryland Student Records System Manual defines "full-day" and "half-day" present as follows: "A full-time student must be present for at least four hours to be marked present for a full day; a full-time student must be present at least two hours to be marked present for a half day; a full-time student present for less than two hours must be marked as absent."



Southeast Area Education Advisory Council Meeting

Please join us on
Tuesday, September 25, 2018 in the
Chesapeake HS Library.
Everyone is welcome.

Topic:
Safety & ALICE Training

Presented by:
Ms. Kelly Rudd Safran
Safety Manager of School Safety, Zone 2

Please arrive early. Presentation begins promptly at 7 pm.

Parents, students, guardians as well as community members are welcome to attend.

If you are interested in learning more about our topic or have any questions regarding Baltimore County Public Schools, please plan on attending.

After the presentation, the Advisory Council meets and we welcome input from our local stakeholders.

If you are interested in joining the Southeast Advisory Council, we are looking for additional members. Please attend the meeting or contact Jackie Brewster jbrews1@earthlink.net for more information.

Next month's meeting is
Tuesday, October 23rd at 7 pm in the
Dundalk HS & Sollers Point Tech. HS Auditorium.

EXCITING NEWS FROM THE MAGNET OFFICE

Magnet brochures were distributed to Pre-K and 5th grade students during the week of September 4th. Applications for the 2019-2020 school year are now available on the [BCPS Magnet Website](#). Applications must be submitted online by 1pm on November 16, 2018 or postmarked by November 16, 2018 (certified mailing recommended).

Upcoming Application Information Meetings:

Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at Kenwood High School (6:30 pm in the auditorium)

Thursday, October 4, 2018 at Milford Mill Academy (6:30 pm in the auditorium)

Learn more about the Magnet application process! Special education staff will be on hand to answer questions about support services available at schools with Magnet programs.



Momento de Español

Hola familias!

Spanish class has been off to an excellent start this year. The fourth graders have been learning greetings, how to say their names and age, as well as how they feel. It is wonderful to see the excitement that comes with speaking a new language for the first time.

Our fifth graders are also starting out the year by talking about themselves. This quarter, they will delve more deeply into personal descriptions and speaking about their families.

Thank you for your continued support of the program. Todos adelante!

Sinceramente,

Señora O'Donnell

NEWS FROM THE HEALTH SUITE:



Flu Vaccines: We are currently not offering the flu vaccine for students this year at Seneca ; however, we encourage the entire family to take advantage of Baltimore County 's Free Flu Shot Super Saturday, October 13 from 9 am to noon. The flyer will give you seven locations. The nearest is Middle River Middle School.

Seneca Student's Helping Others

This year we hope to honor our local Emergency Medical Services - both our firefighters and police. So look for the future bulletin in November to learn how we can honor all those who work every day to keep us safe. **Seneca Students Support EMS through Snacks.** More to come !

-Ms. Maggie/ School Nurse

GROWING BOOK BY BOOK-LIFT OFF!!

Thank you for encouraging your children to read each night. Reading is so, so important. It helps to develop fluency, comprehension, and a love of books! October calendars were sent home at the end of September. Please check out our Seneca Facebook page to see which students met the September GBBB goal. We are very proud of our readers! Keep it up!



¡Hola amigos! ¡Buenos días!
 ¡Qué Bueno!
 ¡Me gustan las empanadas!
 ¡Hablamos Español!

Spanish

FALL PARADE AT SENECA Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Seneca’s annual Fall Parade will be held on Wednesday, October 31 at 2:00 p.m. Students and teachers will parade on the front school grounds. Because of the number of students, we will begin with a primary parade (Prek – Grade 2) and once the bus loop is cleared students in the intermediate grades (Grade 3 – 5) will parade.

The following costume guidelines will help you prepare for the festivities:

❖ **Students should NOT wear their costumes to school. Costumes should be brought to school in a bag and be able to be put on over clothes in the classroom, without a mirror, and with minimal supervision.**

- ❖ All costumes must be worn over clothes.
- ❖ **Please be sure students can remove costumes by themselves with no assistance.**
- ❖ **Students are encouraged to dress like their favorite book character.**
- ❖ Students may not carry look-a-like toy weapons of any kind (for example: guns, knives, claw-like fingernails).
- ❖ No slime, imitation blood, gore, etc.
 - **Parents are welcome to view the parade on the grassy areas of the school.**
 - **Due to scheduling and in keeping with BCPS Policy 5470, which focuses on wellness, we will not be having in class parties.**
 - **We encourage students and parents who want to have a longer time to celebrate to attend the PTA Fall Dance on Friday, October 26 from 6 to 8 p.m.**
 - **To ensure student safety and security, early dismissal of students during the parade or following the parade is highly discouraged.**

Parents who **do not wish** for their child to participate in this event will be offered an alternative activity in our school library. If you would **not** like your child to participate in the parade, please complete the bottom portion of this form and return it to your child’s teacher by Monday October, 29th.

NOT Participating in the FALL PARADE

_____ My child, **will not participate in the Fall Parade.**
I wish to have my child participate in the alternative activity in the school library.

Child Name

Teacher