

Hart to Heart

May 10, 2018

Please join me in welcoming...



Marisa Mobley

Marisa Mobley, our new school secretary. I am delighted to share that Mrs. Mobley has joined Mrs. Siddons in our school office. She has recently moved to the area from Georgia. She has a wealth of experience and she is looking forward to working with everyone. She is still learning names and processes so please be patient in the days and weeks to come. You can reach her by email at mobleym@lmsd.org



Laurel Yurchak

Mrs. Yurchak, our new Math Support Teacher, officially transitioned to Belmont Hills last week. As I shared in a previous correspondence, Mrs. Yurchak began her teaching career at Belmont Hills and has been working at Gladwyne Elementary School for the past few years. Over the past few days, she has been working closely with classroom teachers and facilitating small group sessions.

Her contact information is yurchal@lmsd.org.

A Few Highlights:

April was an important month at Belmont Hills. We recognized and celebrated National Poetry Month, Earth Day and Autism Awareness. Here are few images:

Autism Awareness

The puzzle piece
official symbol of
Autism Awareness



was invented by the National Autism Society as the
Autism Awareness. So you may be asking what the
Ribbon means:

The *different colors and shapes* show that each of us is unique. While we all have some things that make us like others such as sports, food and books we like. There are also some things that make us different and special.

The *bright colors* show friendship. We will do everything we can to be friendly, kind, and helpful to someone who has autism.

The *puzzle pattern* shows that adults and children are still learning about autism. No one knows everything there is to know about autism.



Children's Garden



The 19th annual Children's Garden was held last Wednesday, on the warmest day of the year- to date. We gathered as an entire school community, to not only recognize Earth Day but also two other important events held in April- National Poetry Month and Autism Awareness. In addition to the grade level performances, we had the opportunity to sing a few of the Belmont Hills' favorites.

A Reminder about Upcoming Events:



FANCY FRIDAY Friday, May 11th

Students, Staff, Parents, Everyone is invited to come dressed to impress ... in your unique interpretation of Fancy Attire. During this time of celebrations & graduations we will be honoring our students & alumni by raising money for the **Judy Vietri Scholarship Fund**. This scholarship goes to a **Belmont Hills Elementary School Alum** upon their high school graduation. On Fancy Friday, volunteers will be at morning drop-off, in the lobby and in front of the school collecting monetary donations from our Fancy-Attired Community.



French Market- May 18th from 9:30 AM-11:30 AM

Our annual French Market Family provides an opportunity for our students to be immersed into French culture. Family members are invited to see our second graders sing their favorite French songs, visit the café and meet famous or not-so-famous people connected to French culture and history.



Cultural Potluck- Friday, May 18th 6:00-7:30 PM

All families are invited to attend the final pot luck dinner of the school year. Families are encouraged to bring a dish that represents your family traditions, religion, culture or ethnic background.



Other Important Reminders

- We ask that students wear sneakers or closed toe shoes to school.
- Please have your children check the Lost and Found. There are many items that have not been claimed.
- Please do not drop children off at school *before* 8:40 AM. Staff members are on duty at this time to supervise the Bus Lane and Parent Drop-off area. Students should not be dropped off at the front crosswalks, but should drive into the side parking lot and drop off at the drop-off designated area where a staff member will be there to receive them.
- All absences require a note, a doctor's note or call/email to the Absence/lateness Hotline (610-645-1949 or email belmonthillsabsences@lmsd.org). After ten AEC absences with parent notes, all subsequent absences will require a doctor's note.