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- 6 Spirit Day / Kona Ice 3:45 PM
- 12 PTA Meeting 6:30 PM
- 12 DEI Meeting 7:00 PM
- 20 Pinwheels for Peace 9:15 AM
- 20 Peacemaker House Party
- 20 Ice Cream Social 5:00-7:00 PM
- 24 Individual Picture Day
- 24 Yearbook Signing for 6 Grade 3:45-4:30 PM
- 27 College Gear Day

October

- 2 Coffee and Connect 9:15 AM
- 3 Schools closed for Students / PD for Teachers
- 4 Spirit Day
- 17 Generations Day 9:15 AM
- 17 Individual Picture Make-up Day 12:00 PM
- 18 Schools Closed for Students and Teachers
- 20 Schools Closed for Students/PD for Teachers
- 21-24 Red Ribbon Week
- 22 Parent Workshop 6:30 PM
- 25 College Gear Day
- 25 PTA Grade 3-5 Dance 6:00-8:00 PM
- 29 SWAG Shop
- 31 PTA Parent Breakfast 8:45-9:15 AM
- 31 Halloween Parade 9:15 AM
- 31 House Party
- 31 3-Hour Early Dismissal / 1st Marking Period Ends

Rodgers Forge Chronicles

RFES empowers all students to be lifelong learners who are committed to academic excellence and global citizenships.

Principal's Greeting

September 2024

Dear Rodgers Forge Families,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We were very excited to open our doors to 414 students this year! **I am grateful and blessed to have the opportunity to lead such an amazing and supportive school community!** We appreciate your support in helping our students "LEVEL UP" their learning! A special thank you to families that provided snacks, candy and CAFFEINE to our staff for pre-service week. It was very much appreciated! Our staff also enjoyed the delicious lunch that the PTA provided before Sneak-A-Peek. **Our PTA is amazing!**

It was great to see many of you at Back To School Night last Tuesday. I hope that the evening was informative as you learned more about your child's instructional program and class routines for the upcoming school year. We will be continuing to emphasize **C.O.R.E.** strategies such as **Collaboration, Organization, Respect/Responsibility and Engagement**. We welcome your support at home with organization by reviewing your child's planner with them and providing a "work space" to complete their homework.

SAFETY continues to be a priority at Rodgers Forge. All visitors who enter the building must be signed into the RAPTOR system and wear a visitor's badge while in the building. **If it is your first time in the building as a visitor or volunteer, we will need your license to register you in the system.** Additionally, all our doors to the outside need to remain shut and locked at all times. All staff members have ID badges which allow entry into the building.

We are excited for volunteers to "**Get in the Game**" at RFES. Teachers will be communicating the various volunteer opportunities that they will have inside and outside of their classrooms. To volunteer in the school, you must complete the online volunteer training. The link to the BCPS Volunteer page is https://www.bcps.org/cos/communications/FACE/b_c_p_s_volunteers.

Once you complete the training, **please submit your AND certification of completion** to Ms. Wilson in the front office. These documents can be printed and given to her or emailed to Lwilson9@bcps.org.

Our Peacemaker House Program will continue this year. Students new to Rodgers Forge in grades 1-5 were "sorted" last week into one of six colored houses in their homerooms. Our kindergarten students will be "sorted" into houses at the first house party on September 20th. **We will be tie dying t-shirts again this year with all students** (since many of our students have outgrown their t-shirts from a few years ago!). Then, everyone will be "outfitted" for future spirit days and house parties!

It truly takes a village as we rely on your support at home and through the PTA. You can "**Get in the Game**" and support the PTA by volunteering at one of the many events they have planned. Another way to support the PTA is through their Direct Donation campaign, where all the money donated goes directly back to support students and teachers in multiple ways! Just to name a few.....student planners, red communication folders, kindergarten spirit wear, field trip funding for all grade levels, teacher supplies, student resources, and MORE!! Check out the NEW PTA website at <https://fspta-00016330.givebacks.com/>

I am looking forward to a tremendous school year! Don't forget to follow the great things happening every day at Rodgers Forge on Twitter at @mrowlandRFES.

#RFESstrong!
Michele Rowland

September 2024 Chronicles – Health Suite

Welcome back to the 2024-2025 school year. Wow, have some of the returning students grown over the summer!

Some health suite information for everyone.

Thank you to all the parents who have turned in the blue discretionary medication form! The information you share with me helps me know which medications I may administer to your child for illness and helps me identify the student's health concerns this year. I had attached a little reminder to each discretionary medication form asking each parent to fill out the form completely and a reminder about the availability of medications for your child.

PLEASE NOTE – the Ibuprofen in the Health Suite are 200mg regular strength tablets. It is only available to female students 9 years of age or more who are experiencing menstrual cramps OR a student who is 12 years of age or more. **That excludes the majority of the students in our school.** There is no Children's Ibuprofen available. Only Children's Tylenol, the majority of which is liquid, not the chewable tablets.

Keep your child healthy and please consider talking with your pediatrician about administering the current COVID vaccine and flu vaccine. Signs of COVID, flu and RSV are all very similar. There are free COVID test kits available at [COVIDtest.gov](https://www.covidtest.gov), late September.

If your child has a temperature of 100 degrees or more, regardless of the reason, the child should remain home until they have been fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication. They should also remain home if they are vomiting or experiencing diarrhea with the same 24 hour restriction, in that they may return to school after 24 hours without throwing up or experiencing a bout of diarrhea.

There is no separate COVID policy at this time. COVID is considered a viral infection and should be treated like any viral infection. Fever, vomiting and/or diarrhea and body aches prohibit the student from returning to school until symptoms have resolved for 24 hours without the use of medication. Once the student returns to school, if the student has a cough, masking is encouraged but is not mandatory.

Please encourage your child to wash their hands frequently, especially after using the bathroom, before and after eating and after returning from play outside. Soap and water is best, but alcohol based hand sanitizer is also very helpful in killing germs and stopping the spread of germs. Hand sanitizer is available in all classrooms. Also, please encourage your child to cough into their elbow. Coughing without covering their mouth or coughing into their hands spreads germs!

If your child is prone to bathroom accidents, please send in a change of clothing for them.

Here's to a healthy 2024-2025 school year! Mrs. Beckenholdt – aka Nurse Mary!

Special Education News....

Did you know that Baltimore County Public Schools has many amazing special education resources available for you? The [SERC](#) Office, The Special Education Resource Center provides families with workshops, a lending library, community resources, family to family networking and more.

[SERC](#) Contact Information:

443-809-5443

serc@bcps.org

September 9, 2024, 7 to 8:30 p.m., (Virtual) Topic: Preparing for your Child's First IEP Meeting of the Year. Facilitator: K. Chib from Beacon Education Solution Email bcpssecac@gmail.com to RSVP.

September 12, 2024, 4:30 to 6 p.m., (Virtual) Topic: "Be the Best Advocate for Your Child at School and Community" Facilitator: Dr. Mirian Ofonedu from Kennedy Krieger Education and Community Services Email: serc@bcps.org to receive the registration link.

September 25, 2024, 7 to 8:30 p.m., (Virtual) Topic: Understanding Your Child's Behavior Intervention Plan Facilitator: Carly Hughes from Behind Behaviors Consulting Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/r/m2Y3vxbvRL?origin=lprLink>



The Reading Corner

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year. This is truly the most exciting time of year at Rodgers Forge Elementary! The children are getting familiar with their teachers, new classroom routines, meeting new friends, reconnecting with old friends, and engaging with rich content and curriculum.

As the reading specialist, I work with students in all grades to provide appropriate and effective instruction. The role of the reading specialist is to support, supplement and extend the already excellent teaching that happens daily in classrooms. At the start of each school year, I administer and analyze a variety of assessments to monitor the strengths and needs of all students. These assessments take a closer look at a students' decoding, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

My schedule is mostly comprised of teaching phonics intervention groups. I communicate frequently with classroom teachers to share data, discuss progress, or make changes to instruction that are based on data. I also serve as a resource to teachers and work collaboratively with them as we plan for and implement reading and writing instruction.

As we get back into the swing of things and continue successful routines, here are some fun ways to continue reading at home:

1. Keep with our school theme and play word games at home. *BOGGLE* and *Zingo!* are 2 of my favorites, but it's easy to turn classic games such as *Memory* or *Go Fish* into reading games using high frequency words or rhyming word pairs!
2. Establish a routine or designate a time where everyone relaxes with a book to model good reading behaviors at home.
3. Visit the public library to check out books. This is a great way to expose children to different genres and new authors.
4. Stop by our very own *Little Free Library* and grab a book on your way to or from school. Feel free to add some of your favorite books for friends to enjoy.

I look forward to a very exciting school year with you and your children. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. My email address is mday@bcps.org.

Happy Reading! ~ Ms. Day (Reading Specialist)



MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

Welcome back to school, RFES! We loved seeing all your adventures with Flat Rodger this summer. We hope you had a great summer and we can't wait to show you all the fun we have planned this year.

We hope to see you at the annual Ice Cream Social! Be on the lookout for more information soon!

Looking ahead:

Sept.

6- Kona Ice 3:45 pm



12- PTA & DEI Meetings 6:30 pm and 7 pm

20- Ice Cream Social 5-7 pm

24- Individual Picture Day

24- Yearbook Signing for 6th Grade 3:45-4:3 pm



Oct.

3- No School

17- Generations Day 9:15 am

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Brittany Besold

RFES PTA Communications Secretary

News from the Counselor's Corner



WE ARE PEACEMAKERS!

WELCOME BACK! It is so wonderful to see everyone again! This month we will be focusing on two virtues that are part of our Rodgers Forge Code of Conduct **RESPECT** and **RESPONSIBILITY**.

Classroom Lessons

The theme for September counseling lessons is "School Success." This month's topic explores tips for a successful school year.

5TH GRADE PARENTS/GUARDIANS - MAGNET SCHOOLS INFORMATION

Here are some important dates to note:

- **Week of August 26th** - Magnet brochures distributed to 5th grade students; Magnet brochure posted online (www.bcps.org search "Magnet Programs").
- **September 10th** – Magnet Applications will be available **online** beginning **at noon** at the Office of Magnet Programs website (www.bcps.org, search "Magnet Programs").
- **September 28th** – Magnet EXPO! 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CCBC Essex Wellness and Athletic Center
- **Magnet Application Information Meetings and Showcase Events** – Details on online Magnet Brochure
- **November 1st** – Online application DEADLINE at 1 p.m.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS REFERRAL PROCESS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

I wanted to provide some information on private school referrals. For those of you who are interested in having your child apply to a private school, I will be responsible for processing records and referrals for our students. The procedures below **must be adhered to** in order for the application process to be most efficient. These steps will also help expedite the application process for you and your child.

- Please submit **the Release of Records form** giving us permission to release student records and the teacher recommendation form to Mrs. Ludwig for processing (*do not give the form directly to your child's teacher*). **The Common Referral Form is not to be completed by our staff until after the 1st Quarter of the school year.** This referral form is sent with your student's academic transcript so that the private school receives one complete packet of information. **The Release of Records form is provided by the private schools to which your child is applying to.** *Nothing can be completed or processed without this form for each of the schools to which you are applying.*
- **After 1st Quarter, (after mid-November)** your student's teachers will complete the *Common Referral Form*, which is a confidential document used by most private schools. This form requests information about academic ability, classroom performance, school behavior, and personal abilities. Sometimes schools send the teacher referral form electronically. *If this is the case, please provide the classroom teacher's e-mail address and not mine.*
- Please include a \$5.00 check made payable to **Rodgers Forge Elementary**. This fee will cover the cost of duplicating records, the large mailing envelope, and postage to mail the completed application (please do not send stamped envelopes.)
- Please be patient. Allow **at least** two weeks for our staff to process your application package.
- In order to ensure that your application is to the private school by the appropriate deadline (for most schools that is January 9th or 15th), please send in your request by December 9th. **All requests that are turned in after December 9th cannot be guaranteed to be sent out by January 15th.**

SEPTEMBER

Towson Branch
320 York Road Towson, MD 21204
410-887-6166

**WED
4**

PLAYFUL PALS

10:30–11:30 a.m. • Ages Birth – 5 years

Meet new friends at the Library. Enjoy fun activities and music while making friends.



**FRI
20**

CHALK THE WALK

3–4 p.m. • All Ages

Beautify our outdoor walkways with welcoming images and messages to celebrate Welcoming Week.

**SAT
28**

THE MAYHEM MAGICAL CIRCUS

2–3 p.m. • All Ages

Former Ringling Bros. circus and Maryland Renaissance Festival performer Gregory May builds his own wacky circus show. Join him as he juggles, walks on a rolling globe, spins plates and ropes, and messes up magic tricks with tons of fun and lots of laughs. It is a wild ride for the whole family.

**MON
9 & 23**

BABY CRAFT TIME

10:30–11:30 a.m. • Ages Birth–4 years

Join us for open-ended art projects as your little one explores different art materials in a variety of shapes, colors and sizes. Dress for a mess — you and your little one might get messy during this program.

**EVERY
TUES**

INFANT STORY TIME

10:30 a.m. • Ages Birth–12 months

Designed for newborns and crawlers; siblings and all abilities welcome.

**EVERY
THURS**

FAMILY STORY TIME

10:30 a.m. • Ages Birth–5 years

Designed for children who range from newly mobile and active to learning to sit for short periods; siblings and all abilities welcome. First come, first served.



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**WED
4**

YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

6:30–7:30 p.m. • Adult

Learn basic yoga techniques and breathing exercises to increase fitness, focus and overall wellness. This program can be modified for those wanting to use a chair. Yoga mat optional.



**THUR
12**

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION: NO SENIOR EATS ALONE

9–10:30 a.m. • Adult

Share a light breakfast with friends new and old. It's been shown that sharing meals together improves health, happiness and social connection. Intended for ages 60 and older.

**WED
11**

TRIVIA NIGHT

6:30–7:30 p.m. • Adult

Have fun and compete to win prizes with other trivia fans.

**SAT
14**

GARDEN DESIGN WITH NATIVE PLANTS

2–3:30 p.m. • Adult

Find out how to get started adding native plants to your yard. Learn about the importance of planting native foliage and review some specific landscape designs.

**SAT
21**

TOWSON REN FAIRE

2–4 p.m. • All Ages

The Towson Ren Faire is back. Join us for an afternoon of jousting and other Medieval activities.



**MON
30**

SELF-PORTRAITS IN THE STYLE OF FRIDA KAHLO

5:30–7 p.m. • Teen

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by making a self-portrait in the style of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. You'll use a variety of media to create a meaningful expression of who you are, inside and out. All supplies provided.



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FALL '24

TOWSON REC CLUBS

RODGERS FORGE E.S.

GAMES GALORE

Games inspired by the Olympics and the Paralympics, led by our own **Mrs. Celenza!** Get your mind and body moving before the school day so you are ready to engage in learning! **Fee: \$45** (offered two different days; each day is a separate fee)

Grade: 1 - 5 (W), K - 2 (Th) Time: 8 - 8:45
 Dates: 9/25-10/30 Day: Wed
 Dates: 9/26-11/7 (no 10/3) Day: Thur

CRAZY SCIENCE INVESTIGATION

Step into the shoes of a real-life investigator -- perfect for kids with a passion for solving mysteries and cracking codes. Learn the art of forensic science, from collecting evidence and analyzing fingerprints to deciphering clues and piecing together puzzles. Don't worry parents, the curriculum is age-appropriate! Presented by The Science Guys of Baltimore. **Fee: \$110**

Grade: K - 5 Time: 8 - 8:45
 Dates: 9/27-11/5* Day: Fri
 *no 10/18 or 11/1

CHEERLEADING

This co-ed club will teach students the proper cheerleading techniques which include motions, cheers, dancing, stretching, jumps, small stunts, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Led by **Ms. Krafft and Kasey Collier**. **Fee: \$60**

Grade: 1 - 5 Time: 3:45 - 4:45
 Dates: 9/25-10/30 Day: Wed

GET MOOVING GAMES

Have fun and get moving through active games run by Mr. Moo of Get Moving Games! We'll play your favorite activities from P.E. such as dodgeball, tag, relays, and more. www.getmovinggames.com **Fee: \$75**

Grade: 1 - 5 Time: 3:45 - 4:45
 Dates: 9/24-10/29 Day: Tue

FUN WITH CHESS

Learn to play chess from local Chess Master, William Morrison, who has been coaching chess from beginners to chess master level for over 20+ years! Learn from the best! **Fee: \$65**

Grade: 3 - 5 Time: 8 - 8:45
 Dates: 9/26-11/7 (no 10/3) Day: Thur

KARATE

Shihan Karen Kells will teach practical self-defense methods, how to avoid confrontation and fundamental karate skills. Instruction by www.kellskarate.com **Fee: \$90**

Grade: K - 5 Time: 3:45 - 4:30
 Early Fall: 9/26-11/14* Day: Thu
 *No 10/3, 10/31

FIBER ARTS

Explore a variety of fiber arts and techniques, including paper and yarn weaving, string art, spool knitters, easy hand-sewing stitches, basics of crochet/knitting and more. Each project will provide opportunities to explore color, style, design, and culture/history. By Charm City Music School. **Fee: \$85**

Grade: 1 - 5 Time: 8 - 8:45
 Dates: 9/24-10/29 Day: Tue

DRUM CIRCLE

Bucket drums are one of the most beginner-friendly instruments for younger children. Through fun and active rhythm exercises, students learn songs and games that promote listening, focusing, following directions, and playing in an ensemble. By Charm City Music School. **Fee: \$85**

Grade: K - 3 Time: 8 - 8:45
 Date: 9/25-10/30 Day: Wed

SNAPOLOGY

Dive into exciting hands-on challenges that bring STEAM concepts to life using LEGO® bricks. We promote problem-solving skills and foster creativity, communication, and teamwork through fun and impactful activities. By Snalogy. **Fee: \$90**

Grade: 1 - 5 Time: 3:45 - 4:45
 Early Fall: 9/25-10/30 Day: Wed

MORNING FUN RUN!

This outdoor morning club includes stretches to awaken your body and mind followed by fun running games and a nice cool-down before the morning bell! All are welcome! Led by **Ms. Traynor and Mrs. Wohltmann!** **Fee: \$45**

Grade: 3 - 5 Time: 8 - 8:45
 Dates: 9/26-11/7 (no 10/3) Day: Thur

CHORUS

Ms. Tierney will lead this morning chorus program in preparation for a Winter Concert presented on December 19th at 6:30 p.m. held at RFES. **Note: later start date and runs 9 weeks**. **Fee: \$45**

Grade: 1 - 3 Time: 8 - 8:45
 Dates: 10/15-12/17 Day: Tue

FUN WITH SPANISH

It's easy and fun to learn a language when you are young! A variety of themes & fun activities round out this exciting program by Fun with Foreign Language. **Fee: \$135**

Grade: K - 2 Time: 3:45 - 4:45
 Dates: 9/24-10/29 Day: Tue

DODGEBALL

Everyone's favorite! Join **Mrs. Celenza** in this fun and active start to the morning using super-safe, fun methods for a great experience! **Fee: \$45**

Grade: 2 - 5 Time: 8 - 8:45
 Dates: 9/24-10/29 Day: Tue

PLAY LAB

At Play Lab, it's always 'kids' choice! Legos, arts and crafts, imaginary play, board games, music and more! Free play builds imaginations, helps us make friends, teaches conflict resolution, boosts self-esteem and most importantly, makes us HAPPY! Led by Kasey Collier, TU Elem Ed. **Fee: \$40**

Grade: K - 5 Time: 3:45-4:45
 Dates: 9/26-11/14* Day: Thu
 *no 10/3, 10/31

UKULELE

Learn how to play this joyful instrument from musicians at The Music Space in Towson. Students must supply their own ukulele. No experience necessary. **Fee: \$65**

Grade: 3 - 5 Time: 8 - 8:45
 Dates: 9/27-11/15* Day: Fri
 *no 10/18 or 11/1

REGISTER HERE!

Registration closes 9/13
or until filled



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This month in....



Exploratory Music

Our first unit is the *Science and Sound* and students will be participating in sound experiments! We will learn about soundwaves, frequencies, vibration, and pitch and how this knowledge will transfer to the instruments we will study this year. The four instrument families are: woodwinds, percussion, strings, and brass! The students will explore these families by playing one instrument from each family to decide which instrument they want to play in 5th grade.

Instrumental Music

Students in 5th grade will start their weekly pull-out sectionals on their instruments! **Please be sure to order the required textbook, Sound Innovations Book 1, to be brought to every lesson along with their instrument, music folder, and pencil (stored inside the case).**

Important Dates for September:

9/6 - Instrument loan agreements and sign-up forms due

9/10 - Virtual Instrumental Meeting 6:00-6:45PM

Google Meet Code: Shermanmusic (log in on student BCPS device)

9/13 - Menchey Music Instrument Rental Drop-Off to RFES

9/16-9/20 - First week of lessons (instruments sent home)

9/20 - Full Band Rehearsal on the Stage

Mrs. Sherman

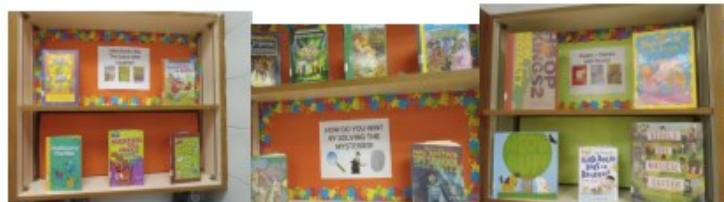
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September Library Update

– A Year of Games, Learning, and Fun!



Hello everyone, from the Rodgers Forge library! Welcome back to the 2024-2025 school year, and another year of great books in our awesome library! I am Mr. Pete Holden, the library media specialist here at Rodgers Forge Elementary School. After seeing off my daughter Morgan for her senior year in college, I've been busily preparing the library for your child's arrival!



These are some pictures of our “game-themed” library displays as we “put our pieces on the board” for a new year! Each week, your student will attend library media class, as we explore different types of literature and “be a part of the reading game together” in the search for information from books and online sources! They will enjoy read-aloud stories and get a chance to check out books! Kindergarteners and 1st Graders will be able to check out 1 book, 2nd – 4th graders take home 2, and 5th graders can check out 3!

September Lesson Focus – Digital Citizenship



In September, our library units begin a focus on Digital Citizenship! These are the skills your student will need to navigate the online world in which we live. Topics like balancing your time with media, the digital footprint you leave behind when you go online, and proper digital behavior and etiquette are just a few of the topics we will be covering!

STAYING IN TOUCH



Remember, if you have any questions, or need to contact me for any reason, you can email me at pholden@bcps.org!

Let's enjoy the "library game" and "move around the board" into a new year together!!!!





**Welcome Back
to Another
Exciting Year
in Art!**



In the Art Room!

What an exciting start to school year 2024-2025! Every child will be creating their own ART PORTFOLIO to assist them in keeping their artwork organized throughout the school year. They will be storing their portfolios in their color-coded "class drawer" in the art room to help the whole class with organization. Each child will be using their creativity and imagination to design, draw and color their portfolio.

RFES students will be starting to create their Pinwheels for Peace starting the second week in September. This is an annual tradition here at RFES in which the

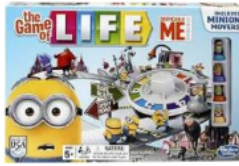
students get the opportunity to share with their friends, family and community what "peace" means to them.

Many students love sharing different ways they can be a peacemaker such as being friendly, sharing, and helping others.

Students are using cardstock and a variety of colored art media to cut, fold, and assemble their Paper Pinwheel Sculptures.



MUSIC



GAME ON!

Musical Greetings,

It is exciting to be back at school and making music together. I am so glad to see all the happy faces and hear the voices of our wonderful Rodgers Forge students.

We are diving into a new school year full of music, instruments, singing and movement. We will be kicking the year off in **4th grade** using our **recorders** from last year. We will start using them in September. Please note the **concert dates** below. **Chorus Club** for 1st-3rd graders is around the corner. Information can be found in the Fall Rec Clubs Flyer.

I hope you will join in scanning receipts for **Box Tops**; they help fund our music program.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Sing-cerely,

Mrs. Lisa Tierney ltierney@bcps.org

Save these Date: Concert Connections

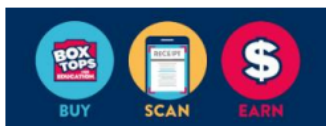
Fifth graders will participate in our Winter and Spring Concerts. The chorus, band and orchestra will be featured at both events. Concert attire will be white shirts and dark pants or skirts. More information will be sent home before the concert dates.

Winter Concert: December 17, 2024 @ 6:30 (**Chorus Club** members will be participating in this concert)

Spring Concert: May 20, 2025 @ 6:30

March 11, 2025 @ 6:30 will be our school **STEAM Night**. 4th and 5th graders have the opportunity to share their talents at the **Coffeehouse**.

Third Graders will be learning to play the recorder. As part of our *Recorder Karate* program, we will celebrate our accomplishments with a concert on **April 8, 2025**. Our concert attire will be casual. School colors, red and/or white shirts, with jeans and comfortable shoes.



Any day can be a Box Top Day!



Our music department and all Rodgers Forge students benefit from the Box Tops For Education Program.

Please download the free Box Tops app and scan your receipts from the grocery store, Target, and Walmart...wherever you buy Box Tops products!

Use the link or QR code for more information! <https://www.bboxtops4education.com/>



RFES



Share Your Culture with Us!

We will be celebrating cultural diversity **all year** at RFES!

We are looking for RFES family and community members to take part.



Reach out to your student's homeroom teacher for more information!



Visit the link below for more information about the history, importance, and ways to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.



<https://latino.si.edu/learn/teaching-and-learning-resources/hispanic-heritage-month-resources>

