



Westowne Elementary PTA General Meeting

November 10, 2020






Welcome!

Info and online etiquette

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- Microphones muted
- Respectful conversation in the chat

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Agenda

- PTA Updates
- Volunteering
- Westowne Administration Update and Q&A
- Resources and Support

Board Members:

Carrie Differ - President

Marie Grant - Vice President

Olga Mason - Treasurer

Laia Tiderman - Secretary

Westowne PTA Updates

- **Membership Update**

- Go Fund the PTA - \$10 per month

- **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Book Fair
- 5th Grade Committee
- Diversity, Inclusion, Equity Committee
- Interested in volunteering?
Email us at westownepta@gmail.com.

- **Current Events**



- Organization ID 21517

- **Upcoming Events**

- Restaurant Night - November 19

[Farmhouse Greens](#)



[Farmhouse Burger and Sausage Company](#)



- FUNding Friday - November 20
 - In honor of American Education Week, write a note of thanks or draw a picture for one of your teachers or any Westowne faculty.
- Local Board of Education Listening Session
- Learning session on talking to kids about race, ethnicity, and inclusion
- [Spirit Wear](#)

Westowne Donations

- Administration is collecting items for families displaced by fire
- Administration is collecting items for gift baskets for Thanksgiving
- Collection bins available outside the school - please place items in bins during school hours
- Any questions - please email Megan Massie at mmassie@bcps.org.



Westowne Elementary School

401 Harlem Lane, Catonsville, MD 21228

When: Wednesday November 11th through Friday November 13th

Monday November 16th Through Friday November 20th Westowne

What: Westowne Elementary School is currently putting together baskets for 25 economically challenged families as well as collect clothing for several families that were displaced due to an apartment fire.

Clothing: we have 3 girls and 2 boys displaced due to a fire. The apartment complex did not furnish the families with an alternate apartment and we would like to collect shirts, pants, sweatpants, coats, hats, gloves and socks

Boys size 8/10 or 12/14

Girls size 6 /7/8

Girls 14

Food: In addition, we are making 20 gift baskets for Thanksgiving. We do not want to give them perishables, so if you can furnish any gift certificates to Giant, Safeway, or Shoppers for the turkey / ham – that would be great!! (these are area grocery stores)

Additional food drive items are nonperishable and can be dropped off at the school starting on Wednesday 11/11/20. We will have a few bins at our front door where you can drop food and clothing off. We will need:

Canned Meat: Chicken, tuna, Spam

Boxes: Mashed potatoes, Jiffy Mix, Bisquick, Oats, Cereal, Juices (apple, cranberry, grape), stuffing mix, quick bread mixes

Cans: Vegetables (corn, beans, yams, potatoes) gravy, broth, cranberry sauce, pie mixes (pumpkin, apple), canned evaporated milk, canned fruit, soup.

Please help us help our families have a Thanksgiving

BCPS Updates and Information

[BCPS Reopening](#)

- [Reopening Plan - Health Component](#)

Equity in Baltimore County

- Equity Committee
 - [Equity Metrics Data Brief](#)
 - [Equity Committee Follow-Up: Equity and Special Education](#)

Report Cards are coming!

Info on checking student grades:

[Parent Schoology Support - Featured Tip Archive](#)

- [Video: How to check your grades \(Student View\) – Schoology Support](#)



Treasurer's report

- Reward programs



- Peace-a-Pizza Restaurant Night
- Charleston Wrap earnings
- Donations

Updates from Teachers

- Thank you parents for your support!
- Background pictures - make learning difficult and may be taking up bandwidth
- Schoology - Recommend parents become familiar with checking work (see previous slide) and work with children to become more adept at using (particularly for younger grades)
- GoGuardian is not working as effectively for special area classes as it is for homeroom teachers

Westowne Administration Updates

- Welcome Westowne Administration!
 - Mr. Scott Palmer – Principal
 - Ms. Lisa Pachino – Assistant Principal
 - Mr. Anthony Schultz – Assistant Principal
- Update from Westowne Administration
 - Diversity, inclusion, and equity
 - End of 1st Quarter – Grades, Report Cards, and Conferences
 - Other questions from families
- Questions from Chat
 - Please enter questions you have into the meeting chat and we will try to take them in order!

Resources for Families

- Curbside meal pickup continues at the school on Mondays and Wednesdays
 - Pick-up anytime between 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM
 - [Full list of BCPS Student Food sites](#)
- BCPS Resources for Families: [Parent U](#)
- Baltimore County Supports: [COVID-19 Resource Guide](#)
- BCPS [Parent Schoology Support](#)



Thank You!

- Nov. 10 – [Baltimore County Board of Education Meeting](#) *TONIGHT!*
- Nov. 11 – Half Day
- Nov. 13 – Marking Period Ends
- Nov. 16-20 – American Education Week
- Nov. 19 – Restaurant Night at [Farmhouse Greens/Burger and Sausage Co.](#)
- Nov. 20 -- FUNding
- Nov. 24 – [Baltimore County Board of Education Meeting](#) @6:30 PM
- Nov. 26-27 – School Closed for Thanksgiving
- Nov. 30 – Report Cards distributed
- Dec. 1 – Preschool-3 and Pre-K Conference Day
- Dec. 2 – Preschool-3, Pre-K, and Elementary Conference Day
- Dec. 8 – Westowne PTA Meeting via Google Meet @7:00 PM