

May 2017

Dear Parents,

- **Next Year's Class Placements-** As we plan for next year, please keep in mind that a great deal of time and thought is involved when determining your child's classroom placement for next year. **Due to the size of our student population, I am unable to honor specific teacher requests.** Your child's classroom placement will be mailed to you the week before school starts. I am unable to make changes in classroom placements once letters have been mailed home.
- If you know you will be **moving and withdrawing** your student from BRI at the end of this school year, please send in a note to the main office informing us of this move. The more information the better! Letting us know when and where you are moving to is extremely helpful when preparing your student's file. Thank you!
- Please visit the school division website to view the **2017-2018 school calendar**. This will assist in planning family events next school year: http://www.cpschools.com/Schools/calendar_1718.php
- SOL assessments: Students have worked diligently this year to prepare for upcoming SOL tests. Please assist us by ensuring students are prepared to do their best on the test! Students should go to bed early the night before the test. Please ensure they have a protein filled breakfast for extra energy. Students should arrive at school on time as we begin promptly each morning. Please schedule appointments around designated testing dates as once a student begins a test they must complete it. Otherwise it is considered an irregularity which must be submitted to the VDOE. While at this stage of their school career passing the test is not a barrier to promotion, the data gained from the test assists us in grouping students so additional instructional support may be provided. Please encourage your child not to rush through a test and to strive to do their best. We will do the same here at school.
- This year reading and math tests are in a computer adapted test (CAT) format. This means their length has been abbreviated and reduced from two days to a single day each. Even though the overall number of test items are fewer, students may need additional time in the test setting to complete the test. Electronic items and other distractions to the instructional day are not allowed in school. However, despite our best intentions, our students still bring those items to school. During the regular school year, we handle infractions here at the school level. A disruption of this kind within the testing environment is considered a test irregularity requiring us to submit it to the VDOE. Please assist us by checking backpacks each morning. The most important thing you can do as a parent is to ensure your child has a smooth morning and provide words of encouragement. We will take care of the rest. Together let's do everything we can to SOAR on SOLs.
- **The SOL testing dates are as follows:**
 - Third Grade SOLs**
May 25, Reading
May 31, Math
 - Fourth Grade SOLs**
May 24, Reading
June 1, Math
 - Fifth Grade SOLs:**
May 19 Science
May 23, Reading
May 26, History
June 2, Math
- Specific information about students who qualify for expedited retake tests will come via a phone call from your child's classroom teacher. At that time, you will be notified of the subject in which the student qualified and the intended date of the expedited retake test.

Dress code reminders:

As warm weather approaches, please keep in mind that students are expected to dress in a conservative manner appropriate for the promotion of learning. Tank tops, midriff-exposing or off-the-shoulder shirts are not allowed. Shorts and skirts must be long enough to pass the “fingertip” test. Tight-fitting or revealing clothes are not permitted.

Attendance is important!

As a reminder, when your student is absent from school, please call the attendance line (482-4794) to let us know he/she will be out. Once your child is able to return to school, please send in a handwritten note explaining the dates and reason for absence.

Important Dates for the End of the Year

May 18	Strings Concert - 5th (6:15/7:30)
May 19-June 2	SOLs
May 25	Recorder Concert - 4 th (6:15/7:30)
June 2	All books due in Media Center
June 5-9	SOL Expedited Re-takes and make-ups continue
June 7	Good Citizens Luncheon
June 8	Field Day (4 th : 8:30-10:00, 5 th :10:00-11:30, 3 rd :12:00-1:30) 4 th & 5 th Grades Orff Ensemble & 4 th Grade Chorus Concert (7:00)
June 9	1 st Tee Golf Tournament Last Day for Literary Lunch Relay for Life at BRI: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3rd – 8:15• 4th – 9:15• 5th – 10:15
June 12	3 rd Grade Awards Assembly & Party (11:00)
June 13	4 th Grade Awards Assembly & Party (11:00)
June 14	5 th Grade Luncheon (12:00) Clap-out for 5 th grade
June 15	Last Day/ Report Cards Issued /Early Dismissal-12:19 Fifth Grade Graduation <i>Group 1 9:00 (Triolet, Stephenson, Jones, Gallo, Lucas)</i> <i>Group 2 10:30 (Voyles, Repass, Fitch, Keel, McIntyre)</i>
June 16	Teacher Workday

The fifth-grade graduation ceremony will be held inside the gymnasium. To accommodate the large number of parents and visitors, it will be necessary to have two sessions. The times are as follows:

Group 1 9:00 (Triolet, Stephenson, Jones, Gallo, Lucas)
Group 2 10:30 (Voyles, Repass, Fitch, Keel, McIntyre)

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to increasing student success. Together... We Soar!

Sincerely,

Nancy Cruz
Principal