A Message from the Principal:

As February draws to a close, I am beginning to anticipate Spring at the Beech. Although it is my first full year as principal, I have experienced many events this past month that have made me smile.

Kindergarten registration was a rousing success and I was reminded that our current crop of Kindergarten students, who in every way are beginning to look and act like first graders, started out as newbies when they first began their school adventures with us.

World Read Aloud day for grades K and 1 was a rousing success as was our African-American read in, a school-wide celebration of books by African-American authors and illustrators.

Additionally, Dance Night Out was astonishing, a PTA funded shindig with lights, music, and dancing. A great time was had by all, positive energy vibrated through the halls.

I hope our smiles are contagious and that we continue to prove, every day, in every way, that “CB CARES…and you should, too.

Sincerely,

Fatima Rogers

Growth Mindset

Carol Dweck found in her research that a “fixed mindset” assumes that our character, intelligence, and creative ability are static givens which we can’t change in any meaningful way, and success is the affirmation of that inherent intelligence, an assessment of how those givens measure up against an equally fixed standard; striving for success and avoiding failure at all costs become a way of maintaining the sense of being smart or skilled.

A “growth mindset,” on the other hand, thrives on challenge and sees failure not as evidence of unintelligence but as a heartening springboard for growth and for stretching our existing abilities. From these two mindsets, which we manifest from a very early age, springs a great deal of our behavior, our relationship with success and failure in both professional and personal contexts, and ultimately our capacity for happiness. (Maria Popova, 2020)

Dismissal

Please park your car in the outer lane by the curb during drop off and pick up during morning and afternoon dismissal times. If you cannot find a parking space, either in the marked parking spaces or along the curb, then please do not stop or park your car between the cars parked by the curb and the provided parking spaces. You may, however, drive around the loop until you find a parking space in a marked space or along the curb when a car moves. This procedure will help to ensure the safety of our students, families, and staff.
March PTA Events

**March 1:** Skating Party at Rolling Thunder
**March 6:** Adult Social at Roslyn Boys & Girls Club
**March 13:** Sports Night Out
**March 20:** Science Fair
**March 26:** 6th Grade Social at Urban Air

**IMAGINE Tea Party**
The 10th Annual I.M.A.G.I.N.E. Ladies' Tea Party will be held on **Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 5:30 PM in the Copper Beech Library.** Each year, the I.M.A.G.I.N.E. girls, escorted by special women in their lives, participate in a celebration of sisterhood, to reinforce social etiquette and excellence in character.

**Cougar Steppers Show**
The Cougar Steppers will be having their first annual step show on March 18th. Stepping is a form of percussive dance in which the participants entire body is used as an instrument to produce complex rhythms and sounds through a mixture of footsteps, spoken word, and hand claps.

**Pre-Order your Yearbook Today!**
Copper Beech 2019-2020
Yearbooks for only $20!
Pre-Order by March 6, 2020 and save $5!
(Orders sent in after this deadline will be $25 per book)
March 24-26: Parent/ Teacher Conferences & Early Dismissal

On March 24th, 25th & 26th, school will dismiss at 12:20pm for Parent/ Teacher conferences. You will schedule your conferences directly with your child’s teacher(s). Please be on the lookout for further communication from teachers.

Abington Arts Fest
March 24-26

The art teachers at Copper Beech are proud to recognize Youth Art Month in our school. Youth Art Month typically occurs in March. Events and fundraisers take place in schools, libraries, art centers, museums, and even our state capitol buildings.

We like to recognize it by exhibiting our student’s artwork throughout the community. We will have our annual Arts Fest from March 24-26. In addition, we will have some student’s artwork displayed at the Cheltenham Center for the Arts from March 1-21 for their 12th annual Children’s Art Show.

Copper Beech Gives Back

Parents, thank you for sending in school supplies for Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School in Philadelphia School District during the month of January. Teachers, thank you for your monetary gift and library books donations. Together we were able to contribute a wealth of school materials for the students and teachers. Bethune Elementary School staff representatives were greeted with smiles by our students and staff on Friday as they picked up the supplies. A huge thank you to Second Grade Teacher, Ms. Jackson for organizing this project for our school.

The PTA Team would like to thank you for donating non-perishable food and household items in the month of February. We collected a TOTAL of 345.6 POUNDS of food and items to the Inter-Faith Food Pantry in Rostyn. We should feel very proud giving back to those who are in need in our community. During the month of March, the food drive will be designated to the Jenkintown Food Cupboard which is located at the Jenkintown United Methodist Church. Stay tuned for further details.
Mar. 1 Skating Party @ Rolling Thunder 10 AM
Mar. 4 PTA Meeting
Mar. 6 PTA Adult Social @ Roslyn Boys & Girls Club 7 PM
**Mar. 10 Reading Olympics (Grades 4-6)**
Mar. 12 Talent Show (Grade 6)
Mar. 13 Sports Night Out 7 PM
Mar. 18 Cougar Steppers Show 7PM
Mar. 20 Science Fair 6 PM
Mar. 24-26 12:20 Dismissal / Parent Teacher Conference
Mar. 24-26 Arts Fest
Mar. 26 6th Grade @ Urban Air 5:30 PM
Mar. 31 IMAGINE Tea Party

**Apr. 1 PTA Meeting 7 PM**
Apr. 7 Literature Night
Apr. 9 - 13 No School
Apr. 14 VIBE Challenge
**Apr. 16 Author Visit (Grades 3-5)**
Apr. 18 Spring Clothing Drive
Apr. 20-24 PSSA English-Language Arts Schedule
Apr. 27-5/1 PSSA Mathematics Schedule
Apr. 28 NO SCHOOL

May 4-8 PSSA Science Schedule
May 7 PTA Meeting 7 PM
May 15 Field Day
May 19 VIBE & IMAGINE Closing Ceremony
May 22 Field Day (rain date)
**May 25 No School**
May 29 District Elementary Track Meet
May 30 Spring Fair

June 3 PTA Meeting 7PM
June 4 Spring Choral Concert 7 PM (ASHS)
June 5 District Elem. Track Meet (rain date)
June 8 Spring Instrumental Concert 7PM (ASHS)
June 12 K-5 Awards Ceremony
June 15 6th Grade Closing Ceremony
June 16 6th Grade Celebration
June 16 Last day of school

**Please note: New events or changes are BOLDED.**