



# TURTLE TALK

June 7, 2024

## Two Weeks At A Glance (the WAAG)

Monday 6/10	Tuesday 6/11	Wednesday 6/12 <i>Dismissal begins at 1:50 pm</i>	Thursday 6/13	Friday 6/14
1 pm – 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade end of year picnic (please bring photo ID)		12:00 pm - Ross End of Year picnic	12 noon dismissal	12 noon dismissal Last Day of School

The BCPS Calendar is here: [https://cdns5-ss3.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_2744/File/Calendars/2023-24.pdf](https://cdns5-ss3.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_2744/File/Calendars/2023-24.pdf)

## Message from Administration

This is our final Turtle Talk of the year. We are so thankful for your collaboration and support this school year! It has been a remarkable Watershed Year. Big things are up ahead for Watershed with the expansion to 7<sup>th</sup> grade, the renovations to our building (A/C, solar panels and energy efficient fixtures), and our 5-year renewal with BCPS. We also have been awarded an additional \$84,000 in grants to repair our playground and improve our security camera system. The greater Baltimore community and foundations see the amazing things that are happening at Watershed and continue to support the work we do to bring outdoor education to all!

We are welcoming the following as new to Watershed Teachers: Ms. Chandler Castillo (5<sup>th</sup> grade Math/science); Ms. Dozel Anderson (5<sup>th</sup> grade ELA/SS); Ms. Maria Willey (IEP Facilitator); Ms. Sarah Legge (6/7 Science). While they are new to Watershed, all come to us with teaching experience.

Ms. Dozel Anderson - You might even recognize Ms. Anderson from being Ms. Durantaye's long-term sub when she was out on maternity leave. She has a BA in English and is a published author! Ask any current fifth grader and they will tell you how Ms. Anderson helps them feel safe and secure for learning.

Ms. Chandler Castillo - Ms. Castillo is the 23-24 teacher of the year at her current school and has been teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade for more than 8 years. We are thrilled to have her join our ranks at Watershed!

Ms. Sarah Legge – Ms. Legge is a current teacher in Calvert County and after visiting Watershed, realized that she needs to outside more with her middle schoolers! A current special education teacher, she has taught middle school science previously and can't wait to take our Turtles outside.

Ms. Maria Willey – Ms. Willey comes to us from Franklin High School as a full-time case manager. She is excited to be at Watershed next year to focus on IEP facilitation. Her extensive background in special education compliance and student support were amazing attributes for her position. She is looking forward to working with our families to ensure ALL children are successful!

We wish Ms. Natalie Edwards a fond farewell as she returns to her passion – preschool and pre-kindergarten. We know she will continue to meet with success as she moves back into early childhood education.

Ms. Kiara Wright is moving to fourth grade to teach Math with the awesome duo of Ms. Ross and Ms. Clark.

We are still interviewing for a third grade classroom teacher – if you know of a teacher who loves to be outside all day, please send them to our website: [www.watershedpcs.org](http://www.watershedpcs.org)



Ideas/Questions/Concerns Contact us at [PTO@watershedpto.org](mailto:PTO@watershedpto.org)

### 6/4/24 PTO Meeting Minutes and Notes

Our final PTO meeting of the school year was held on June 4. We adopted a budget for next year, reviewed end of year activities, and elected new officers. Please review the [Meeting Minutes and Notes](#). Thank you to everyone for your involvement this year and all you did to support the students of Watershed! We look forward to all we can accomplish together next school year.



### 5th / 6th Grade Celebration!

No RSVP is required. This will be a laid back, informal event, geared towards students to celebrate their yearlong achievements. Please keep in mind that this is not an event organized in conjunction with the school. Watershed's policies & procedures regarding designated pick-up still apply, and the front office will not be raptoring in IDs for extended guests and community members who are not identified as regular pick-up designees.



### 2024-2025 Watershed PTO Membership is Open

Enrollment for 2024-25 Watershed PTO membership is open! PTO membership runs through June 30 and must be reapplied for each year. Membership is available to all parents and legal guardians of Watershed students and Watershed School staff. Joining is simple and it is FREE! Just complete this Google Form>> [Watershed PTO Membership 2024-25](#)

Being a PTO member allows you to receive PTO email communications, vote and make motions in PTO meetings, serve on and chair PTO committees, and run for a PTO office.

### Stay Connected Over the Summer!

The PTO will be hosting various events throughout the summer months to keep families engaged and connected with each other! To make sure you receive PTO emails and stay in the know regarding these events, make sure to sign up for PTO membership using the link above.



A lot of PTO planning goes on over the summer so that we can start the school year strong! We would love additional involvement with the Membership Committee, Summer Events Committee, and Welcome Back Committee. And while Fall Fest planning will begin once the new school year arrives, we are also looking to gauge interest for that committee too. Additional details about the committees can be found on the sign-up. Working on a committee is fun and a great way to meet other PTO members. Sign up here >> [PTO Committee Sign-Ups](#)

### Volunteer Engagement Log

Remember to continue logging your hours if you've completed any volunteer work, attended a PTO or committee meeting, or participated in other PTO or school activities. [2023-2024](#)

[Volunteer Engagement Log](#)





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