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Editor's Note

By Martha Marani

Even though both my kids have graduated from college and are well beyond the need for back-to-school shopping, fall still evokes the sight of new white Keds, the smell of freshly sharpened pencils, the sound of balls bouncing on a playground and, oddly, the taste of a PB&J. Fall also brings with it a feeling of anticipation—of the possibilities that come with the start of a new school year. Picture the blank page of a black and white composition notebook.

For Baltimore school children, that blank notebook might be filled over the next 10 months with experiences from a wide variety of opportunities, from an inspirational science, engineering, technology and math (STEM) program that is empowering young women through aviation offered at Roland Park Elementary Middle School and Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, among others, to fall-themed outdoor learning at Bryn Mawr Little School and Waldorf School of Baltimore, to lessons in literary analysis at the Friends School of Baltimore. Gilman School students have the chance to hone their entrepreneurial spirit. Roland Park Country School has signature programs in the visual and performing arts, world languages, leadership skills and STEM. STEM is also a focus of Garrison Forest School's offerings, which include partnerships with Johns Hopkins University and a network of on- and off-campus mentors. And students at The Park School of Baltimore have a new Science and Engineering Wing on their 100-acre campus this fall. I almost...almost...wish I could go back to school.

The fall brings plenty of opportunities for adults to start something new, too. You could join other birders for Baltimore Bird Club Walks at Lake Roland on Tuesdays from September through November. In October,



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catch up with neighbors at a Fall Fling hosted by the Civic League at the Woman's Club of Roland Park. November brings opportunities to appreciate the work of local artists at the Artful Harvest exhibit at Roland Park Presbyterian Church and to get started on your holiday shopping at the annual St. David's Holiday Bazaar. See "Calendar Highlights" for details about these and other events happening this fall.

Read our new feature on Roland Park volunteers by Kathy Hudson and get inspired by your neighbor Kate Culotta to pitch in where you can. For example, the Community Foundation is looking for experts in fundraising, landscaping, animals and wildlife, diversity and inclusion, events and administration to help with Hillside Park.

Whatever the season holds, I wish you all a happy fall! ♦

Cover: Cadet Tanya Sigler, a Baltimore Polytechnic Institute rising junior in the school's ROTC program, is a Phase II participant in Empowerment Through Aviation. Photo courtesy ETA

Girls Fly High with “Empowerment Through Aviation”

By April Newton

A science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) program serving Baltimore City schools is working to break through race and gender barriers, and help girls find their wings, literally.

Empowerment Through Aviation (ETA) will start its third year when the 2023/24 school year gets underway, offering girls a chance to learn more about aviation as an industry, from engineering, to flying, to running aviation-related businesses. ETA is a multi-year program that also works with 10th grade girls and one rising 12th grader.



ETA was inspired by Brigitte Jacobson, (top) a former Navy pilot and lieutenant commander in the Navy. Photos courtesy of ETA



The students get a chance to meet women working in aviation during 7th grade, while those in 10th grade get some actual flying hours and the rising 12th grader will work on attaining her pilot license.

Mi'onte McGhee, a Roland Park Elementary Middle School (RPEMS) student, took part in the spring of 2023, during ETA's second year.

"It definitely opened my eyes to a new pathway that I would be interested in taking. I definitely have been considering jobs as a pilot," McGhee says.

Mike Jacobson was inspired by a friend to start ETA after his wife Brigitte Jacobson, a former pilot and lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy, died. Jacobson said Brigitte believed she was one of only six Black women pilots in the Navy when she was serving. As a parent with children in Baltimore City schools, Brigitte became a dedicated mentor for students in the school system and hoped to one day share flight and flying with them, so ETA made a lot of sense.

"It's a way to do something in Brigitte's memory that would be more than a one-time deal, something that would be more in-depth in terms of the mentorship that it provided, and something that would tie together all of the

GIRLS FLY HIGH WITH ETA

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aspects of her personality, her history as a pilot, her commitment to equality and diversity in education, her mentorship, and all of that," says Jacobson.

Each year for three years, ETA has added a new phase to the programming available for students. For the summer of 2023, the organization helped support a rising 12th grader to get her private pilot license in the hopes she will have it before she begins the college application process.

McGhee and four classmates at RPEMS took part in the second year of the program, along with 10 other 7th graders from Franklin Square and Commodore John Rogers middle schools. She is in the Ingenuity Program at RPEMS and her brother is an aerospace designer, so she is already interested in math and science. Still, she hadn't had that much direct exposure to flying.

"I kind of have a thing for physics and stuff, so I knew a little bit about how it worked. But I learned a lot while I was there, a lot more than I probably would have learned on my own," McGhee says.

One of McGhee's favorite field trips with ETA was going to Baltimore Polytechnic Institute to use the flight simulator.

"They showed us how to work the nose of the airplanes, and things like that, and I really liked that," McGhee says.

Yvette Schreiber is a science teacher at RPEMS who has known Jacobson for several years, working with him on an "Adopt-a-Pilot" program for her students and also teaching one of his sons. When Jacobson wanted to get ETA off the ground, he asked Schreiber to help connect and guide the RPEMS students. She believes the program is important for expanding what students understand about the broad field of aviation.

"I've liked that we were meeting women and women of color that weren't even directly pilots, because people think aviation is flying, and they're like, 'okay, my only option is to be a pilot,' and there are all these other options," explains Schreiber.

Jacobson said so far ETA has been supported by donations from friends and family, but flight, aviation and learning to be a pilot have a high price tag, which is traditionally one of the greatest barriers for women and people of color who would like to pursue careers in the field. The organization has a website at empowermentthroughaviation.org where you can learn more about Brigitte Jacobson and the organization, and make donations. ❖



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A Cylburn Oak Encounter

By Brent “Fig” Foglestahler, Cylburn Arboretum Friends Head Gardener

Like us, oaks (genus *Quercus*) are evolutionary mavericks. Scientists believe the first oaks appeared about 56 million years ago in the Eocene Epoch. From a single undifferentiated group, oaks evolved into the 435 species found today. The Americas are home to approximately 60 percent of all *Quercus* species. Just picture the differences in leaves, acorns and growth habits among North American oaks alone.

Although very middle-class when compared to the wide array of arbor champions, oaks are impressive as a genera. It’s believed that the genus *Quercus* comprises more forest tree biomass than any other in North America. As a keystone species in the forests they inhabit, oaks are extremely ecologically significant in comparison to other woody plants, making them not just important members of our forests, but also of our cities, our carbon sink and even our collective cultural legacies. Whether providing food from acorns, building material for ships, furniture, barrels and shelter, ink for writing, or corks for bottles, oaks have proved themselves indispensably linked to humans and the development of modern civilization. This link is not without its toll for the oaks, as we have increasingly shaped the environmental conditions in which they grow.

Have you noticed the loss of mature oaks from forest canopies? Cylburn Arboretum aims to do something about it. The United States Forest Service (USFS), along with the University of Delaware and University of Kentucky, are using Cylburn in a multi-city study of white oak (*Quercus alba*) and chestnut oak (*Quercus montana*). The study uses oak seedlings sourced from a north to south gradient of cities to measure climate resiliency. The planting sites capture both forest “canopy gap” contexts and full sun “orchard” contexts. The study is also concerned with urban silviculture (the growing and cultivation of trees) techniques. The data gathered will help foster a future of improved methods for growing oaks in urban contexts and will hopefully enable growers to select trees with more resilience to human-induced challenges, like competition from introduced species and anthropogenic (human-caused) climate change. Around 900 year-old seedlings were planted this spring. Harvestable acorns will likely not appear for another decade. This gives researchers plenty of time to watch for morphological (relating to the form or structure) variables and place bets on which city’s acorns will perform best.

Geologists refer to our present epoch as the Anthropocene, or era of humans. While typical geologic processes like erosion and sedimentation quietly occur even in our own harbor, an obvious key marker of the Anthropocene is our omnipresent use of concrete. Although considered by some an error, it brought me great joy to see that the concrete in our very own Nature Education Center came with a defect or two. With close examination, you can see imprints




A University of Delaware college student planted the “orchard” portion of Cylburn’s oak study last spring. Photo courtesy of Cylburn




of leaves from the surrounding oaks permanently cast into the structure’s floor. Undoubtedly carried by the fall wind during construction, these leaves have made their mark on a public building dedicated to “uncovering the hidden world of trees.” Simultaneously, the oaks have left their mark on Cylburn’s fossil record. As we make our mark here at Cylburn—one with 900 oak seedlings and a new building—it is my hope that this is not just a place where oaks grow, but also where we grow with them. ❖


Cylburn Arboretum Friends (cylburn.org) is the non-profit organization that has been partnering with the City of Baltimore since 1954 to maintain the grounds and gardens at Cylburn. As a 501 (c)(3), nonprofit organization, it provides support and stewardship for Baltimore City’s Cylburn Arboretum as a place of natural beauty, tranquility, culture and learning, open to all.

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Thoughts and Suggestions for Very Challenging Weather

By Devra He'ui Kitterman

This year has been one of astonishing and unrelenting extremes in our global climate. North America alone has been bombarded with extreme snowfall, extreme rain and flooding events, deadly record heat, extreme storms, extreme drought, wildfires in more than 12 states, and the suffocating particulate-laden smoke orbiting eastward from more than 27 million acres of fire-scorched territory in western Canada. And, as of this writing, hurricane season hasn't started yet. Good luck, Florida, where the water temperatures during the last week of July reached 101.1 degrees. These increased water temperatures prime the power of hurricanes, bleach (kill) the coral reefs that are home to myriad and irreplaceable sea life, and cause the ocean currents to slow, providing ideal conditions for hurricanes and cyclones to stall over often heavily populated areas for longer periods of time, thus increasing the danger and damage to wildlife, humans and infrastructure.

Seventy-five percent of Americans think that these calamities are caused by human activity-induced climate change and the remaining 25 percent of folks either outright dispute the science, or just can't figure out what the cause is. It is possible that the doubters are not particularly informed or concerned citizens, and every attempt should be made to move ahead with efforts on multiple fronts to stop the damage that we are incurring upon all earthly beings. In no other realm, whether in business or academics, would the least knowledgeable people have control over how policy is determined. That would seem to only happen in politics.

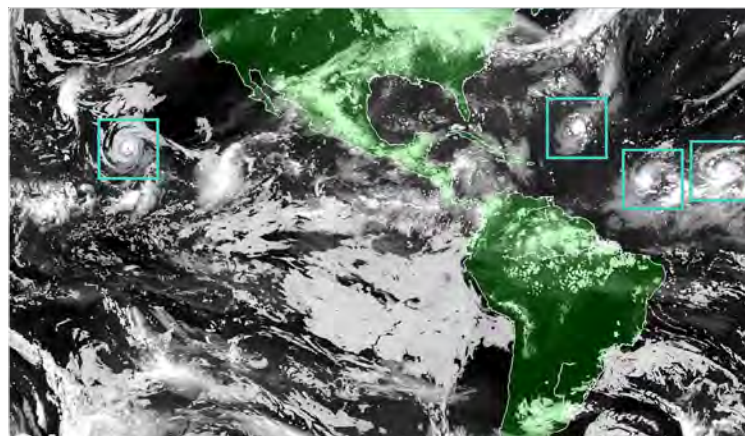
As every person over the age of 50 can attest, the threat of global warming has been argued over for several decades, but the resulting catastrophes have happened only in the last decade or so, and are increasing now at an exponential rate. It is scary to imagine that it just might get a lot worse. Agriculture and water availability have already collapsed in some parts of the world and, along with corrupt and violent political actors, have caused the massive movement of refugees to all parts of the world. Tribalism, resource insecurity and xenophobia ensue.

Some good news is that parts of America have taken our worsening weather seriously and people



Americans are planting more pollinator-friendly habitats (above). Photo: Sally Foster

Crape myrtle comes in a variety of colors, shapes and sizes (right). Photo courtesy of Missouri Botanical Garden



The Hurricane Analysis and Forecast System "moving nest" Model, a map showing land mass in green, water in black, clouds in white and tropical storms outlined in green boxes representing the moving nest model. Image credit: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

are trying on a change of behavior. You hear conversations about citizens eating less meat, commuting to work on bicycles or mass transit, buying electric vehicles and electric yard and power tools, recycling (unfortunately only 2 percent of recyclables are actually recycled in Baltimore, a very poor showing), flying less, consuming less, wasting less, having fewer children, xeriscaping in desert climates, and planting more for habitat and pollinators, which are responsible for three out of five mouthfuls of food that we consume.

One of the things we can do here in Roland Park and in Baltimore in general is to plant more trees and to make them a priority. (A few years ago, I stumbled across the fact that Baltimore had the third largest tree canopy of cities in the U.S.). We have certainly lost a lot of trees here over the last two decades, some due to age and disease, and some due to neglect or development. More shade in our city would help reduce the ambient temperatures during hot weather. Our poorer neighborhoods have definitely been historically shortchanged in the planting of trees. Educating and including residents in the planting and care of these trees should be more strongly encouraged, hopefully with better outcomes.

We may need to start planting more trees that can tolerate hotter conditions, like crape myrtle (*Lagerstroemia speciosa*), which comes in an array of color from fuschias, pinks, lavenders, blues, purples





Pollinators rely on winter-blooming evergreen camellias (left).

Eastern redbuds can withstand hot climates (below).

The native weeping blue atlas cedar provides habitat for a variety of birds (right). Photos courtesy of Missouri Botanical Garden



and whites, and a variety of shapes and sizes, including dwarf and pendulous (weeping) forms. A native of Asia, they are heat- and drought-tolerant once established. The bark of some are a colorful camouflage of browns, grays and whites.

Evergreen camellias are also becoming more common in our 7b climate zone. Several varieties of magnolia also seem to be thriving more here. Winter-blooming, evergreen camellias are important to pollinators that are out foraging for nectar and pollen during our warmer winters.

Let me just say at this point that the use of native plants is critical to our pollinators, birds and other wildlife, but there are some excellent non-natives that many insect species populations depend on during cooler seasons and, at this point, would collapse without them. Keep in mind that, in suburban neighborhoods, we want to try to have at least an attractive presentation of our increasingly habitat-planted yards, using environmentally useful ornamentals and dwarf evergreens, instead of a mass of solely native plants that might create a dead look during the winter.

Two great native trees that can stand hot climates are white oak (*Quercus alba*) (zones 3-9) and Eastern redbud (*Cercis canadensis*) (zones 4-9), with the weeping red-leaved form ('Ruby Falls') being particularly lovely. We really need to be replacing our disappearing large deciduous trees or we may lose our park-like environs.

Unfortunately, our beloved spruces are dying out due to heat and spruce beetle infestations. You may notice the many skeletal remains of the once very popular Colorado blue spruce (*Picea pungens*) and our stately 100-foot-tall Norway spruces (*Picea abies*). Both are disappearing with the warming climate. Consider instead cedars, like the native Eastern red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*), Karl Fuchs Himalayan Cedar (*Cedrus deodara* 'Karl Fuchs'), weeping blue atlas cedar (*Cedrus atlantica* 'Glauca Pendula') and others, and the many types and sizes of hollies, which are fantastic evergreen pollinator plants that provide food



and cover for many types of birds and can tolerate some shade. Non-native cryptomeria are superb for part shade, and there are fine dwarf and rotund forms.

I want to take the opportunity to thank and acknowledge all the Roland Park and surrounding area neighbors who have eliminated all or part of their lawns and instead intentionally and thoughtfully planted lovely yards for habitat and pollinators. There is a paradigm shift occurring and it is wonderful to behold.

Don't forget to "Leave the Leaves" in your planting beds this fall. You will be doing a most wonderful service to the environment. For more information, see xerces.org/blog/leave-the-leaves. Also, it is not too late to

order native bulbs (e.g., crocus, buttercup, allium, snowdrops, scilla) that are of little interest to deer and rabbits, but critically important to early emerging native bees and pollinators.

Thank you! ❖

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Community Building

By Kathy Hudson

From its beginning, Roland Park has depended on volunteers. Volunteer-staffed boards and committees of the Civic League and the Roads & Maintenance Corporation have always tended to community issues and to the maintenance of architectural guidelines, as well as to the physical maintenance of footpaths, lanes, islands and sidewalks.

In 1984, to fulfill neighborhood needs that Baltimore City could no longer afford, two community leaders, the late Bill Wilson and David Rudow, founded the Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) corporation.

Today, the three organizations work together to maintain and enhance the community of 1,100 households. Two part-time employees work in a shared office on Roland Avenue above Chase Bank.

Besides focusing on Roland Park, the three organizations have been involved in preserving and maintaining structures and spaces used by other city residents: the Roland Park branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, the Roland Park fire station, the playground and gym at Roland Park Elementary Middle School, Stony Run, the Roland Water Tower, Centennial Park on University Parkway and Falls Road Terrace, as well as 15 green

islands and the network of 17 footpaths. Soon, Hillside Park on Falls Road, the largest privately operated public park created in Baltimore City in more than 100 years, will be under deed to the Community Foundation, which raised millions for its purchase.

Kate Culotta, A 20-Year Volunteer

For 20 years, and in various capacities for the three organizations, Kate Culotta, a full-time residential interior designer, has worked as a volunteer. For the Civic League, she now organizes meals for firefighters and, for the Community Foundation, she runs the tree-planting program started in 2007 by the late Al Copp.

Culotta moved to Hawthorn Road in 1996, when she and Tony, president of Antron Corporation, married. Both of their now-grown children, Jac and Marissa, were born there. In 2015, the family moved to the historic Stieff house Chrogi on Ridgewood Road. As they had done on Hawthorn, the couple did thorough and preservation-minded renovations. They unearthed and replanted the original rock garden, restored the fishpond, tennis court, portico and porches. They restored and expanded the extensive gardens, then went room by room inside the house. They did not knock out walls or remove any ornamental plaster inside or out. They meticulously restored historic details, such as the walls of the acclaimed Walnut Room, an 18th century Spanish brass chandelier and Gideon Stieff's "pub" on the lower level of the house.



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All the while, Culotta continued as a Roland Park community volunteer. Recently, we asked her a little bit about the many roles she has played.

KH: *How did all of this volunteering begin?*

KC: In 2003, I volunteered as a Civic League Plat 1 representative. While serving my term, Louise Senft asked if I'd switch to Roads & Maintenance. The following year, I was asked to take over as the Civic League board secretary, so I did both for a year, then continued as secretary for five more years.

KH: *When did you start fundraising for improvements to the Roland Park fire station?*

KC: In 2007, the fire department brought the rundown conditions of the firehouse to the Civic League, since the City didn't have the funds for complete repairs and considered closing the firehouse. Late that year, the Civic League started raising funds for the repairs (roof, kitchen, locker area for women). Martha Marani and I chaired the fundraising plan. We started with an open house at the fire station on a Saturday afternoon between Thanksgiving and Christmas. We supplied treats and hot cocoa, and David DeBoy ("Crabs for Christmas" singer/songwriter) performed for free. The firefighters gave tours and supervised kids sliding down the "old" pole. There was a great turnout, and we raised several hundred dollars in our "Stuff the Boot" campaign.

Following the open house, Ridgewood Road neighbor Bill Sharpe joined the committee to help with a mailing campaign. Residents were very supportive, and we collected several thousand dollars more. We organized a chili cook-off contest and dinner the following February. It was a sellout at St. David's Church. The next year, we moved to Roland Park Presbyterian Church, which was a little larger. Our goal for a new kitchen was \$45,000, and we exceeded that by about \$5,000, which the contractor used toward renovating the fire station's TV room. Martha and I also had grant-writing help from Civic League volunteers and petitioned the Maryland Senate, which awarded us additional bond money to help with repairs on the second floor, sleeping quarters and bathrooms.

KH: *You now coordinate holiday meals and other efforts for the firehouse.*

KC: Yes, we started a couple of years before COVID, then had to pause in 2020 after the City expressed health concerns. We picked up again in 2021. There were concerns about the firefighters sitting close together on the old sofa in their rec room, so we raised a couple thousand dollars to buy four new recliners. The new recliners were able to be cleaned easily and [allowed the firefighters to] sit far enough apart to be safe.

In 2022, Plat 2 Civic League Rep Steve Ralston joined the effort. We tweaked the meal program for 2023 to make the meal delivery more efficient and to ensure that both shifts enjoy the meals. This year, we also had enough community interest that, once the New Year passed, we continued meals on weekends into March.

KH: *You are now on the Community Foundation's landscape committee as vice chair and as the tree coordinator for a free tree program.*

KC: I started with Al Copp years ago as volunteer tree coordinator for just Plat 1. When he became ill, he asked if I would take on more responsibility. Just before he passed away in 2017, he asked if I would take over coordination. My first tree-planting program was the following fall. Al had focused on replacing shade trees along Roland Avenue. I've been able to expand the offerings to a variety of trees in various sizes for the verges and for personal property. [A list of fall trees is on p. 10.]

KH: *Do you know about how many trees have been planted in Roland Park and surrounding areas during your tenure?*

KC: More than 500 since 2017, of varying sizes from one-gallon, plant-it-yourself containers to the large 15-gallon sizes, which are for the verges and streetscape. When I've had excess trees, I've contacted other local communities. Trees have gone to Friends of Stony Run, Friends of Wyman Park, Medfield and Roland Springs.

KH: *Do you have a favorite tree?*

KC: I don't have a favorite. I enjoy learning about the new and unusual, so each time an unfamiliar tree appears on the City's list, I try to find a way to include it somewhere in Roland Park. There are a couple new offerings available for fall 2023 planting.

KH: *What is your next project?*

KC: The purchase of Hillside Park is not yet complete, but when

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Must-Have Tools for Professional Landscaping and Gardening Results

By Devra He'ui Kitterman

One of the most important things I have learned in more than 34 years in the business of horticulture and landscaping is that cheap and poorly made tools make your life harder, are a waste of your hard-earned money, and can make you look unprofessional. It never pays to be a cheapskate about tools. Also, most people tend to take better care of well-designed, durable tools, and they will make you look good for decades. I recommend the following must-haves:

- **Stihl loppers** (PL30 or PL40). Mine have been serving me faithfully for 25 years.
- **Felco 11 hand pruners**. Be sure to keep the adjustment tool that comes with these pruners firmly attached to your keys.
- **Felco 912 narrow holster with belt clip**. Some other holsters are huge and heavy.
- **A.M. Leonard spear-headed spade**. I have spades in all shapes and sizes, using them for edging, digging and planting, but this particular spade is fantastic for digging holes or digging up plants quickly and easily. A friend treated me to this spade. While I was initially nonplussed by the

(Left to right) Stihl loppers, Felco 11 hand pruners, Felco 912 narrow holster with belt clip, A.M. Leonard spear-headed spade, A.M. Leonard deluxe stainless steel soil knife, Stihl precision hedge shears, Seymour S400 Proflex 18-inch leaf and grass rake.

Photo: Devra Kitterman



thought of yet another spade, it quickly became my favorite go-to tool. I bought one for another landscaper/nurseryman, who was also “meh” about such a gift, because all pros have their favorites, but this fellow was quickly sold on its benefits, and quickly purchased another spear-headed spade. A bonus is that they come in various colors! Bright colors are recommended for all tools, as they easily disappear in ground cover or on trash piles, getting lost or thrown away.

- **A.M. Leonard deluxe stainless steel soil knife**. Weed removal! I keep two on hand, because they are easily lost.
- **Stihl precision hedge shears**. My most-used tool, after my pruners. A must-have for shaping shrubs and cutting back perennials during the season to manage and encourage fuller flowering performance.
- **Seymour S400 proflex 18-inch leaf and grass rake**. Fantastic for moving and cleaning up lots of material, smoothing mulch professionally, and moving leaves.

Always keep a sharpening stone and some WD40 on hand for quick remedial sharpening on the job. And train yourself to keep your tools sharpened, oiled, cleaned and disinfected (to avoid spreading foliar diseases and pathogens).

Here are a few other important tools to make your work easier and more efficient:

- **Scoop shovel** (aluminum or plastic). Helps with unloading soil and mulch, and is also the best snow removal tool.
- **Manure/silage pitchfork** (with 10-12 tines). Makes quick work of loading and moving mulch. You always want as many tines as possible for efficient moving of materials. A pitchfork with four or five is effectively useless.
- **Good pruning saw**. Either one solid piece or folding.
- **Good metal wheelbarrow**. Preferably with a solid tire (flat tires are a drag).

Happy gardening! ❖



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Entrepreneurship at Gilman

“Wouldn't it be interesting to give back to Gilman in a different way?” thought Jason Griswold (1993). “Not through hard dollars but through a program that I would have loved when I was there.” His idea—to bring entrepreneurial exposure to Gilman boys—was supported by Nick Owsley (1993), a Gilman classmate who shares his entrepreneurial spirit.

Together, they contacted Startup Experience, a company that brings workshops on entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation to organizations and colleges. The pair worked with its founder to tailor the material into a two-day intensive for high school students.

With mentorship for the students from alumni in the entrepreneurial space, Gilman held its first workshop in 2015. After a few years, Head of School Henry P. A. Smyth thought Gilman could do even more for boys with minds for business. He envisioned the two-day intensive leading to a deep dive in the form of a semester-long elective. The course was first taught remotely by Startup Experience's founder; the following year, Nathaniel Badder (1994), a Gilman alum and employee who was an entrepreneur himself, raised his hand and said he'd take on the job of in-person instructor.

Badder built the class from the ground up, checking in with various alumni along the way. He often consulted with Griswold



As judges for the course's culminating event last May, Henry P. A. Smyth, David Zinreich (1994), and Cheo Hurley (1992) look up at Entrepreneurship students presenting on stage. Photo courtesy of Gilman

and Owsley, bouncing ideas off of them and letting them know how things landed with students.

Griswold points out the irony of the situation. “The teacher/facilitator of the entrepreneur program is actually living and breathing the entrepreneur process alongside his students in a different way.” Badder acknowledges to the students that he doesn't have all the answers. Along the way, they might connect the dots that if their own teacher doesn't have all the answers, then it's okay that they don't yet have answers either when it comes to creating their startups.

Beyond the lessons learned from writing a business plan, designing a marketing strategy and projecting profits, another

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Free Tree Program: Fall

By Kate Culotta

Baltimore City has provided free trees to residents for many years. First, it was by request only. If you put your name and address on a list, the City would plant a tree in the “City-owned” verge. At times, the wait for a tree was longer than two years.

Tree Baltimore (bcrp.baltimorecity.gov/forestry/treebaltimore) expanded the program to give away trees more quickly—ones that residents plant themselves. A program of Recreation and Parks, Tree Baltimore receives funds to buy native trees from commercial growers and nurseries, and give them away to residents of the city. It started with community tree give-away events and booths at the Waverly and JFX farmers’ markets.

Years ago, the majority of trees were small one-gallon trees. Now, the program has expanded. Neighborhoods may register a tree coordinator who orders and arranges plantings of larger trees along the streetscape and trees for local public green spaces, like Roland Park’s Centennial Park on University Parkway, Edgevale Park, and our islands and medians.

As the coordinator of the Roland Park program, I post the list of available trees on NextDoor Roland Park, the Civic League website and Facebook pages, and in the *Roland Park News* and on the magazine’s Facebook page. Residents may also email me to request tree information at krculotta@msn.com.

We plant two times a year: in the spring and fall. Residents pick up trees at my house. The tree is free and, if you plant it yourself, it’s all free. I can also arrange for planting with our local landscape contractor, who plants for a reduced cost if the tree is ordered through this program. The planting fee is \$100 per tree, which covers planting, staking, and initial fertilizing, mulching and watering.

All offerings are natives with the exception of the Japanese flowering cherry. Although not native, cherry trees have been associated with the Baltimore/DC area for so long that the City includes them on ordering lists. The most popular trees right now are dogwoods, redbuds, oaks and maples.

About how many trees will be available for fall planting? If I receive the full list, 46 trees will be available for fall planting, including:

Shade Trees

Several varieties of oaks
American hornbeam
Holly
Red buckeye
Green hawthorn
Sweetgum

Flowering Trees

Dogwood
Elderberry
Redbud
Sugarberry
Serviceberry

The most important task after planting a tree is to do deep watering every week for the first two years. Since the trees are native, once the roots are established, there is a high likelihood they will survive. Deep watering for the first two years is important for the trees to get established.

I recommend using stakes for one year on the larger trees, and a second year, if extra support is needed. It’s important to check the tension of the bindings, so they don’t cut the bark.

Spread the word, and plant a tree! ❖

COMMUNITY BUILDING

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it is, I’ll be part of a team to work on updating a catalog of trees done by [Baltimore Country Club] some years ago. The list is now a decade old, so we’ll need to go through and update it. Trees on the property have undergone significant decline due to advanced age and the effects of invasive vines.

KH: *Anything you’d like to say to residents who are considering becoming Roland Park volunteers?*

KC: When I first volunteered as a plat rep back in the early 2000s, I was a young, stay-at-home mom with small children. Walking Plat 1, talking with neighbors, passing out flyers and discussing issues concerning the neighborhood was a fantastic way to meet wonderful neighbors and really learn my way around the neighborhood. When you volunteer, you always get back more than you give. ❖

This is the first of what will be an ongoing series highlighting the efforts of volunteers in the community. If you’d like to nominate someone, please email magazine@rolandpark.org.

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Research Projects Transcend the Classroom at GFS

Students at Garrison Forest School (GFS) find ample opportunities to delve deeper into topics that interest them, from the youngest students, who are building strong foundations for independent inquiry, through older students, who are conducting graduate-level research.

In the upper school, just a few of the possibilities include Women In Science and Engineering (WISE), Architecture, Science and Engineering (ACE) and the Gateway Scholars Program.

- The WISE program is a long-standing partnership between GFS and Johns Hopkins University (Hopkins), where students conduct hands-on research in a wide variety of disciplines at Hopkins' labs.
- Through the ACE program, a student team completes a mock design project that mirrors real-world design challenges.



Students have opportunities to learn research skills in all divisions at GFS. Photo courtesy of GFS

While the immediate result is a series of imaginative project solutions, the long-term benefit is a practical understanding of how building industry teams realize their “big” ideas.

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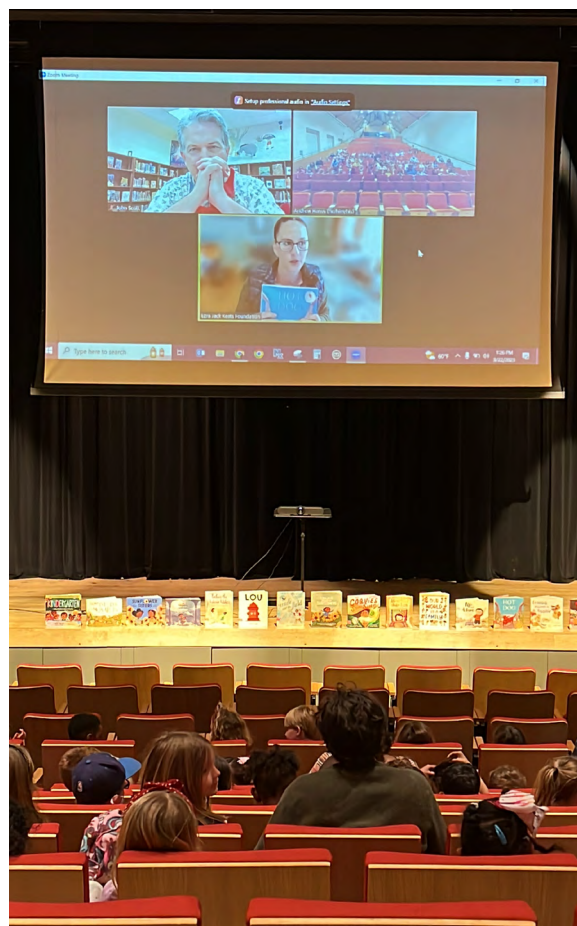
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Friends' Mock Ezra Jack Keats Awards Program Inspires Young Readers

The Mock Ezra Jack Keats (EJK) Awards Program at Friends School of Baltimore (Friends) is a months-long collaboration among lower school homeroom teachers, the librarian and the technology educator, where students engage in a literary analysis project. The Mock EJK Award is based on the real Ezra Jack Keats Award, which “honors outstanding authors and illustrators whose books, in the spirit of Keats, celebrate the diversity of our culture and depict children from the widest spectrum of ethnic groups and around the world.”

Recognized by the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation and the deGrummond Children's Literature Collection at the University of Southern Mississippi, Friends' Mock EJK Awards Program was generated by kindergarten/pre-1st grade teacher Frannie Morrissey in 2019. At the time, Morrissey was searching for diverse literature for her classroom and approached the librarian about doing a mock award such as was done for the Caldecott and Newbery awards. The librarian discovered that there was no mock award process designed for the EJK Award and contacted the foundation about beginning one. This year marked the fifth

The Mock EJK Awards Committee Celebration takes place in Friends' Forbush Auditorium. Photo courtesy of Friends



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year of Friends lower school students' participation in what is now the foundation's formal EJK Mock Awards Program, which has spread to more than 70 educators across the United States.

How does the project work? After choosing a list of eligible picture books from new publications in a given year, students engage with each book in various ways every week. At the end of each week, students use the app Seesaw to rate the book using a star system, and to capture their thoughts and explanations. The seven criteria used to evaluate each book are: childhood, family, diversity, how the words and pictures go together, and how the book excites your brain, hugs your heart and makes you want to learn.

Once the initial list of books is read, discussed and rated, students go through a process and decide on the shortlist of books—usually five to seven—that have risen to the top. There is then a final round of voting to determine the overall winner and which books receive honors from the esteemed student committee. At the end of the program, the EJK Mock Awards Committee Celebration takes place in the Forbush Auditorium, where lower schoolers wiggle in their seats with excitement while waiting for their top three chosen books to be revealed.

This project is one of many shining stars of Friends' lower school programming. It is a natural integration among the school's language arts and discovery programs. The themes, settings and characters support the Quaker testimonies of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality and stewardship, and the pursuit of discovering the world outside of the classroom. ❖

Friends School of Baltimore (friendsbalt.org) is a private coeducational Quaker school founded in 1784 and serving students in Pre-K through 12th grade.

Profiles of Three Boys' Latin Seniors

By Joyce Barnett

Boys' Latin is not a one-size-fits-all proposition. Here, boys with a variety of interests and passions discover a place they can call home. The following are profiles of three young men from diverse backgrounds, with diverse interests, heading in diverse directions. All stellar students—National Honor Society and Williams Scholars—all members of the class of 2023.

Jackson Brant came to Boys' Latin as a lower schooler. A varsity volleyball and badminton player whose activities included the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Film Society, with history and Latin awards to his credit, Brant discovered a passion in 6th grade. Inspired by his sister, he decided to try out for a play. And so began his love of theater. He participated in every production from then until his graduation, directing the senior play in his final semester. Brant will attend Boston College in the fall and plans to major in accounting, with the initial goal of becoming a certified public accountant. Reflecting on his years at Boys' Latin, Brant says, "The relationships that I've formed with faculty and other students, as well as the opportunities that I was able to take advantage of at Boys' Latin, have made for an amazing experience that I am proud of and thankful for."

Arriving on campus in 8th grade, Howard Denney had a love for math and science. While his activities over the years are as varied as the Model United Nations, Film Society and Diversity clubs, and he participates in multiple community service projects, such as running food drives both in and out of school. Denney most enjoys math and science—calculus and chemistry in particular. This passion has led him to want to pursue a career in material engineering. He explains his career choice by saying that he wants to do something that is both challenging and fun. This year's recipient of the First Financial Scholarship, Denney is heading to Cornell University to achieve his goal. "BL has been a place where I could explore my interests and be myself without the worry of judgment," says Denney.

Caleb Woodlon sums up his 10 years at Boys' Latin saying, "Over the course of my long time at BL, I was able to find spaces and people that aligned with my interests and developed my passions." Woodlon was not only the valedictorian of the class of 2023, but a varsity baseball player and student body officer, and he was active in the Diversity and Black Awareness clubs. Any spare time finds him following his passion for reading and writing non-fiction and essays on philosophy. As a finalist of the QuestBridge College Match, Woodlon will attend the University of Chicago on a full four-year scholarship. While he doesn't have to choose a major until his third year, he thinks of a possible double major in philosophy and psychology, leading to a career as a clinical therapist.



Boys' Latin's 2023 graduating class reflects the diverse achievements of its students. Photo courtesy of Boys' Latin

Each of these talented young men found in Boys' Latin a place where they could pursue their passions, secure in the knowledge that they would be encouraged and supported by faculty and peers alike. Three young men whose passions are as diverse as their personalities. All with a common goal: to become the best possible version of themselves. ❖

Boys' Latin School of Maryland (boyslatinmd.com) is an all-boys, university-preparatory school. Founded in 1844, it is the oldest independent, nonsectarian secondary school in Maryland.

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Fresh Starts at RPEMS

By April Newton

Roland Park Elementary Middle School (RPEMS) is expecting a fresh new start for the 2023/24 school year, with new personnel, updated spaces and quite a bit of fresh paint.



Photo: Sally Foster

First and foremost, RPEMS welcomed new principal Brandon Pinkney in mid-summer. Pinkney brings 18 years of experience with him, primarily in the City school system, and he spent time in August at both formal and informal events to introduce himself and get to know the school's families and students. The school community looks forward to supporting Pinkney in his first year at RPEMS, welcoming him and helping make his first year one of many to come.

Also this summer, kindergarten teacher DeVante Woodson organized and led a project to repaint the first floor of the building and add a mural to welcome our students back with brightness and cheer. The RPEMS PTA supported the project and coordinated parent volunteers to help make it happen.

The Alumni and Friends of Roland Park Elementary Middle School (AFRPEMS) raised money and coordinated work to rehab the iconic "fish fence" at the front of the school grounds. The fence is a beloved and familiar feature at the school, and the community is thrilled for the face-lift and grateful to AFRPEMS.

The Roland Park Annual Fund got the library refresh underway this summer, using money raised over the previous two years, and also paid to update the building's multi-purpose room, including resurfacing the floor. The library at RPEMS is used for getting books, learning, tutoring, doing research and even just retreating for some quiet space in a busy building. When students see it in the fall, there will be new furniture, new books, new technology, new paint and other updates. The multi-purpose

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Bryn Mawr Little School

For Roland Park families looking for fun ways to celebrate the start of the school year or the changing of the seasons, the Bryn Mawr Little School has some creative ideas that can be recreated anywhere.

Whether children are painting pumpkins or gathering colorful leaves, Little School teachers encourage tactile learning and sensory experiences for children to enjoy.

The Little School includes autumn themes in its math and science curriculum geared specifically for each age group.

"We walk around the 26 acres of campus, picking up leaves and acorns, looking at the trees and talking about what we see," says Gwen Nkwanyuo, associate director of the Little School. After these walks, Little School students identify leaves by color and size, and count leaves and acorns. Older students then sort and graph their findings, practicing early math and science skills.

Students in every Little School classroom, even those for infants, watch Monarch butterflies transform from caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly. Once butterflies emerge, each classroom releases their butterflies into the special milkweed garden that past students grew from seeds specifically for this annual project.

One of the most colorful ways to enjoy fall is to take in the changing leaves. For younger children, teachers place three dishes of water with red, yellow and blue food coloring on a table and connect them with paper towels to watch the colored water move up the paper towel and mix. For a more instant and interactive way to watch colors move and mix, Little School teachers recommend putting milk in a shallow dish and dripping a few different food colorings in it. Then put a cotton swab in some dish soap and touch the food coloring and watch what happens!

Around Halloween, the Little School hosts a Harvest Festival, which includes face painting, pumpkin decorating, wagon rides and more. Teachers cut up pumpkins, remove and roast the seeds, and cut the pumpkin into pieces to create a pumpkin puzzle that helps students understand spatial relationships and three-dimensional puzzles. The roasted seeds offer students the chance to try a new food, and the inside of the pumpkin can be played with to create an opportunity for tactile learning so students can not only see but feel the pumpkin.

As fall cools down and the leaves change, Little School Director Megan Brown recommends that families "spend as much time outdoors enjoying all of the beauty of Baltimore and Maryland." ❖



Bryn Mawr Little School's Harvest Festival includes face painting, pumpkin decorating, wagon rides and more. Photo courtesy of Bryn Mawr

The Bryn Mawr School (brynmawrschool.org), founded in 1885 as the first college-preparatory school for girls in the U.S., is an independent, nonsectarian all-girls school for grades K-12, with a coed preschool.



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New Science and Engineering Wing at Park

Throughout the last school year, The Park School of Baltimore (Park) community members have eagerly followed the building and completion of the school's new state-of-the-art Science and Engineering Wing. Designed by the architectural firm Hord Coplan Macht to cultivate inquiry and innovation, the remarkable construction project has progressed rapidly over the spring and summer, opening in time to welcome students, faculty and staff for the 2023/24 school year.

The new wing, which was built adjacent to the existing athletic center, includes purpose-built spaces for robotics and engineering, movable walls for flexible classroom configurations, and research labs and extra spaces that allow students to continue working beyond a single class period. Breakout rooms and a new student commons provide additional gathering places for small-group collaboration and larger meetings. An outdoor classroom and amphitheater are also part of the new construction. The wing will serve as a hub for field research, on campus and beyond.

With the new Science and Engineering Wing designed as a net-zero project, Park committed to increasing energy efficiency and lowering the school's carbon footprint. Valuing and preserving



Park's new Science and Engineering Wing was designed as a net-zero project. Photo courtesy of Park

greenspace on the 100-acre campus are always high priorities for Park.

"As teachers, we have a unique opportunity to integrate sustainability into the curriculum," says one of Park's middle school teachers. "It is gratifying to see that the school is prioritizing reducing our carbon footprint through these campus improvement projects. This commitment to a sustainable future is essential to maintaining a caring and thriving community of learners." ❖

Founded in 1912, The Park School of Baltimore (parkschool.net) is an independent, gender-inclusive, non-sectarian, progressive Pre-K through 12 school located on a 100-acre campus minutes from the city.



I like to get out there
and test things and
figure out how
they work.

I know this because I
go to Park.

< Lily, Grade 6



Waldorf School: Feeding the Body and Spirit

Mulberries in May, serviceberries in summer and figs in the fall. It is during months such as these that the outdoor spaces at the Waldorf School of Baltimore (Waldorf) seem to be taken straight from the page of a Roald Dahl novel, for what could be more wondrous than stepping outside and plucking a sweet snack straight from the trees?

Happily, foraging around campus is no fantasy, thanks to the school's ample fruit tree groves and student-tended organic garden beds, but rather a wonderful opportunity to invite children to celebrate nature's abundance and the joys of seasonal living. Indeed, one of the chief tasks of Waldorf educators is to support children so that they might keep their inborn sense of wonder and awe, and carry it with them throughout life.

When students partake in the simple pleasure of savoring a sun-warmed fig or custardy sweet pawpaw right off the branch, or top their weekly snack of smoothie bowls with mulberries picked that morning, their eyes and hearts are opened to the bounty and beauty of the natural world, they connect with the environment and establish a positive relationship to the world, and they begin developing an attitude of care for the land and their community.

Now, who's hungry? ❖

*“Live in each season
as it passes; breathe the air,
drink the drink, taste the fruit,
and resign yourself to
the influence of the earth ”*

Henry David Thoreau



Waldorf students enjoy the bounty growing on campus throughout the year.
Photos courtesy of Waldorf

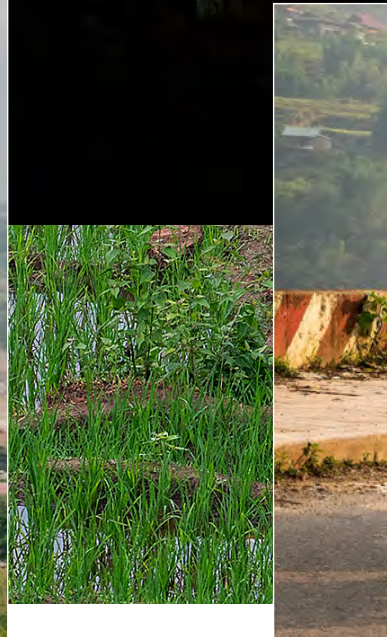
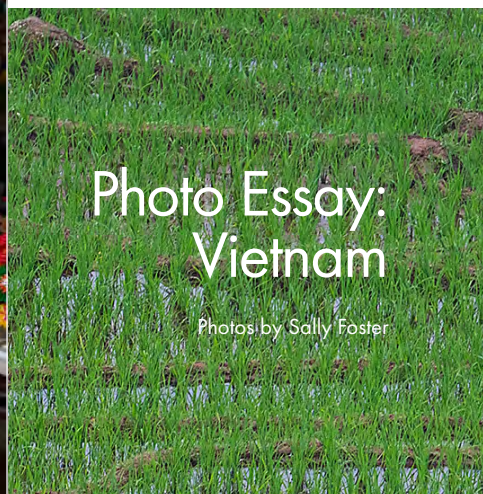
Voted Parent's Choice, Best Preschool, the Waldorf School of Baltimore (waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org) is tucked behind Cylburn Arboretum at 4801 Tamarind Road. The Children's Garden serves children 2-and-a-half to 5 years of age. A Parent and Child Program is available for families of children 10 months through 3 years. The school also has elementary and middle school grades 1 through 8.





Photo Essay: Vietnam

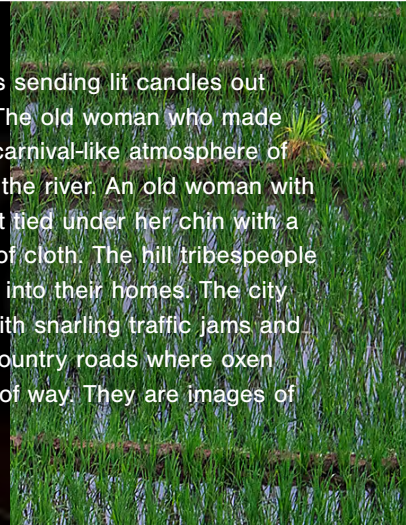
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With any mention of Vietnam, I no longer think of a useless war and Agent Orange. Instead, I think of the real images I saw last year: the flower lady with her intricate paper creations. The old women making fishing baskets. The lone figure in a terraced rice paddy. The odd-looking tiered building clinging to a hillside. The fishermen



and their wives sending lit candles out into the river. The old woman who made lanterns. The carnival-like atmosphere of nightlife along the river. An old woman with her conical hat tied under her chin with a big red piece of cloth. The hill tribespeople who invited us into their homes. The city streets filled with snarling traffic jams and the peaceful country roads where oxen have the right of way. They are images of peace.



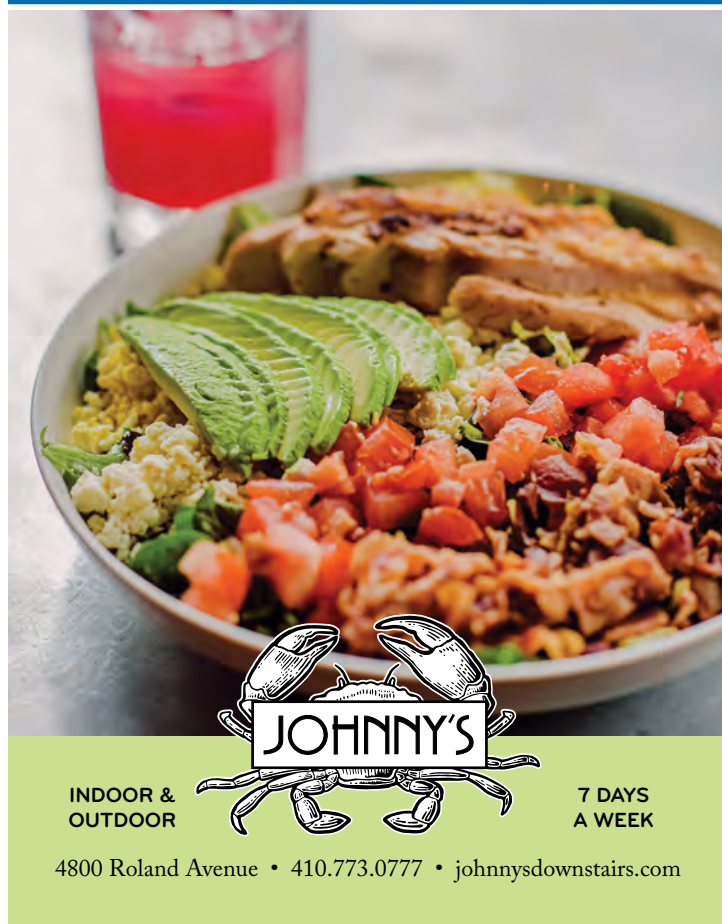


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- The Gateway Scholars Program provides unique opportunities for upper school students with a special interest in global citizenship; science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM); or visual art and design to craft a distinct curricular and co-curricular path, supported by a network of on- and off-campus mentors.

Throughout middle school, students build research skills through programs like Research, Innovation and Scientific Exploration (RISE), which partners 6th graders with educators at the nearby Irvine Nature Center to conduct authentic research, and Project Innovate, which challenges 7th graders to identify issues, conduct research, devise innovative solutions and deliver their findings in a “Shark Tank”-style presentation to a panel of administrators.

“These programs are designed as extensions of the student’s academic program, and provide unique opportunities to develop valuable research, public speaking and leadership skills,” says Shannon Schmidt, head of the middle school. Middle schoolers can also participate in a year-long independent research project of their own design.

Students don’t have to wait until middle or upper school to dig into the basics of research. Lower school students build a strong base for independent inquiry through projects like the 2nd grade animal project, 3rd grade state project and 5th grade capstone project. Each involves an interdisciplinary approach, bringing in aspects of art, music, history and more, and culminates in a presentation that helps students build confidence in their public speaking skills.

“At Garrison Forest, student-driven research produces impressive results,” says Andrea Perry, director of the James Center, dean of special programs, and coordinator for WISE and ACE. “Their efforts require curiosity, critical thinking, creativity, problem-solving, collaboration and perseverance. In undertaking independent research on complex, long-term projects, they’ve built skills and habits of mind they can continue to practice. The world needs women with these tools and the confidence to use them, and these students are ready for what’s next.” ♦

Garrison Forest School in Owings Mills is a day and boarding school educating girls in grades K through 12, with a coed preschool. Daily transportation is offered to the Roland Park area. Plan your fall campus visit at gfs.org/admission/visit.



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Crabby Grilled Cheese

Miss Shirley's Café

Makes six grilled cheese sandwiches.

Ingredients

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| 12 slices sourdough, sliced thick | 1 ear local white corn, roasted and cut off of cob |
| 1 ½ lbs. crabby cheddar cheese (chesapeakegoldfarms.com) | 2 stalks green onion, finely chopped |
| 12 slices applewood-smoked bacon | 1 lb. Maryland jumbo lump crab meat (reliantfish.com) |
| 6-10 slices beefsteak tomatoes | Butter, softened |
| | Old Bay |

Peel and clean the corn. Rub with olive oil, salt and pepper. Roast in the oven until cooked and beginning to brown, 10-12 minutes at 375 degrees. Remove from the oven and let cool. Cut corn from the cob and place in a medium bowl.

Wash and finely chop the green onions. Add to the bowl. Add jumbo lump crab meat to the bowl and gently toss to mix but not break the lumps of crab meat. Refrigerate until needed.

Shred the crabby cheddar cheese. Take six slices of bread and spread one side of each piece with softened butter. Place



Photo courtesy of Miss Shirley's Café

pieces on a sheet tray sprayed with pan spray, butter side down. Top each piece with cheese, one to two slices of tomato, two slices of cooked bacon and a scoop of crab mix (about 1/3 cup), and top with more cheese.

Take the remaining bread and spread butter on one side. Place the top piece of bread on the sandwich, butter side up. Sprinkle the remaining cheese on top of the bread to stick to the butter.

In a medium-hot skillet, place the sandwich cheese side down to brown the bread and cheese. Be careful not to burn it. Carefully flip the sandwich and brown the other side and get the inside hot and melty (you may need to lower the heat so it does not brown too fast). Remove from the pan, cut in half on a diagonal and dust the top with Old Bay. Serve immediately. ❖

RPEMS FRESH STARTS

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room is used every day as a space for assemblies and meetings, plays and performances, test-taking, and more, and has not had any work in several years, so resurfacing the floors was an important step forward.

Children at RPEMS and all city schools will be wearing new uniforms this year, with blue polo shirts and khaki bottoms for most grades, and gold polo shirts for 6th graders. Be on the lookout for these sharply dressed students as they get started on another exciting year of learning and growing.

Finally, the Annual Fund's major yearly fundraiser is up and "running," with a fundraising team participating in the Baltimore Running Festival in October. Anyone interested in being a team sponsor, with their business name on the back of the team shirts, should contact me at aprilspraynewton@gmail.com. Shirt sponsors have the option of the "top spot" with a \$5,000 sponsorship and the top half of the back of the shirts, or \$500 to be part of the array on the lower half. ❖

Roland Park Elementary Middle School empowers its diverse community to achieve success for the whole child through academic rigor, hands-on learning and the creative arts. The school community fosters an environment that prioritizes equity and positive relationships to promote social and emotional wellness to ensure all students have access to challenging academic content and skills. sites.google.com/bcps.k12.md.us/roland-park-233/home.

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Pan-Seared Pork Chops with Fresh Pear and Honey

Eddie's of Roland Park

Juicy, pan-seared pork chops with sauteed pears, topped with a honey balsamic pan sauce is the perfect weekday fall dinner.

Preparation time: 15 minutes. Cook time: 25 minutes. Serves four.

Ingredients

4 bone-in pork chops, ¾-inch thick	1 T. Worcestershire sauce
coarse kosher salt	¼ cup white wine
fresh ground pepper	2 Bosc or Anjou pears, cored, seeded and cut in half lengthwise
2 T. olive oil, divided	2 T. Hon's Honey
2 cloves garlic, minced	1 T. Dijon mustard
1 T. grated fresh ginger	4 sprigs fresh rosemary
1 tsp. dried rosemary	juice of 1 orange
¼ cup balsamic vinegar	

Season pork chops with salt and pepper. Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add 1 T. olive oil. Place pork chops in a hot pan and pan-sear about 5 minutes on each side so that chops

are cooked to an internal temperature of 145 degrees. Remove from the pan and set aside, covered with foil.

Add garlic, ginger and dried rosemary to the skillet. Add a little more oil if necessary. Sauté for about 1 minute, until fragrant. Deglaze the pan with balsamic vinegar, orange juice, Worcestershire and wine, scraping any brown bits that stick to the pan. Keep stirring so that mixture is well mixed. Add pears to the pan, basting them with the sauce. Continue to cook for about 5 minutes to slightly soften the pears and reduce the sauce by a third. Whisk in honey and mustard. Sauce should be slightly thickened and smooth. Add pork chops back to the pan along with any juices that accumulated on the plate.

Serve pork chops warm with a pear half and a drizzle of pan sauce. Garnish with fresh rosemary.

Pair with Pierre Sparr Gewurztraminer. ❖

Eddie's Tip: Complete this fall meal with Eddie's long grain wild rice with toasted almonds and dried cranberries.



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Signature Programs at RPCS Allow Students to Shape Their Own Learning

This past spring, 14 Roland Park Country School (RPCS) students were the first to graduate with an Arts Certificate of Distinction, which recognizes students whose advanced studies in the arts have demonstrated high quality pre-professional levels and a continued passion for performing or visual arts. This is one of the many signature programs at RPCS that complement the rigorous academic curriculum and provide upper school students advanced opportunities to shape their own learning. The middle and lower school curricula provide intentional scaffolding that sets students up for success in these areas.

“At RPCS, encouraging exploration is an essential part of our mission as we shape the intellectual development of every child,” says Caroline Blatti, head of school. “By creating an environment that promotes academic excellence and a pursuit of individual passions, we are preparing our students for a future with endless possibilities.”

Other signature programs at RPCS include:

The Holliday Heine STEM Institute, which fosters within girls the attitudes, cognitive skills and academic foundations to investigate the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Engaging in a problem-based curriculum, students complete a semester-long research apprenticeship and a yearlong internship before developing a portfolio of completed work. Institute graduates develop the necessary ethical, analytical and creative reasoning skills to pursue interest and careers in the STEM disciplines.

Younger students at RPCS are also introduced to robust science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM) opportunities that ignite their interests, including an annual lower school STEAM Week and middle school units on digital citizenship, robotics and coding, and design thinking.

“RPCS has helped shape my passion for STEM,” says Ellie Dassoulas (2022), a graduate of The Holliday Heine STEM Institute who now majors in computer science with a concentration in cybersecurity at the University of Delaware. “Dr. Blackburn, the Institute’s director, was an amazing and encouraging mentor who pushed me to pursue my interests.”

The Gore Leadership Institute equips RPCS students with the tools to innovate and create positive change in the world by focusing on character, ethics and personal responsibility. Through programs that include leadership seminars, summer internships, an investment club and more, students learn to align their decisions with actions that reflect intellectual and emotional intelligence as they consider how they can turn their ideas into realities. The Gore Leadership Institute recently expanded to the middle school, with an 8th grade capstone project in which students research and explore real world experiences through career shadow days.

The World Languages Certificate Program encourages students to consider the benefits of studying two non-native languages simultaneously during upper school. In addition to doubling the



Among the signature programs offered at RPCS is the Arts Certificate of Distinction program. Photo courtesy RPCS

number of language credits required for graduation, students must also complete an experience that extends their language study to other areas of their lives to demonstrate the relevance of language acquisition. Students give an oral presentation to the language faculty in both of their languages of study at the end of senior year.

Learn more about RPCS Signature Programs at rpcs.org/academics.

Roland Park Country School (rpcs.org) believes that young women who build each other up will thrive. As an independent school in Baltimore for girls in grades K-12, the all-girls culture is rooted in the notion that female empowerment begins with young women empowering one another. This enables RPCS students to build courage and confidence in an environment where female leadership across all areas of study is the norm, not the exception.



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Suggestions for Handling Back-to-School Stress

By Scotti Morrow, Outreach and Marketing Director

As we enter the hustle and bustle of the back-to-school season, I expect many of us are feeling a bit, well, stressed. After all, finding your school year stride while simultaneously sliding towards the holiday season can be a bit frenetic! In such tense times, I like to double down on a few favorite practices picked up from my children's school, The Waldorf School of Baltimore (Waldorf), a place where truth, goodness and beauty blossom.

With a 101-year proven track record, Waldorf education is the fastest growing academic method in the world, and yet the Waldorf approach is not only an educational method meant to be taught in a classroom, but a way of living—or parenting or teaching—based on a deep understanding of human development.

The Waldorf imperative is to address the whole child—mind, body and soul—with intentional indications for meeting children in the developmental stage where they are. Waldorf education is as vital, relevant and successful today as it was a century ago, owing to the fact that, while the world has changed in dramatic and sometimes alarming ways, our children's needs have not.



Photos courtesy of Waldorf

Below are seven simple, stress-reducing, Waldorf-inspired practices you can start at home. They might just be the back-to-school balm you are looking for.

Simplify Your Space

Everyone from Waldorf educator Kim John Payne to author Marie Kondo (*The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up*) can appreciate that everything in a Waldorf classroom brings joy, nourishes the senses and serves a useful purpose. In these thoughtful spaces, children are less likely to be overstimulated and better able to immerse themselves in the rich, imaginative free play that is so valuable to their growth and development.

It's no secret that our environment affects how we feel physically and mentally. By embracing a Waldorf value of simplification, you can usher this calm and creative essence into your home. Payne's *Simplicity Parenting: Using the Extraordinary Power of Less to Raise Calmer, Happier, and More Secure Kids* is an excellent resource here. In our house, it has been helpful to box up toys and books according to season, cycling them in and out, so that not everything is out at once.

Tell Stories

Storytelling is fundamental to Waldorf education throughout the course of child development and, in the early years, is an important first step in literacy development. Immersing the youngest children in a strong oral tradition—complete with songs, stories and rhymes—fills their proverbial cup with rich language and beautiful pictures so that, when the time is right, it may overflow into robust writing and reading skills.

Telling stories, as opposed to reading them, sounds intimidating at first but is easier than you think. Little ears will delight in simple nature stories while bigger kids love hearing about your childhood. As you discover the fruits of this practice for yourself, you may enjoy “taking to heart” a few favorite fairy tales as well, which may be told many times over. Set aside a special time and place for your storytelling and delight in the warm human connection that follows.

Light a Dinner Candle

On Waldorf snack tables the world over, you will find a mindfully lit candle. Incorporating this easy-to-execute “Waldorf way” into your evening meal brings about a moment of calm and distinguishes dinner from what might otherwise be a hectic time of day.

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With daily repetition, we bring meaning to the mundane and send the silent message that this time, spent together, is important. In my own home, this message has opened doors to reverence and gratitude. If there is only one Waldorf-inspired way you try at home today, I hope it's this one!

Find Your Rhythm

In a Waldorf classroom, the daily rhythm is the backbone of the day. Resistance is rare—a few weeks in—because, well, it's just how things are done. The rhythm of the week and of the year are similarly considered, be it bread baking on Mondays and watercolor painting on Wednesdays, or walking the winter spiral every December and dancing with rainbow-colored ribbons each May. These rhythms, when consistently carried out, secure and build confidence as your children are better able to orient themselves in relation to the rest of the world.

This deep knowledge of “what comes next” offers the same practical benefits at home as it does in the classroom. The simplest place to start is by anchoring your meal, rest or quiet



times, bookending them with life's daily chores and unstructured free play, and ending with your bedtime routine. But, hey, while you are at it, why not give Taco Tuesday a fixed place on your schedule and ensure apple picking is on your annual autumn bucket list?

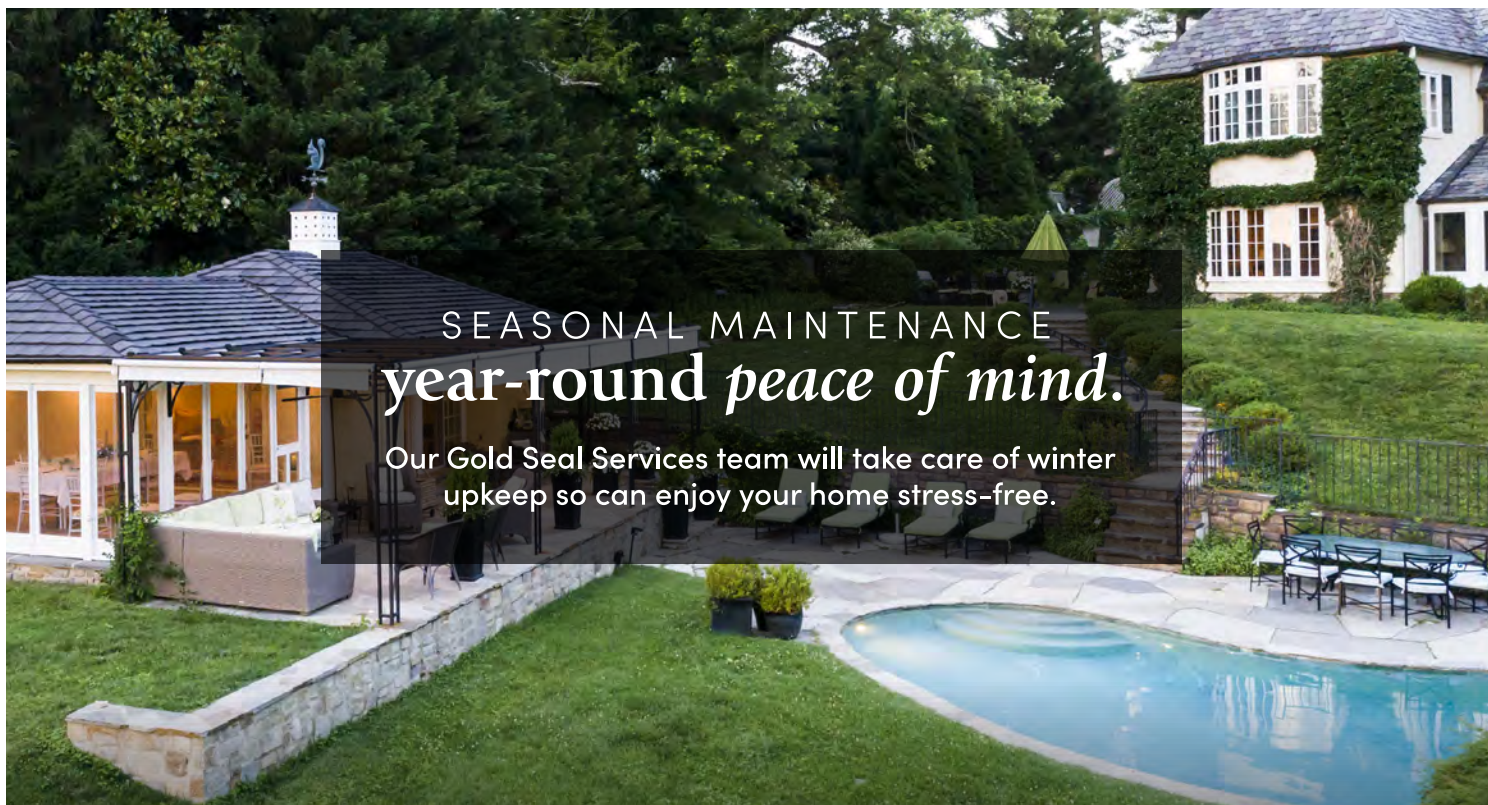
Embrace Simple Toys

As Joan Almon, a prominent figure in the Waldorf community and co-founder of the Waldorf School of Baltimore, was known to say, “A good toy is 90 percent child and 10 percent toy.”

Simple, open-ended toys engage the imagination in meaningful ways and set the foundation for creative thinking later in life. A basket of smooth stones can be transformed into many thousands of things, from play money and food to Hansel and Gretel's breadcrumbs. A play silk may become a hero's cape, royal garb or a baby doll's sling.

I expect you've witnessed this for yourself the day you realized your child could be blissfully happy with a cardboard box or entertained for hours when given free rein over the couch cushions. Give it a go by rotating out of the playroom your more fixed playthings for a few weeks and see what happens.

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Say It With a Song

What do Daniel Tiger and a Waldorf early childhood teacher have in common? They both understand the power of music for capturing and holding a child's attention. Waldorf teachers frequently rely on verse or song to smooth transitions and invite cooperation, which, of course, paves the way for peaceful days. This technique works especially well with repetition.

In my home, a melodic "come to the table" makes for a happier suppertime march than the alternative "dinnertime" shout; and a gentle sing-song coming-in-the-door reminder to put away shoes ("line them up, two by two, that is what we like to do") is usually better received than a potentially nagging "Don't forget to put away your shoes." Give it a try! No singing skills required.

Get Outside

Movement and time in nature are vital components of a Waldorf education. Rain, snow, sleet or shine, students enjoy a portion of their day outside engaged in hands-on learning or



imaginative free play. Time outside offers the perfect balance of mental and emotional stimulation without being overly stimulating. As they say, your kids can't bounce off the walls if you take away the walls.

Getting out into nature every day, particularly wild nature, goes further still—inspiring wonder and deep respect for our shared planet. This easy and free practice is something you can take up at home. The tricky bit is simply prioritizing space for it in your day. When

you do, and have kids who are calmer and kinder for it, I think you'll find it's worth the effort. ❖



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The Book Nook

By Greg Fromme, Branch Manager, Roland Park Branch, Enoch Pratt Free Library

Welcome to The *Book Nook*! Please read below for a list of programs coming up at the Roland Park branch, as well as several reading recommendations from the library staff.

Programming (details at calendar.prattlibrary.org)

For Kids

- Wednesdays at 10:30 am. **Baby and Toddler Storytime.** Stories, movement, play and songs for babies in arms and toddlers with a favorite adult. Playtime follows. All abilities welcome. Groups of five or more must call 410-396-6099 to register.
- Thursdays at 10:30 am. **Family Storytime.** Stories, movement, songs and our most fun activities. Come ready to move, laugh and learn together. For families with children ages 2 to 5. All abilities welcome.
- Sep. 12, 3 pm. **Back to School Earbuds.** New year, new look. Stop by to create your own headphone holder and get a free pair of headphones to complete your look.
- Sep. 20, 3 pm. **Create a Book.** Create a book of your own using some fun art supplies. We'll provide everything you need, while supplies last.
- Oct. 30, 3 pm. **Candy Corn Craft Fun.** Halloween is a time for sweet treats! Come make your own candy corn cutout with construction paper!
- Nov. 15, 3:30 pm. **Thankfulness Collage.** Use cut-outs from old magazines to show the things for which you are thankful.

For Teens

- Sep. 21, 3 pm. **Anime Club.** Join us to catch up on episodes or discover a new series.
- Sep. 27, 3 pm. **Coded Jewelry.** Learn binary code and create a piece of jewelry with a secret message.
- Oct. 12, 4 and 6 pm. **National History Day.** Join us to find out more about choosing a National History Day topic and where to begin your research. We'll talk about the theme, the different types of projects, finding resources for research in the library's collection, and how to put everything together to showcase your interest and understanding.
- Oct. 25, 3 pm. **STEM Day Spooky Bots.** Tweens and teens, build a robot on the head of a toothbrush. This program offers participants a chance to explore robotics
- Nov. 8, 3 pm. **STEM Day: Fidget Spinners.** Learn to make a fidget spinner using household items such as cardboard and pennies.
- Nov. 15, 3 pm. **Candy Sushi.** Use candy ingredients to learn how to make different types of sushi.
- Nov. 21, 3 pm. **One Book Baltimore Film Screening: Concussion.** Will Smith stars in this dramatic thriller

based on the incredible true David vs. Goliath story of American immigrant Dr. Bennet Omalu, the brilliant forensic neuropathologist who made the first discovery of chronic traumatic encephalopathy, a football-related brain trauma, in a pro football player and who fought for the truth to be known. Omalu's emotional quest puts him at dangerous odds with one of the most powerful institutions in the world.

For Adults

- Sep. 23, 11 am and 2 pm. **Film Series: Stardust.** A Victorian lad retrieves a fallen star that transforms into a beautiful woman whose magic is coveted by a witch in this stylish and whimsical fantasy.
- Oct. 28, 11 am and 2 pm. **Film Series: Knives Out.** On his 85th birthday, crime novelist Harlan Thrombey is found dead in his room with his throat slit. Just as authorities are about to dismiss the tragedy as suicide due to the lack of evidence to prove otherwise, Benoit Blanc arrives at the scene to conduct his own investigation. Soon, it is revealed that all members of Thrombey's family have reason to murder the family patriarch. Now Marta, the dead man's caregiver and most trusted confidante, might be able to identify the killer.

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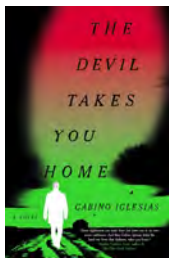
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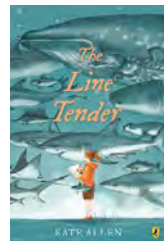
The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street by Karina Yan Glaser (recommended by Abby Lyon, Children's Librarian). Looking to find a book series for the middle-grade reader who loves stories that highlight families, neighbors and friendship? If so, start with the first book (of seven!) about a close-knit family of five kids, their parents and pets, all living in a brownstone in Harlem. When they find out their lease isn't being renewed, the kids spring into action to save their home. Although contemporary in setting, you'll find an old-fashioned, familiar sense of community woven through dialogue with lots of humor and heart. The gorgeous cover brings the story to life and complements the narrative. Very highly recommended and full of diverse characters that bring so much to the story, *The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street* is a delight!



The Devil Takes You Home by Gabino Iglesias (recommended by Gregory Fromme, Branch Manager). This rich, multi-layered novel incorporates adventure, suspense and magical realism, and addresses issues of racial and social injustice, in a story about a family coming to terms with the illness of their young daughter. The story follows Mario, who is confronted with making desperate

choices when his daughter becomes sick. The narrative takes our main character on an odyssey to the south Texas border, where he faces a reckoning with his own conscience and has dealings with a nefarious drug cartel as well as supernatural forces. *The Devil Takes You Home* is a noir-tinged thriller, but also tackles difficult contemporary topics such as immigration, border security, technology and the plight of ordinary Americans navigating our frustrating healthcare system. There is a lot going on here, but I think this novel is worth the ride.

The Line Tender by Kate Allen (recommended by Thalia Richter, Public Service Liaison). *The Line Tender* is a thoughtful and moving middle grade book about curiosity, grief and the ocean. Lucy Everhart is 12 years old. She loves drawing, spending time with her dad, a rescue diver, and exploring her hometown with her best friend Fred. Her mom, a marine biologist, died suddenly while researching great white sharks when Lucy was 8. Since then, she has tried to live with the hole this death left in her family, but when she suddenly experiences another huge loss, she must confront her grief all over again. Lucy sets out to continue her mom's research into great whites and, on the way, connects with her dad, her elderly neighbor and her mom's old friends in order to learn how to live in the spaces around her grief. I recommend keeping a box of tissues close by while reading this book, especially the last 20 pages. I am a notorious crier at book endings, but I promise this one really is that sad. I recommend this book to teens and young people dealing with grief and loss, or those who want to learn more about how people find ways to live through and around grief. ❖



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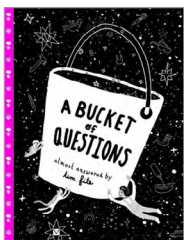
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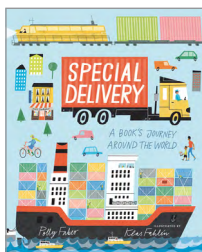


Picture Books (Age 3-6)

A Bucket of Questions by Tim Fite. Adorable and absurd, this quirky book asks and answers questions big and small, with a heart filled with laughter, curiosity and imagination. Completely interactive, this amazing book is a great read-aloud choice that will leave adults and their young audience rolling on the floor.

My new favorite playful, delightful, silly and profound picture book!

Special Delivery, A Book's Journey Around the World by Polly Faber. What does it take to get a book into the hands of a young child on their birthday? Follow the journey from the factory floor to a home—on trucks and boats, over oceans and highways, to loading docks and bookshops. A wonderful, engaging look at the people, transportation and processes it takes to move products around the world, and a celebration of our interconnectedness.

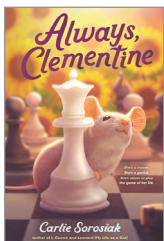


Early Readers (Ages 6-9)

Killer Underwear Invasion! How to Spot Fake News, Disinformation & Conspiracy Theories by Elise Gravel. Oh no! Killer underwear invasion? Run for your life! Wait, on second thought, that's silly and probably actually not a real thing. And so we come to the point of this laugh-out-loud early/middle reader graphic novel that tackles the serious

subject of misinformation. With a light hand, adorable illustrations and logic, we learn about the topic in a straightforward way with an eye toward teaching the next generation to be empowered critical thinkers.

Sir Ladybug and the Bookworms by Corey R. Tabor. From a Caldecott honoree and Geisel Award winner, this delightful series follows Sir Ladybug, champion of the underdog, in his fight for honor. In his quest to return his library book on time, Ladybug encounters many who need his help. What is revealed is that the dreaded bookworms are throwing challenges in his path so they can devour Ladybug's book. Full of fun and laughter, as well as gentle reminders about the value of bravery and responsibility, this is an adorable read!

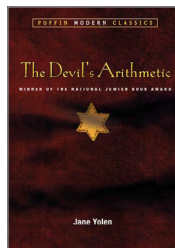


Upper Middle Readers (Ages 10-13)

Always, Clementine by Carlie Sorosiak. Clementine is a brilliant mouse raised in a lab that is experimenting with tweaking DNA. When she and her fellow mouse, Hamlet, are whisked away by a sympathetic researcher, they find

themselves in the care of Gus, 11, and his grandpa. As their situation evolves, they all join forces to prove Clementine's worth by staging a televised chess match to shine a light on the gifts animals bring to our world. Celebrating different intelligences and finding your own voice with a gentle kindness, this book is a gem.

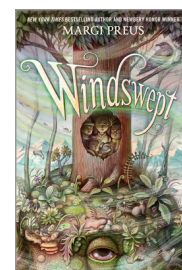
Big Tree by Brian Selznick. In a fable for our time, two sycamore seeds, Louise and Merwin, heed advice from their mama tree, who hopes they develop roots and wings. When a fire forces the seeds far from home, they travel through eons, confronting dinosaurs, meteors and volcanos, finally realizing that their mission is much bigger than they had thought. With glorious illustrations and text, curiosity, wonder and hope, we learn to navigate the changing Earth in this beautiful tale for the ages.



The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen. With banned books dominating the news, this book, based on the author's real-life experience, examines the cost of censorship for our children. When Mac and his 6th grade friends discover their required reading about the Holocaust, *The Devil's Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen, has words blacked out, they are aghast. As they realize the teacher and bureaucratic school board are using more subtle forms

of censorship to "protect" the kids and ignore their voices, the children fight back. This rallying cry is a beautiful ode to the grace, intelligence and maturity of pre-teen readers.

Windswept by Margi Preus. Ever since Tag's older sisters were swept away by the wind, she is not allowed outdoors. It's the future and the "Powers That Be" have rid society of books and are manipulating the weather for their own gain. When Tag finds a fairy tale book just as she is invited to join a group of "youngsters" on their quest to rescue the lost children, she decides it's time for action.



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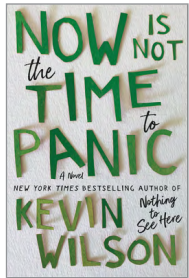
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Young Adult (Ages 14-18)



Now is Not the Time to Panic by Kevin Wilson.

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Frankie, the 16-year-old poet, and her new friend, Zeke, the artist, had no idea when they plastered their town with posters as performance art that the ripples would affect everything and everyone in this intriguingly poignant tale.

We Deserve Monuments by Jas Hammonds. When Avery's family leaves Washington DC for a tiny town in Georgia to take care of her dying and estranged grandmother, Mama Letty, life turns upside down. Avery, biracial and queer, is on the fast track to Georgetown University, so the move is difficult. What she finds is

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The Gathering of Baltimore , 5802 Roland Ave.	410-252-7816	thegatheringbaltimore.org
Grace United Methodist Church , 5407 N. Charles St.	410-433-6650	graceunitedmethodist.org
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September

- Fridays in September, 9 am. **Friday Walks**, Lake Roland Nature Center, 1000 Lakeside Dr. Free, with registration by email to lakerol-rp@baltimorecountymd.gov. lakeroland.org
- Sep. 5, 12, 19 and 26, 8 am. **Baltimore Bird Club Walks**, Lake Roland Nature Center. Free, with registration by email to lakerol-rp@baltimorecountymd.gov.
- Sep. 6, 6 pm. **Idra Novey: Take What You Need (with Jordan Tierney)**, The Ivy Bookshop, 5928 Falls Rd. This free in-person event featuring the *New York Times* Editor's Choice novel from award-winning author of *Ways to Disappear* and *Those Who Knew* will be held on the patio. Register by following the event link on The Ivy website. theivybookshop.com
- Sep. 8, 8 pm. **Wild Walks: Nocturnal Night at Ladew**, Ladew Topiary Gardens, 3535 Jarrettsville Pike, Monkton. Enjoy an evening of star-gazing from the Manor House portico with astronomer Pierre Chayer, the Canadian representative on the

Guiding Team of the James Webb Project. Also get a sneak peek into the world of nocturnal insects at Ladew's moth ID station with David Webb from the Maryland Biodiversity Project. \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members (price includes garden admission). Advance registration and payment required. ladewgardens.com

- Sep. 9, 10 am. **Honoring our Heroes Motor Muster**, Fire Museum of Maryland, 1301 York Rd. The museum's annual salute to fire, police, EMS and military personnel, with antique fire engine demonstrations and rides. Sponsored by Seagrave Corporation and the citizens of Baltimore County. firemuseummd.org
- Sep. 9, 1:30 pm. **Family Nature Explorers: Butterfly Migration**, Ladew Topiary Gardens. Discover how butterflies

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prepare for winter by learning about migration, monarch tagging and essential fall plants. Take part in the migration story by watching a Monarch release before their great journey south to Mexico.

- Sep. 19, 6 pm. **Angie Kim: Happiness Falls**, The Ivy Bookshop. This free in-person event will feature a book Jodi Picoult describes as “a story with so many twists and turns I was riveted through the last page.” On the patio. Register by following the event link on The Ivy website.
- Sep. 23, 7 pm. **Annual Art Show and Sale**, Ladew Topiary Gardens. Art show and sale of the cumulative work from Quang Ho and Adrienne Stein’s year as Ladew’s 2023 artists-in-residence. Their beautiful paintings will be exhibited and available for sale. Enjoy cocktails and hors d’oeuvres.

October

- Oct. date and time TBD. **2023 Maryland STEM Festival**, Fire Museum of Maryland. The museum will participate in the festival, conducting experiments from its new STEM program, “The Science of Fire Safety”. Participation is included with regular admission to the museum; no registration required.
- Fridays in October, 9 am. **Friday Walks**, Lake Roland Nature Center. Free, with registration by email to lakerol-rp@baltimorecountymd.gov.

- Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 8 am. **Baltimore Bird Club Walks**, Lake Roland Nature Center. Free, with registration by email to lakerol-rp@baltimorecountymd.gov.
- Oct. 5, 10 am. **Opening Day Activities Fair**, Woman’s Club of Roland Park (TWCRP), 4500 Roland Ave. Members and prospective members will be welcomed to sign up for classes, committees, community projects, trips and more. RSVP to twcrp@comcast.net. twcrp.org
- Oct. 7, 10 am. **Wild Walks: Fantastic Fungi**, Ladew Topiary Gardens. Enjoy a fall walk with Nick Spero as you search for and learn about the magical world of fungi. Spero is a biologist and longtime forager who teaches for the National History Society of Maryland. \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members for each date (price includes garden admission). Advance registration and payment required.
- Oct. 12, 1 pm. **Andrea Brachfeld Jazz Quartet Concert**, Woman’s Club of Roland Park. Brachfeld is the recipient of the “Best Jazz Flute” award from *Hot House Magazine*, and has associated with Hubert Laws, Slide Hampton, Tito Puente, Paquito D’Rivera, Wallace Roney, Wycliffe Gordon, Dave Valentin and Ray Barretto, among many others. Open to the public. RSVP to twcrp@comcast.net with “Jazz Concert Registration” in the subject line.

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113 Beechdale Rd.	\$744,900	\$ 780,113
20 Merrymount Rd.	\$798,000	\$ 798,000
14 Edgevale Rd.	\$775,000	\$ 800,000
3 Upland Rd.	\$899,000	\$ 860,000
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important skill learned through the class is accountability. It isn’t tied to a student’s grade in the course; rather, a student’s accountability is to his team members and to the alumni mentors who visit throughout the semester.

Some of these alumni lecture on specific topics in which they have expertise. Others contribute in a way that Griswold calls “startup therapy”—stuff he says you can’t read about in a textbook. They help boys with challenges that arise throughout “the entrepreneur experience,” like how to confront a teammate who isn’t pulling his weight. Others volunteer their time at the end of the semester as judges during the competition in which each team of students presents its business pitch.

One of those judges this year was Cheo Hurley (1992). “I believe the class allows students to think about their future career options in a different way,” he says. “The program gives the students an opportunity to improve their presentation and team-building skills, which will be critical regardless of the career path they take.” ❖

Read the full version of this article at gilman.edu/entrepreneurship.

Gilman School (gilman.edu) is a pre-kindergarten through 12th grade independent school in Baltimore with an enrollment of approximately 1,000 boys. A diverse community dedicated to educating boys in mind, body and spirit, Gilman seeks to produce men of character and integrity who have the skills and ability to make a positive contribution to the communities in which they live and work.

FALL FLING • Friday, October 13

After a hiatus of a few years, the Civic League is happy to announce that the tradition of hosting an annual social celebration will continue with the advent of the Fall Fling, to be held Friday, October 13, from 6:30 to 9:00 pm at the Woman's Club of Roland Park (4500 Roland Avenue). Mingle and catch up with your neighbors while enjoying libations, appetizers and music. Tickets are \$35 per person. For those 21 and older. At the time of publication, sponsors include the Village of Cross Keys, the Wine Source and area restaurants. The committee, led by Somerset Road resident Veida McCampbell, is hard at work in creating a memorable evening for all!

- Oct. 19, 10 am. **Thursday Morning Social Hour**, Woman's Club of Roland Park. Find out more about TWCRP. Refreshments will be served. Program includes a presentation by Barbara Blumberg on the history of women's fashion. RSVP to twcrp@comcast.net with "Social Hour Registration" in the subject line.
- Oct. 21, 6 pm. **Lantern Night**, Fire Museum of Maryland. Family-friendly Halloween event showcasing fire apparatus, etched glass signal lamps, kerosene lanterns and reenactors in period attire.
- Oct. 29, 4 pm. **Halloween at the Roland Water Tower**, Roland Water Tower, 4210 Roland Ave. Wear a costume or come as you are for this fun-filled, family-friendly afternoon. TWCRP will be handing out candy.

November


- Fridays in November, 9 am. **Friday Walks**, Lake Roland Nature Center. Free, with registration by email to lakerol-rp@baltimorecountymd.gov.
- Nov. 2, 11 am. **Lillie Shockney: Finding Humor Where you Least Expect It, a History of Breast Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment**, Woman's Club of Roland Park. Shockney is the former administrative director of survivorship programs at Johns Hopkins Breast Center. She will share her journey, both personal and professional, with breast cancer and the profound changes made in diagnosis and treatment of the disease. RSVP to twcrp@comcast.net with "Lillie Shockney Registration" in the subject line.
- Nov. 3, 5 pm. **Fall Art Show Opening Reception: Artful Harvest: Supporting Artists, Fighting Hunger**, Roland Park Presbyterian Church, 4801 Roland Ave. Light refreshments. All pieces are 8x10" or smaller, so perfect for holiday gift shopping. A portion of sales will benefit the GEDCO CARES (gedco.org) client-choice food pantry. rolandparkchurch.org
- Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28, 8 am. **Baltimore Bird Club Walks**, Lake Roland Nature Center. Free, with registration by email to lakerol-rp@baltimorecountymd.gov.
- Nov. 7, 10 am. **Days for Girls Workshop**, Woman's Club of Roland Park. Sew and assemble feminine hygiene kits for distribution to girls around the world (including in the U.S.) for Days for Girls (DfG) International (daysforgirls.org), which

addresses the problem of period poverty. RSVP to twcrp@comcast.net with "DfG November 7" in the subject line.

- Nov. 16, 1 pm. **Letitia VanSant: Singer/Songwriter**, Woman's Club of Roland Park. VanSant is a rising star in the indie music scene. *Paste Magazine* named her among 10 Artists to Watch in 2020, BBC Radio says she is "a fascinating new artist," and PopMatters called her "a consummate reflection of a rising Americana star." RSVP to twcrp@comcast.net with "Letitia VanSant Registration" in the subject line.
- Nov. 18, 10 am-2 pm. **St. David's Holiday Bazaar**, St. David's Church, 4700 Roland Ave. Celebrate the season with this annual holiday highlight. Start your decorating with the annual greens sale and your holiday shopping from a variety of popular vendors. Fun holiday activities for even the youngest children means the entire family can kick off the holiday season in style! For information, call 410-467-0476. stdavidsbaltimore.org
- Nov. 25, 11 am. **Opening Day: Holiday Train Garden and Visit from Santa**, Fire Museum of Maryland
- Nov. 26, 12 pm. **Museum Store Day**, Fire Museum of Maryland ♦

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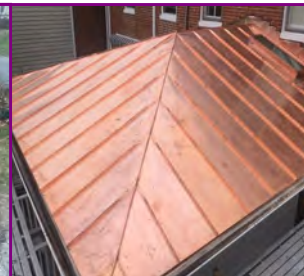
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