

# Dobson Express

Easton Elementary  
School Dobson  
January 2017



## Principal's Letter

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of Quarter 2, I wanted to thank you for all that you do in supporting our efforts here at school. Our students continue to make excellent progress in all academic areas because of our team effort.

Our Kindergarteners will be reading several books with a winter theme. They will also be researching Arctic animals. High frequency words to work on at home are: ride, eat, let, stop, for, said, run, and jump. The letters Ll, Gg, and Oo will be identified along with the corresponding sounds. In writing the focus will be on beginning sentences with capital letters, correct punctuation, spacing between words, letter formation, and correct spelling of high frequency words. In math, they are finishing comparing length, weight and capacity unit and will begin working on addition and subtraction to 10 and number pairs. If you would like additional information on our math curriculum search Engage NY and there will be a link for parents.

Our first graders will be exploring types of measurement. Please continue to practice addition and subtraction facts to 10 at home. If you would like additional information on our math curriculum search Engage NY and there will be a link for parents. In reading, students will continue to work on long vowel sounds. As your student is writing at home, remind them to use correct capitalization, punctuation, and spacing between words. Please read to your child nightly.

We have started a food pantry here at school. Over 60% of students enrolled at our school are eligible for Free or Reduced Meals. We are accepting non-perishable, kid-friendly donations. If you are in need of assistance, please call me directly.

Please consider attending the FY18 Budget Hearing on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at the Board of Education. Thank you again for partnering with us to provide your child with an outstanding education.

Lisa Kline, Ed.D.  
Principal

## One School, One Book

Once again at Dobson we are starting our "One School, One Book" literacy project. Each classroom will be reading "Trouble According to Humphrey," which shares more adventures of Humphrey the Hamster. Be sure to ask your child lots of questions about how Humphrey's helping his friends in Room 126.

Humphrey now has a mailbox near the Dobson entrance, so encourage your children to write him a friendly note!



## Important Announcements

Please make sure to send in any changes to transportation IN WRITING. Unless it is an emergency, we cannot take phone calls to change transportation.

Please check the Lost and Found, we have lots of jackets, hats and gloves already!

If your child needs a coat, hat or gloves, please let us know, we have plenty to share!

## School Improvement Plan

The 2016-17 school year School Improvement Plan is now available on the school website ([eastonelementary.org](http://eastonelementary.org)) and in each school office. This plan addresses student achievement needs within the school setting. The plan includes both school-based and community involvement to help support student achievement.

Each section of the School Improvement Plan has goals, which are aligned with and developed from the TCPS Excellence and Equity Plan. Data and measurable objectives will be used to determine achievement of the goals. For example, one of the strategies on this year's School Improvement Plan is to make our school environment welcome to students, parents and staff of color.

The School Improvement Team then develops strategies that are put into place to achieve the goals and objectives stated. The plan also has dates and times in which these strategies will be utilized and/or referred back to. As an example, for the goal of creating a welcoming environment at EES, one of the "Action Steps" is to host focus groups for parents and staff to share their ideas with EES administration.

Parent feedback on the School Improvement Plan is welcomed and encouraged. Please use the comment box on our website to submit your ideas, or contact Dr. Kline at [lkline@tcps.k12.md.us](mailto:lkline@tcps.k12.md.us) or (410) 822-0550. If you are at all unsatisfied with the School Improvement Plan, please also use those procedures to submit concerns. We can also provide you with information on getting involved on the School Improvement Team.

## Mark Your Calendar:

January 16 & 17: NO SCHOOL for students

January 19: Report cards issued

January 28: Applebee's Flapjack Breakfast, 8-10 AM

February 17: HALF DAY for students, 12:20 dismissal

February 20: SCHOOLS CLOSED, President's Day Holiday

## Dobson students are:

Productive, with a positive

Attitude,

Willing to do our best and keep

Self to Self!



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