

Burnt Mills Elementary School
~Principal's Monthly Newsletter~

March 2023

Celebrating Women's History Month!

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BMES Website: <https://www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/burntmillses>

Important Events to Remember

Date	Event
3/3	Early Release Day at 12:10 PM
3/7	Virtual PTA Meeting at 7 PM (all are welcome) Meeting ID: 86255795164 Password bmes (case sensitive) Topic: <i>Celebrating National Reading Month</i> with tips, resources and activities families can do with their students. Presenter: Ms. Glenis Quimby, reading specialist
3/9	Marking Period 3 Interim Reports Available on Synergy
3/15	Early Release Day at 12:10 PM
3/23	Family Reading Night 6:30-8:00 PM
3/29	Social Media Safety Presentation 6:30-8:00 PM (more details to come)
3/30	Marking Period 3 Ends
3/31	Professional Day for Teachers - NO School for Students

School News & Information

March is National Reading Month! Please join us Thursday, March 23rd for Virtual Family Reading Night. More details to follow. At the March 7th PTA meeting, Ms. Quimby, reading specialist, will present reading tips and ideas parents can use at home to encourage reading.

BMES Schoolwide Expectations: *PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!* We have noticed an uptick in inappropriate behaviors and language (profanity, name calling), improper use of hands (hitting, pushing, etc.) and overall unkindness between students. At Burnt Mills we teach our students to Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be Ready to Learn and Be Responsible, but for some of our students this is not the case. Parents, please take some time to talk to your child about our

schoolwide expectations. Click the link to view the expectations and our Burnt Mills is a Bully Free Zone information. [BURNT MILLS IS A BULLY FREE ZONE](#) [YOU MATTER Schoolwide Expectations](#)

Communicating with You!: We use several communication platforms to keep families informed. It is important that you are enrolled in Class Dojo as this is one of the primary ways teachers and the school communicate with parents. Also, we use the app, WhatsApp, email important news and updates via Connect-Ed and of course our Wednesday folders come home every Wednesday in your child's backpack. Do not forget to check out our school homepage for the latest news, activities, and updates. Please make sure you are connected so you can stay informed and updated.

Reusable Water Bottles Only at Burnt Mills Effective immediately, only reusable water bottles are allowed at Burnt Mills. In recent weeks, the building service team has found plastic water bottles in the toilet and urinals. I posted pictures on Class Dojo and WhatsApp. This is completely unacceptable and not something we teach our students to do at Burnt Mills. If you would like your child to have water throughout the day, he/she can either use the water fountain or bring a reusable water bottle from home. Please make sure your child's name/teacher's name is on the water bottle. Thank you for your cooperation.

Reminders

Kindergarten Orientation 2023 Kindergarten Orientation 2023 will take place on **Thursday, April 20, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm**. Any child within the Burnt Mills E.S. boundary that turns 5 years old before September 1, 2023, is eligible to register for the 2023-2024 school year. More information on kindergarten orientation is forthcoming. Please check our school's webpage for updates.

School Day Starts at 8:15 AM: This is a friendly reminder that the school day for students starts at 8:15 AM, every day. Please make sure your child arrives at school on time as it is important to create healthy school habits as early as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

Candy-Free School: Burnt Mills is a candy-free school. The only time we allow candy is during a scheduled celebration (Valentine's Day, Harvest Party, End of Year Party) other than those events, candy is not allowed. I graciously ask that you do not send candy in your child's lunchbox as we are trying to promote healthy eating habits. Thank you for your cooperation.

Classroom Connections Do you want to know what's happening in your child's classroom? Check out the Classroom Connections tab on our BMES homepage. <https://www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/burntmillses/classroom/>