



Relay Elementary School News



Important Dates to Mark on Your Calendar This Month

April 2023

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
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Spring Break April 1 st - 10 th Schools Closed						
9	10 Schools Closed	11 Schools Reopen	12 Report Cards available in FOCUS	13 PTA Meeting at 6:15	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 PreK/K Round Up Schools Closed for Students - PD Day	22
23	24	25 No PreK	26 PreK/K Round Up No School for PreK or Kindergarten	27	28	29
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Looking Ahead to Next Month - May 2023:

May 19 th	Half Day - Dismissal at 12:40 pm
May 29 th	Schools Closed - Memorial Day

***Wishing all of our Relay students
and families a safe, happy, and
restful Spring Break!***



**With Love and Care From Your
Humble and Dedicated Principal,
*Lisa Grace***



Safe and Healthy Environment

Arrival/Dismissal Safety

Please remember to be safe and patient in the school parking lot, especially during arrival and dismissal. If you are dropping students off, please utilize the car rider line to do so safely. If walking, please access the crosswalks and be attentive and careful when crossing.

Drivers – please be courteous to walking students and families.

If you pick up your child(ren) in our car rider line, please feel free to pull into a parking spot if you need additional time to ensure your children are properly secured in your vehicle before pulling off the parking lot.



Stranger Danger

Parents should discuss these Stranger Danger tips with their children:

- Always tell your parents where you are going.
- Try not to walk anywhere alone. Walk with a friend.
- Don't take shortcuts through the woods, a back street or empty lot.
- Bad people do not always look mean or scary.
- Do not get close to strangers. Make sure you have room to run.
- Don't tell your name or address to a stranger.
- Never go with a stranger to help look for a lost pet or play a game.
- Never get into a car with anyone you don't know.
- If a stranger bothers you, run away and ask an adult for help.
- Know safe places you can go – a police or fire station, the library, a store or a friend's house.
- If a stranger follows you or grabs for you, yell loud! Shout, "I don't know you!" Fight back and make as much noise as you can.
- If anyone touches you in a bad way, say, "NO!" Get away and tell an adult you trust. Keep telling until someone listens.
- Tell your parents about places you don't feel safe.
- Talk to your parents and come up with a secret code word. Never go with anyone unless they know the secret code word.
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If your children are old enough to stay home alone, review these tips:

- Know how and when to call 911.
- Never open the door to a stranger.
- Never tell anyone on the phone you are home alone.
- Never tell any callers your name, number, or address.
- Hang up right away if you do not like what someone is saying on the phone or disconnect from an online game if you are uncomfortable with someone.



Cold Weather Gear

***Is your child missing any of their winter garments? Remind them to check the Lost and Found which is located right outside the main office.**



Dismissal Changes

We understand that life requires changes so please follow the steps below if your child will need to change their normal dismissal plan.

- Send in a note indicating the normal plan, the requested change, and the reason.
- We ask that families update all student emergency contacts; anyone who comes to pick up a child **MUST** be listed on the contact form.
- Your child should give the note to his/her teacher. *Children are not allowed to ride a bus other than the one assigned to them. If you are concerned that the note will not find its way to the teacher, please email your child's teacher along with the office staff, Jennifer Szczesniakowski at jszczesniakowski@bcps.org, Stacey Cronin at scronin@bcps.org, and Robin Kodek at rkodek@bcps.org.
- If you have not received a confirmation email by 3:00, please call the main office at 443-809-1426 to ensure your child is dismissed properly. **Please make sure dismissal plans are in place prior to 3:00pm.**
- ***We are unable to make changes to dismissal plans after 3:00, unless there is an emergency.***

School Meals

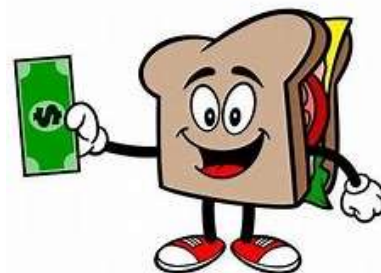
****Many students have accrued negative balances. Would you like to pay off your negative balance and prevent future ones? Would you like to be more involved with your student's spending in the cafeteria?**

Sign up for www.MySchoolBucks.com! However, you can take advantage of all these features, and fund your account for **free**, with cash or a check at your student's school.

It is important to note: New federal regulations that went into effect this year are associated with the Anti-Lunch Shaming Act. All students receive two full meals per day and continue to accumulate meal debt, when they do not bring money to pay for their meal; breakfast remains free to all students at Relay Elementary this year, but lunch is only free to those who have qualified by completing and submitting an

application: [MySchoolApps - Getting Started](#)

You are invited visit the website to access lunch menu options: [Menus](#) | [Baltimore County Public Schools](#) (nutrilslice.com)





Cell phones

Please remind students of the cell phone policy: If you choose to bring your cell phone to school, it must be off and away during school hours. This includes similar devices, such as smart watches. Students are not permitted to make phone calls, text, use social media, take photos or videos, etc. while at school. If parents need to reach students or vice versa, please call into the front office at 443-809-1426.

BCPS Transportation Updates

Please note, the chart on the webpage is sorted by “School.” If Relay is not listed in the “School” column it means that no bus changes or delays were reported by area Transportation staff for our school. Some buses are changes only – a different bus today instead of the Assigned Bus; you will see that change reflected in “Today’s Bus” but with no “Delay” noted. Other rows note there is both a “Delay” and a bus change, so you will see a time noted in the “Delay” column and information in the “Today’s Bus” column. Please also note, the webpage will be updated once for AM service and once for PM service; the Office of Transportation will continue to strive to provide this communication no later than 7:05 AM for AM trips and 1:55 PM for PM trips.

Feedback can be shared with the Office of Transportation by calling 443-809-4321 between the hours of 6:00 AM and 5:30 PM on school days or by emailing: Transportation_Contact_Us@bcps.org.

****The Office of Transportation is excited to announce that a BCPS bus transportation status page is live! Beginning December 12, 2022, families may now access the following webpage to see bus changes and delays:**
https://www.bcps.org/parents/transportation_status



Baltimore County Public Schools / Parents / Transportation Status

TRANSPORTATION STATUS

Please check Focus regularly to obtain the most up-to-date bus stop, time, and trip name for your student’s transportation.

Listed below are the Baltimore County Public School buses with substitutions or delays for bus routes scheduled. Should you have further questions, please contact the Office of Transportation at 443-809-4321 or Transportation_ContactUs@bcps.org.

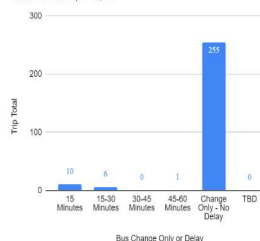
Buses appear in the chart below by school.

Please note, changes/delays are accurate at the time of this posting and are subject to change. Bus changes and delays that occur once service begins will be communicated with the school as they become known.

School	Bus	Delay	Today's Bus
5376 RANDALLSTOWN HIGH	5488	No Delay	RANDALLSTOWN HS - CARRIAGE HILL - AM
512 RELAY ELEMENTARY	5061	No Delay	RELAY ES - ST DENIS - SILVER - AM
5066 RELAY ELEMENTARY	5013	No Delay	RELAY ES - CIRCLE - PINK - AM
5207 RELAY ELEMENTARY	5005	No Delay	CATONSVILLE ES w RELAY ES - SP - RAINBOW - AM
5265 RELAY ELEMENTARY	5264	No Delay	RELAY ES - CARMELLA - RED - AM
5295 RELAY ELEMENTARY	5015	No Delay	RELAY ES - PRE-K - PM PICK-UP
4031 RIDGE RUXTON SCHOOL	4021	No Delay	RIDGE RUXTON / PINWOOD ES / POT SPRINGS ES - SP - PURPLE -
4948 RIDGE RUXTON SCHOOL		45-60 Minutes	RIDGE RUXTON - SP - GOLD - AM
5281 RIDGELY MIDDLE	5424	No Delay	RIDGELY MS - MANORWOOD - AM
5509 RIDGELY MIDDLE	5411	No Delay	RIDGELY MS - ORCHARD HILLS - AM
5131 ROSDALE CENTER	5140	No Delay	ROSDALE CENTER - SE - MIDDLE RIVER - AM
5162 ROSSVILLE ELEMENTARY	5077	No Delay	ROSSVILLE ES - COPPIN STATE - AM
5196 ROSSVILLE ELEMENTARY	5026	No Delay	ROSSVILLE ES - FROSTBURG - AM
5899 ROSSVILLE ELEMENTARY	5324	No Delay	ROSSVILLE ES - BOWIE - AM
5154 SANDY PLAINS ELEMENTARY	4059	No Delay	SANDY PLAINS ES - BAYSIDE - AM
5378 SCOTT'S BRANCH ELEMENTARY	5468	No Delay	SCOTT'S BRANCH ES - TENTMILL - ORANGE - AM
4057 SEVEN OAKS ELEMENTARY	4854	No Delay	SEVEN OAKS ES - SP - BUS 2 - AM
4068 SEVEN OAKS ELEMENTARY	4430	No Delay	SEVEN OAKS ES - NORTHWIND - RIFLE - AM

BCPS Bus Changes and Delays

Total # of Bus Trips: ~2,100



Where to find Information

Updates and information will be shared out regularly by teachers, and by administration via our SchoolMessenger tool as needed, which may include text, email, and/or phone calls. Contact the front office if you need to update any of your contact information to ensure you receive this information.

School Website:

<https://relay.bcps.org>

BCPS Website:

www.bcps.org

Relay Elementary Main Office
443-809-1426

Twitter:

@BaltCoPS

@Relay_BCPS

@LisaGraceRelay

BCPS Transportation Department

Transportation.Contact.Us@bcps.org

443-809-4321

[Student Transportation Operating Procedures Manual April 2022.pdf \(sharpschool.com\)](#)

Bus Changes and Delays: https://www.bcps.org/parents/transportation_status



Relay PTA:

PTA Board Members

President: Nicole Nguyen

Vice President: Niki Shah

Treasurer: Joe Neet

Secretary: Diana Neet

relaypta@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/relaypta>

Attachments Included with this Newsletter:

- Creating a Parent Account in FOCUS Directions sheet
- Viewing Report Cards - Step by Step

Relay Elementary's Bell Schedule:

Opening Bell 8:40am

Late Bell 8:55am

Dismissal Bell 3:40pm

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Halethorpe, MD 21227

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Principal - Lisa Grace - lgrace3@bcps.org

Asst. Principal - Chara Pitarra - cpitarra@bcps.org