Greetings,

Wow! It seems like just yesterday we were standing outside with Mickey, Minnie, and friends welcoming our scholars to the best place on earth; Joppa View Elementary! We have had a successful 1st half of the year this year and I expect an even better 2nd half.

Please note we are trying to streamline information that is sent home by sending out a monthly newsletter. In the newsletters will be a lot of pertinent information. Please try your best to read through and mark your calendars with the important dates. If you happen to have ideas for our “Blue Jay Bulletin” you can always email me at Kjennings@bcps.org or Ms. Deas, at Ydeas@bcps.org.

Jennings’ Pennings

After much deliberation among the administrative team, we selected Mrs. Iacarino one of our vocal music teachers. Mrs. Iacarino is such a passionate and dedicated teacher here at Joppa View. This is her 16th year teaching and she has been a part of the Joppa View family for 6 years. We are so grateful for her hard work and talent that she shares with the JVE community. Please join me in congratulating Mrs. Iacarino on being the nominee from Joppa View as Teacher of the year!

Don’t Forget

The BCPS Stakeholder Survey is now available, and we are eager to hear your feedback. Last year’s results were used to shape our budget, staffing, and programs.

The survey takes less than five minutes, and it’s available in 16 languages. Students, parents/guardians, and staff may take the survey at school. If you are a BCPS staff member and parent, or if you have children at more than one school, you may take the survey more than once to reflect each of these roles or schools.

Your voice matters to us. Please take the Stakeholder Survey.

https://survey.k12insight.com/r/SS2020

I wish you all well!

Mr. Jennings
Principal
TESTING IS COMING...

The teachers and students of Joppa View are excited for the Winter administration of the MAP assessment. MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your child’s level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing. Please see the testing dates below.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2/3 - 2/28 - Spirit Wear Sale
2/3 - 2/7 National School Counseling Week
2/6 BCPS College Day (Show your pride wearing college, fraternity or sorority attire).
2/6- Report Cards distributed
2/8 - Disney on Ice
2/14 Crazy For You Day (Wear red, white, and pink with crazy hats and jewelry)
2/17 School In Session
2/28 Black History Program 2:30pm
2/29 - Monster Jam (Tickets sold 2/3 to 2/20)

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY AT: ybpay.lifetouch.com
Yearbook ID Code: 12875820

Happy School Counselor’s Week to Ms. Slade and Ms. Wesley
Notes With Nurse Johnson!

Did you know that children are 2-3 times more likely to catch the flu than adults? On average, one in three children is affected by the virus each year. Try the following three steps to stay healthy:

**Vaccination:** According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) the best way to prevent flu is to get a vaccine.

While October and November are the best times to get a flu vaccine, it’s never too late to get vaccinated. It takes about two weeks for the vaccine to become fully effective.

**Antiviral Medication:** Prescription antiviral medication is an important adjunct to vaccination for flu prevention and treatment. If a child has been around someone who has the flu, a doctor can prescribe antiviral medication to help prevent the child from catching the virus. However, it’s important to contact the doctor fast, because children should begin taking the medication within the first 12-48 hours of exposure to the virus. If taken within that window of time, there is an 89 percent chance that antiviral medication will keep him/her from getting sick. A health care provider can also prescribe antiviral medication to treat the flu, helping both adults and children feel better faster.

**Good Hygiene:** Practice good hygiene habits such as teaching children to:
- Wash their hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover their mouths and noses with tissues or their elbow when sneezing and coughing.
- Avoid sharing drinks, water bottles, silverware and pencils.

The CDC suggests that parents disinfect objects frequently touched by children such as toys.

*Parents should also keep children home who have influenza or a fever of 100 or higher.*

Please notify Mrs. Johnson at 410.933.9024 if your child is diagnosed with the flu.
Counseling Corner

*What to Do When you Worry Too Much: A Kid’s Guide to Overcoming Anxiety* by Dawn Huebner

*Wimberly Worried* by Kevin Henkes

*The Worrywarts* by Pamela Duncan Edwards

*Wilma Jean and the Worry Machine* by Julia Cook

*Don’t Panic Annicka* by Juliet Clare Bell

Helpful website: www.worrywisekids.org

Helpful APPs -CALM app and GoNoodle Flow

Please contact your School Counselor if you feel your child is experiencing anxiety and may need social/emotional support.

Ms. Slade (grades K-2) cslade@bcps.org
Ms. Wesley (grades 3-5) fwesley@bcps.org

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Special Area Team

Calling all Joppa View Scholars and Families! We need your help!

Joppa View’s special area teachers are looking for photos to add to their friends and family walls in their classroom spaces. It is a great opportunity for our scholars to see other members of our Joppa View family involved in “SPECIAL” activities outside of Joppa View.

We are looking for photos of our students and/or family members. Examples of photos could include but are not limited to:

- Trips to the public library
- Catching family members reading around the house
- Pictures from concerts or rehearsals outside of school (chorus, church, theater, dance)
- Sports photos from recreational sports clubs or teams
- Creative inventions made at home with recycled materials

Please send in your photos to Mrs. Weaver or you can email them to jweaver2@bcps.org and she will send them to the correct special area teacher. Please note, any hard copies of photos will be on display and will not be returned to you.

As always, we thank you for supporting the importance of Special Area subjects!
JVE’s Black Saga Club has been diligently working and studying to prepare for our county-wide competition on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 4:30pm at Loch Raven High School, 1212 Cowpens Ave, Towson, MD 21286. We are asking all who can, to come out and show students support as they compete against other elementary schools in Baltimore County.

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Club highlight! Joppa View’s SADD club members participated in a community event and made Christmas cards for local nursing home residents. The goal was to share joy and comfort to community members during the holiday season. The following thank you card was sent to the SADD club members.

Thank you card from nursing home resident:

Dear Joppa View Elementary School (SADD club)

On behalf of the residents and myself, I want to thank you for the nice Christmas cards you made for us. The residents enjoyed getting the cards.

Yours Truly,

[Signature]

[Address]
Parenting Resources

BCPS Parent University- Provides information for parents on academics, health and wellness, personal growth, and birth through Pre-K Services.

www.BCPS.org/ParentU

Tutoring Information
Teacher's Association of Baltimore County (TABCO) (410) 828-6403
Baltimore County Public Schools
Office of Mathematics Pre-K -12, (443) 809-4052
www.bcps.org

BCPS-TV- Education Channel- Comcast
Cable Channel 73, Verizon FIOS Channel 34,
http://www.bcps.org/appa/edchannelschedule
Baltimore County Public Library
http://www.bcpl.info

Brainfuse
· 24 Hour writing lab
· Homework help
· A+ Math

Reading Tips

Sight words are the most frequently used words in text and they should be memorized or recognized by sight. They should not be sounded out. If children are trying to sound out every word they encounter, comprehension and fluency will be lost. Try these activities with your child:

Place the sight words on index cards. Use the Candy Land board. If you roll a 4, read 4 words and move 4 spaces. If you roll a 2, read 2 words and move 2 spaces. Any game board would work.

Write the sight words on index cards. Lay them on the floor in a path. Have the child hop on the cards as they read the word.

Visit the website below for a list of sight words: