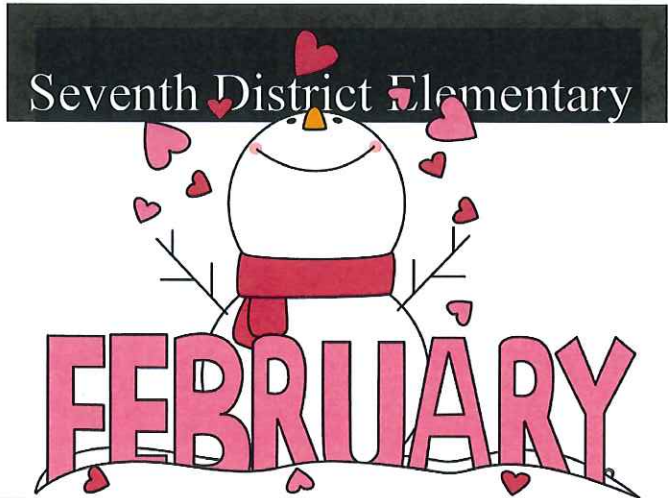



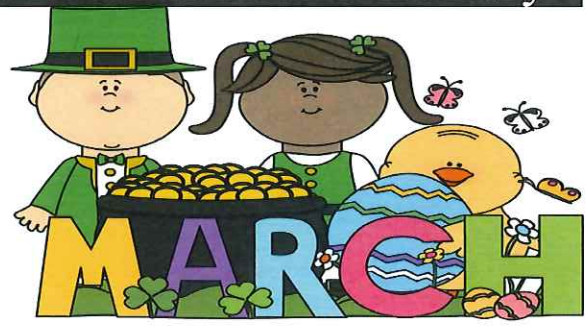
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		PS & PK Valentine Party—10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Kindergarten Valentine's Day Treat—2:20 p.m.	Send in Box Tops		Professional Development Day—1/2 day for Elementary & Middle School Students	
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	Presidents' Day— Schools Closed	Snow Date for Passport Around the World Night—6:30 p.m. Board of Ed Meeting—6:30 p.m., Building E			Jump Rope for Heart—Grade 4 at 2:00 p.m. Snow Date for PTA's Daddy/Daughter Dance at 7:00 p.m.	
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March 2017

Seventh District Elementary



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	Vision & Hearing Testing	→			Single Carrot Theatre Assembly—9:15 and 10:15 a.m.	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Board of Ed Meeting—6:30 p.m., Building E	Life Touch Photos			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Spring Book Fair	→				Third Quarter Ends— Half Day for Students Grandparents' Day



February 2, 2017

Seventh District Elementary

Mrs. Heather Denmyer, Principal
Mrs. Kelly Lehto, Assistant Principal

Phone: (410) 887-1902
Fax: (410) 887-1903
Email: www.seventhdistrictes.bcps.org

Principal's Message

Dear Seventh District Families,

Wow! January went by quickly. Students and staff were so happy to see one another after our Winter Break. Everyone immediately transitioned back into teaching and learning! As we welcome February, we are taking our second administration of the Measures of Academic Progress assessments in reading and math. The best way to prepare your child for this assessment is to ensure that your child attends school regularly!

Our Intermediate playground has officially opened for our students to enjoy! They have given me the "two thumbs-up" on the fun they are having on the new equipment! We will be hosting a "Grand Re-Opening" for parents, families, and students, once the warmer weather returns. Meanwhile, our students are using the equipment when the weather allows us to go outside!

Please ask your child about their visit to the AG Lab, which has been residing in our parking lot. All of our students have been invited to take part in real-life science experiences in the Lab, and have been provided with engaging lessons that connect science to our everyday lives, with a special link to our rural community.

We need your help! Please assist future school progress planning by completing the **2017 BCPS Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey**. This survey can be accessed on the BCPS homepage at www.bcps.org. You will see a box in the right hand corner of the webpage. There is also a link to the survey on the Seventh District Elementary School website, which can be accessed at: <http://seventhdistrictes.bcps.org/>. This survey takes approximately five minutes to complete. We hope to have over half of our school community respond to the survey this year!

The faculty and staff would like to invite you to our **Passport Around the World Family Night** on Tuesday, February 7th! Ms. Lehto will be serving Moroccan tea, and I will be serving Scottish shortbread and English tea biscuits! Please look further in the newsletter for your invitation to this fun event. Doors will

open at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP to join us on February 7th! We look forward to sharing the evening with you!

Please mark your calendar for the PTA's upcoming "Daddy/Daughter Dance," which will take place on Friday, February 10th. It promises to be an evening to remember!

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time with celebrations, questions, or concerns! I can be reached by calling 410-887-1902 or through email at hdenmyer@bcps.org.

Thank you for engaging in this important partnership!

Warm Regards,
Heather Denmyer, Principal

Upcoming Events

This year's Kindergarten "Roundup," is scheduled for all day Thursday, April 6, and for the morning of April 7. If you or someone you know has a child who will be starting Kindergarten in the 2017–2018 school year, please complete the attached form, and return it to school as quickly as possible. The number of students registered will impact the number of teachers we have on staff.

If your child does not meet the September 1 age requirement, but does turn five by October 14, you can request **early enrollment** to Kindergarten. Contact the school if you would like to have your four-year old screened to see if he/she warrants early admission.

If you have a child turning three or four by September 1, you might qualify for our **Pre-School/Pre-K Program**. In addition to the students assigned to us by Child Find, we can accept up to five typical peers in each class. If you are interested in applying for either program, please complete the attached screening form, and return it to the school office. Acceptance will be based first on economic need. If all slots are not filled by August 1, the programs will be offered to the general public.

Dear Families,

We are once again holding our annual "Jump Rope for Heart" event. This event helps your child learn the importance of helping others through service learning and fundraising. The funds raised support the American Heart Association's research and education initiatives that save lives in our community. In addition to this, our school will also earn money for PE equipment! If your child chooses to participate, the event will take place during a PE class between the dates of February 24th and March 3rd. We are including the online registration procedure in this newsletter.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

Thank you!
Kelly Schattall
Physical Education
kschattall@bcps.org

Jump Rope for Heart

February 24	Grade 4	2:00 p.m.
February 27	Grade 3	10:40 a.m.
February 28	Grade 1	12:20 p.m.
March 1	Grade 2	11:00 a.m.
March 2	Kindergarten	1:20 p.m.
March 3	Grade 5	9:00 a.m.



Library News

Mrs. Hale

The library has been heating up during the winter months. The primary grade students have been making connections with texts, and intermediate students are busy with understanding the research process.

Congratulations to all of the students who completed the Winter Break Reading Challenge. I was so impressed with how many students, across all grade levels, participated in this reading incentive.

On January 24th, we celebrated the book, Polar Bears Past Bedtime. Participants met to discuss the book, create a craft, and enjoy a snack. Thank you to all of the families who attended the evening.

If you are interested in volunteering in the library, please do! No experience is necessary, and it is a lot of fun. To sign up online, use the link that is sent at the beginning of each month through BCPSOne email.

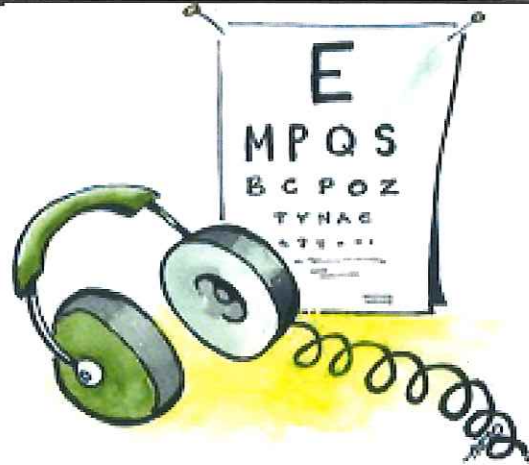


February is Oral Health Month! Below are some helpful tips to assist in maintaining your child's optimal dental health and hygiene.

Oral Health:

- Have your child visit the dentist on a regular basis. Usually, most regular check-ups should be **every six months**. It is generally recommended that your child begin regular dental check-ups at **the age of three**.
- Keep your child's mouth clean by having them brush their teeth at least twice a day, and floss daily. Flossing helps to remove food and plaque that becomes lodged between your teeth and gums. It is always a good idea to have your child also brush their teeth after sweet and sticky foods. Brushing and flossing teeth regularly helps fight tooth decay and gum disease.
- When selecting a toothbrush for your child, choose a small, child sized soft bristled brush. It is recommended that toothbrushes be replaced every three—four months or sooner if it shows signs of wear. Also, do not forget to change toothbrushes if your child is diagnosed with Strep!
- Eating healthy, unprocessed foods promotes good oral health. Try to reduce sugar intake. Sugar is a major cause of dental problems. Remind them to brush their teeth after consuming sugary treats and food.
- At six years of age, a fluoride rinse may help prevent cavities. Ask your dentist which product is best to meet the needs of your child.
- Ask your dentist about dental sealants. These are thin plastic protective barriers that fill in the chewing surfaces of the back teeth protecting them from tooth decay.

With these few simple steps, we can promote good oral health for our children and allow them to have healthy, beautiful smiles!!



Hearing and Vision:

Testing this year will begin on March 8th and continue through March 29th.

Students in grades Pre-K, K, 1st, and 4th grades will have their hearing and vision tested by the Baltimore County Department of Health. In addition, any student new to the Baltimore County School system will also be tested. If your child is not in a grade level scheduled for testing and you would like him/her tested, please contact me; and I will add your child to the list to be assessed.

If your child is in need of further evaluation by a physician, a letter will be sent home by the Health Department, once all testing for the school has been completed.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Angie Prestandrea
aprestandrea@bcps.org
410-357-8369



PTA Update

Graul's Receipts

Please send in all YELLOW Graul's receipts with your children. From now until the end of March, the PTA is collecting YELLOW Graul's receipts. For every \$25,000 worth of receipts, the PTA receives \$250 from Graul's. We currently have a little less than \$4,900 worth of receipts, so we have a long way to go if the PTA is to receive a \$250 donation from Graul's. Please send the receipts in to 7DE as you collect them so that we can begin the tallying process! Many thanks for your support.

Box Tops

7DE PTA received a check in January for \$720 for Box Tops that were submitted over the summer and this fall. Our next submission deadline is Feb 28, 2017, so please send those Box Tops in now! A very special thank you to Teri Chason, Katrin DeCamp, and Suzy Kieran, who have been assisting with clipping! Don't forget to check out the Bonus Box Tops App and www.btf.com website for coupons and other sweepstakes offers to benefit 7DE. Our goal this year is to earn \$2,000 for the PTA to use towards events and supplies. Contact Sarah Martin at sgmartin_laptop@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Volunteer Room

In December, 7DE piloted the newly stocked and revamped Volunteer Room. It's located across the hall from the Nurse's Office. Teachers are submitting projects to be completed, and volunteers can either drop in to work on the projects at their convenience or sign up using this Sign-Up Genius link:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/10c0f4fa5a72ea2ff2-7devolunteer>. If you have 15 minutes or an hour to give, there's always plenty to do that makes a real difference for our students. Plus, every time you sign in on the Green Volunteer Sign-in Sheets in the office, your name is entered into a monthly drawing for a prize. Our February winner is Chrissy Lerner, and she will receive a Starbucks gift card.

The next time you are in the building, check out the Appreciation Station bulletin board outside of the Nurse's office. Inspiring

stories of how volunteers are impacting our school community are highlighted from the perspective of faculty/staff, students, and fellow volunteers. We love our 7DE Volunteers! Thank you!

Book Fair

Mark your calendar. 7DE's Spring Book Fair will run from Monday–Friday, March 27–31! Setup for our *Happy Camper Book Fair* will happen the week of March 20–24. There will be lots of volunteer opportunities for anyone who would like to lend a hand. Volunteer sign-ups will be available soon. For more information, contact:

Debbie Dickerson, 4jdme@comcast.net,

Suzy Kieran, suzymk0608@gmail.com,

or Nicole Smith, nicolebsmith80@yahoo.com.



The PTA website is currently being updated. Watch for the new and improved version in the near future.

Community News

Do you know a child with physical, social, or psychological challenges? The **Children's Developmental Class**, sponsored by CCBC's Division of Wellness Education and Social Services, helps children with special needs manage their unique challenges. Children are mentored in the areas of motor development, communication, language, and social skills. If you are interested in obtaining information about the spring session, call CCBC at 443-840-1387 or email mhill@ccbcmd.edu.

Several free, eight hour **Youth Mental Health First Aid training** courses will be available in February and March for parents, teachers, or anyone who lives or works with children. Sponsored by the Baltimore County Public Schools Parent University and the BCPS Office of Health Services, the certification courses teach a five-step action plan to offer initial help to young people showing signs of mental illness or who are in a crisis and to connect them with the appropriate professional, peer, social, or self-help care. Workshops will be held at Lansdowne Middle School Library on February 2 & 9; Honeygo Park Community Center on March 4 and 11, and St. Villa on March 18. The workshops are free, but participants must register by contacting Karen Heinrich of the BCPS Office of Health Services at 443-809-6397 or kheinrich@bcps.org.

Calling all retirees and seniors! BCPS needs you for the **RSVP volunteer program**. Retirees and seniors aged 55 or older are needed now more than ever to volunteer their skills, time, and services to Baltimore County schools

through the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Volunteers are needed to assist teachers in classrooms and encourage students to achieve. An information session will be held from 10:00—11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 7, at the Randallstown Community Center. Registration is required for the information session. Contact RSVP at 410-887-3101 or volunteers@baltimorecountymd.gov.



Seventh District Mission Statement

The highly qualified staff at Seventh District Elementary strives to provide a responsive instructional program focused on every student to develop innovative, critical thinking and problem-solving skills, in preparation for the 21st century. To achieve these goals and promote the well-being of all students, we will create and maintain open communication between all stakeholders.

Seventh District Vision Statement

Seventh District Elementary will be among the highest performing schools, where **ALL** learners are intrinsically motivated and flourish in a technology-rich environment. We envision a culture of learning and respect where educators facilitate authentic, student-centered instruction that embraces the diversity of all students.



Passport Around the World Night!

- We are inviting all of our 7th District Families to join us on February 7th to Visit Classrooms, Enjoy Tea and Cookies, and Play an International Game in the Gym!
- Passport Around the world will take place from 6:30-8:00pm.
- We have extended the R.S.V.P. date until this Friday, February 3rd.
- All Tickets will be sent home on Monday, February 6th.
- Your ticket will allow you to attend three events:
 - A passport to visit countries around the world in our classrooms.
 - Join Mrs. Denmyer and Ms. Lehto for tea and cookies in the library while listening to our very own instrumental music students play their favorite music.
 - Spend time in the gym with Dr. Crowe and Ms. Schattall playing an International Game!

Forty Families have already signed up for this exciting event!

(Please return to Ms. Nestor by Friday, February 3, 2017.

We would like to attend Passport Around the World on February 7, 2017. The following family members would like to attend this event.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

We understand that we will receive a Passport/Ticket to travel around 7th District. "Tickets" or Passports will be sent home upon receipt of this form. We look forward to seeing everyone on February 7th.

English Language Arts Committee



FALL IN LOVE WITH A GOOD BOOK!

On February 14th, all of our students should bring to school their favorite book to read!

When: February 14, 2017

Where: Gymnasium/Cafeteria

Time: 9:00-9:20am



Students may wear RED or their favorite 7DE SPIRIT wear!



Students, teachers, and staff please bring your favorite book to read.



gearing up for
Kindergarten

Seventh District Elementary School Kindergarten Round-Up

Seventh District's annual kindergarten registration is scheduled for April 6th and April 7th. Students are eligible to be registered for kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year if they turn five (5) years old on or prior to September 1, 2017. If you plan for your child to attend kindergarten at Seventh District Elementary School please call the school

at 410-887-1902 or e-mail the school at ktaylor13@bcps.org to pre-register your child.

We look forward to hearing from you and
having your child join our school!

Seventh District Kindergarten Pre-Registration Form 2017-2018

Students are eligible to be registered for kindergarten for the school year 2017-2018 if they turn five (5) years old on or prior to September 1, 2017. This follows the Maryland State Department of Education age requirements for enrollment to kindergarten.

In order to be considered for early admission to kindergarten for the school year 2017-2018, the child must turn five (5) between September 2 and October 14, 2017.

- Early admission requests for the next year must be submitted to the home school principal between January 15 and June 1, 2017.
- Under certain conditions, a parent who moves into Baltimore County after the June 1, 2017, deadline may request early admission to kindergarten. In order for a request to be considered, the request must be made no later than the first day of school for the 2017-2018 school year.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE

Place an X in all boxes which apply to your situation.

Child's Full Name:					
Birth Date:				Male	Female

Mother's/Guardian's Name:					
Home Phone:		Work Phone:			
Cell Phone:		Email Address:			

Father's/Guardian's Name:					
Home Phone:		Work Phone:			
Cell Phone:		Email Address:			

Parent's/Guardian's Home Address (Where the child is residing):					
Street Address:					
City:		State:		Zip:	
Residency Information:	<input type="checkbox"/> Rent	<input type="checkbox"/> Own	<input type="checkbox"/> Other		
<i>If your name does not appear on the lease or deed, please mark "Other".</i>					

With whom does the child reside?	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	Other:		
Do you have legal custody of this child?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Other:		
Do you have any court documents concerning this child?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Yes (If yes, we need a copy.)			

Is a language other than English spoken in the home?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Yes (language):			
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Please return the completed form to Seventh District Elementary by Tuesday, March 7, 2017

You will receive a phone call or email by March 15, 2017 announcing that your registration packet is ready for pick up at Seventh District. Your registration packet will also include your appointment time for either April 6th or April 7th. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Taylor at ktaylor13@bcps.org or call 410-887-1902.

Seventh District Elementary Pre-Kindergarten Screening

For: Children turning three or four before 9/1/17
Location: Seventh District Elementary School
Time: You will be contacted with a screening time.
Phone: (410) 887-1902



During the 2017—2018 school year, Seventh District will continue the Pre-School Program for three year olds and the Pre-K Program for four year olds. If you have a child who will turn three or four before September 1 and **believe you might qualify as economically disadvantaged**, please complete the form below, and return it to school ASAP.

Pre-Kindergarten Screening Form

Today's Date: _____

Child's Name:

First

Middle

Last

Birth Date: _____ Sex: _____ Male _____ Female

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Are you residing in temporary housing, or do you lack housing? _____ Yes _____ No

Was your child born in another country? _____ Yes _____ No

Is a language other than English spoken in the home? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, what language? _____

For Office Use Only—Screening Date: _____ Appointment Time: _____

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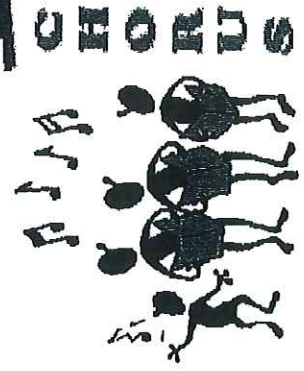
2017 Summer Music Camp

The 2017 *Summer Music Camp* will be held at Perry Hall High School from Wednesday, June 21 through Thursday, June 29, 2017 (weekdays 9 a.m. – 1:50 p.m.). The concert performance will be held at Oregon Ridge Park on the evening of June 29, 2017. Midway through the camp, the high school band will also perform an outdoor concert at The Avenue at White Marsh. No audition is required. Students currently in grades 5-12 and enrolled in their school music program (band, chorus, guitar, or orchestra) are eligible to attend. The cost of camp includes all instruction, camp T-shirt, and transportation to and from Perry Hall High School for students not living in the host school community (pick-up locations on registration form). Camp instructors are teachers in Baltimore County Public Schools who have demonstrated success working with music students.

Camp Dates: June 21–29, 2017
Concert at Oregon Ridge Park: June 29, 2017 at 7 p.m.
Cost: \$200



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GUITAR

BCPS' Music Office

- Amy Cohn, Coordinator
- Brian Schneckeburger, Supervisor
- Shane Jensen, Specialist
- Office phone: 443-809-4024

For more information, or to receive an application, please see your school music teacher or download an application at http://www.bcps.org/offices/elem_music/default.html

Participant

Register Online for Jump Rope for Heart or Hoops For Heart

You get to create your own Jump Rope For Heart or Hoops For Heart webpage to raise lifesaving donations. Register today and join your school's team. It's easy! Be sure to get your parents' permission before you start.



SHAPE America and the American Heart Association collaborate on the Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart programs.

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Find your school and sign-up. Go to heart.org/jump or heart.org/hoops. Select your state and then your city or the first letter of your school's name from the drop-down menu. When you see your school, click **Join Team** next to your school's listing.



2



Create your login. If you participated last year, click **Yes** under Option 1 and follow the steps on your screen. If you did not participate last year, fill in the information under Option 2:

- Choose a username and password that you can remember. Write them down in case you forget!
- Select and answer a security question.

Click the **Next** button.

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Complete your profile. Just a few more steps! Fill in your personal details using the boxes and drop-down menu options.

Click the **Next** button.



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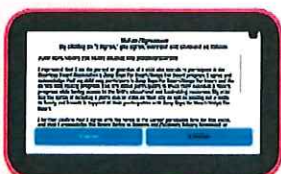
Set your goal. You have the chance to earn Thank You Gifts and our heart-healthy Zoo Crew Animals as you make a difference for heart health!

- How much do you think you can raise? Type the amount in the **Fundraising Goal** section.
- Want to jump-start your fundraising efforts? Add your own donation amount in the **Be the First One** section.
- If you raise \$50 or more, you can earn a T-shirt. Select your size from the drop-down menu.

Click the **Next** button.



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Almost there! The last step of registration is a Waiver/Agreement. Review it with your parents and click **I Agree** to accept it.

If you added your own donation in Step 4, a screen asking for payment information will appear. Have a parent fill in these boxes with the appropriate payment information and then click **Finish**.

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You're registered! Click **Continue** at the bottom of the confirmation page to get to your Zoo Crew Headquarters, where you can personalize your webpage, send emails to donors, check your fundraising progress, reach out to donors through social media, and more. You'll be spreading the word about heart health and making a difference for children and adults alike!

Next up: Personalize your webpage!



***The Four Way Test
Of what we think, say and do...***

***Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all concerned?
Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?***

Dear 7th District Elementary School students and their families,

The Rotary Club of Hunt Valley is excited for the 2016-2017 Four-Way Test Contest.

This year, our School will feature an ethics program that has been described by its creator as “24 words that will change your life.” That quote describes the Four-Way Test, which is the code of ethics for Rotary Clubs around the world and the one right here in the Hunt Valley area.

You may have already seen a Four-Way Test bookmark or poster in the school this year, but the fun part of the program begins this month. We are asking 3rd- through 5th-grade students to create a poster that addresses all four elements of the Four-Way Test, which are:

***Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all concerned?
Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?***

You will need a half of a piece of poster board paper – 22” x 14”. This can be purchased at the Dollar Store, Target, Staples, etc. There will be a first, second and third place winner in each grade, and prize money (\$40 for first, \$30 for second and \$20 for third) will be awarded.

This is a poster contest for elementary school students, and it is up to your child to complete the poster independently. You can discuss ideas with your child and get him or her off to a good start. You may be asking yourself, “Does my child need to be an artist to enter?” The answer is most certainly, “No.”

Students can cut and paste magazine pictures, computer generated pictures and words, pictures from coloring books, newspapers, wallpaper, foam cut-outs or recycled art projects, as long as they communicate the core values of the Four-Way Test. Students can use markers, crayons, colored pencils, paint, glitter or any other conventional or unconventional art supply. Please use poster paper

The Rotary Club of Hunt Valley will judge the entries based on the following criteria:

- All four questions must appear on the poster.
- How the four questions of the Four-Way Test are addressed.
- A slogan or title must be used to tie the concept together.
- Quality designs that include neat, bright and colorful illustrations must fill the poster.

Students must return their entry to the school counseling office by **Monday, March 6, 2017**. It is important that all entries include the **student's name, grade and teacher's name**. A member of the Hunt Valley Rotary Club will then pick up the entries and determine the winners from each grade. Those winners will be announced in March and letters will go home to parents.

Please feel free to contact me at with any questions.

Sincerely,
Gretchen Vassar
School Counselor



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL POSTER EXAMPLES

