Important Dates!

**October 15:** Principal & AP Appreciation Day—THANK YOU MRS. SCHROEDER & MS. OBERBECK FOR ALL YOU DO EACH DAY!

**October 22:** School Picture Day!

**October 23:** End of 1st Quarter

**October 30:** Report cards posted on FOCUS and issued.

**November 2 & 3:** Vision and Hearing Screening

**November 11:** No School, Veteran’s Day!

**November 25-27:** No School, Thanksgiving Break

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Dear Parents,

It is so hard to believe that we are already finishing our sixth week of school, and yet here we are. Interims were posted to FOCUS on September 30th. Please make sure your account is set up and if you do not yet have the information to set up your FOCUS account please contact your child’s teacher so that we may get this information to you.

We hope that you saw the information regarding the USDA extending the meal flexibility waiver for the Summer Food Service program. All students attending school will receive free breakfast and lunch through the month of December. Elearners, virtual students and all children under 18 years of age will be distributed lunch and breakfast meals curbside between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. each day. If your child is not able to accompany you to pick up the meals simply bring a form of your child’s identification, such as a student ID or birth certificate.

Additionally, we encourage you to download the BPS app and select our school. This will enable you to see our cafeteria menus for both breakfast and lunch each day and to receive any district and school announcements through PeachJar. Please take the time to download this free app to your device and keep up to date on school and district happenings.

Please remember if dropping off in the morning to wait until adults are opening car doors to let your students out of the car. We have had a couple of days this week where students exited their vehicles prior to 7:30 creating a large congregation at the gate. We are trying to avoid large gatherings, and appreciate your patience.

Additionally, the front of the loop should remain clear prior to 7:30 when our traffic monitor begins moving traffic in order to allow for drop off at our Brevard After School program.

Sincerely,

Susie Schroeder
Principal
**TK-1/Kindergarten**

Many of our kindergarten classes have been learning all about apples. Some students can now use words to describe apples, tell you the parts of an apple, tell you the apple life cycle, and where apples come from. Some classes even had an Apple Day where they tasted, measured, graphed, and painted with apples. It has been a blast learning about this delicious fall fruit!

In math, we have been counting, reasoning, comparing, matching, and arranging numbers 7, 8, 9, and 10 in different configurations using a number of manipulatives.

Last week, your kindergartener was able to check out a book from the library. Students can take these books home to read and need to return them to the school on their scheduled Media day. Teachers have talked with students about the importance of taking care of their library books by keeping them in their backpacks when they are not reading them. Please help teachers in reminding the students of this!

Here are some important skills that your child could be practicing as often as possible:

* Writing their name (with first letter capital and the rest lowercase)
* All upper and lowercase letters
* All letter spellings (sounds)
* Writing numbers 0 to 10
* Rhyming words

Learning is SO fun in kindergarten!

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**1st**

Apples, apples everywhere! First graders have been busy reading about apples. We are learning what the four seasons of an apple tree looks like along with fun facts about Johnny Appleseed. We have also been learning how to identify the main topic of an article and supporting that choice by finding key details in the passage. We just finished the first half of Module 1 in Math and will move on to using a number path to help solve our math problems.

Please continue to help your child learn to tie shoes. We want safe students while walking ‘super hero’ style around campus. Water bottles with water are still important to send daily to keep hydrated and healthy!

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**2nd**

Hi, Second Grade Families! Our students are working hard in Reading. We are learning about identifying Text Features to locate key facts or information within a non-fiction book or article. The students are also reading non-fictional books or articles to identify the Main Idea. Second grade just wrapped up Module 2 in Math. During the month of October, the students will be working on Module 3. In Module 3, the students will be working Place Value. A fun activity to practice Place Value at home is to: Give your student a number and see if your kiddo can correctly write the number. During Science, your student will be learning about Habitats. For Social Studies, your student will be learning about Citizenship, Leadership Skills, and Role Model Behavior. Keep up the GREAT Work 2nd Grade Mustangs! All of your teachers are PROUD of you!

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**TO MPE MUSICAL MUSTANG ELEARNERS – Ms. Boyer**

Hi Everyone! Thank you so very much for your support and understanding while I am working on how to implement eLearning. Thanks to tech help from the county, everything should be accessible now. Your child must access Quaver through his/her Launchpad. There should be no need for a code when you access Quaver through Launchpad. After the county set up my account, it changed a few things. **You may get a question that asks if you have ever been to the Quaver site. Answer NO.** I am putting all of the music lessons by grade level into Quaver. Please log onto your Launchpad to access these Quaver lessons. I am hoping that all of my technology issues are fixed. I am also crossing my fingers that the videos of me giving instructions that are included with some of the lessons have better audio now. I am hoping to be able to focus more time on creating lessons. I am very thankful for your communication with me regarding any questions, concerns and comments. I hope your child enjoys the lessons.