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#### **School Leadership**

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### Kicking off a new year! BY NNEKA WARREN, PRINCIPAL



Welcome to a new school year and new opportunities to learn and grow!

Our students have incredible, compassionate teachers and staff who provide the highest quality education possible. As a community school, we also meet our families' needs.

You make THE difference, though, in your child's success by ensuring your student attends school every day. Attendance matters! Please make sure that your student is at school, in uniform, and on time every day.

I am delighted to share that our school's MCAP scores increased in both Reading and Math. Let's keep up the great work this school year. I continue to be impressed, but never surprised, by what our students can accomplish. It's the Pimlico Way! Here's to a great year ahead!

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### **Back-to-School Jam**

Our Back-to-School Jam on August 22 was great! We had games, a DJ, community partner resources, a petting zoo, pony rides, free haircuts, Takara ice cream, and more. We gave away 300 book bags and school supplies, and families met teachers and bought uniforms. Thank you to our generous partners and wonderful PEMS teachers and staff for a fun day.





### **Back-to-School Night**

Thursday, Sept. 19, 5-7 PM

"A No. 2 pencil and a dream can take you anywhere."

JOYCE MEYER



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## Campus Upgrades

This summer, talented artists in the H.E.R. Mentoring program created our new mural. The young women worked with local business, Loaded Canvas, to pick the theme and paint the mural in our downstairs hallway.

EXCITING NEWS! PEMS is developing design plans for the proposed walking/running track and modified athletic field to be added to our historic grounds. This will add many athletic and extracurricular opportunities for students and the larger Pimlico community.

We're proud of our inspiring campus and the 21st-century teaching and learning facilities our community enjoys!



### **Afterschool Programs**



We are proud to announce that the After-School Arts for Learning Academy (ASALA) program will again provide our arts-based afterschool enrichment for K-8 students. ASALA is a free Baltimore City Public Schools program designed and operated by Arts for Learning Maryland. **Information will be available on Back-to-School Night** with more details on available spots.

## **Community Support**

Supporting our families is The Pimlico Way! Through our community partner, Park Heights Renaissance, we offer numerous resources.

Join us for the first Peaceful Parenting Workshop, Sept. 11, 4 PM, Library. Register with QR code (at right).

Questions about services? Contact Ms. Braxton (above), Community Coordinator: tbraxton@phrmd.org





# **School Uniforms**

We are a uniform school. If you have specific questions, please contact the school.



### **Immunizations**

It is required by the Maryland State Department of Education that every student be up-to-date on immunizations. Go to baltimorecityschools.org/o/bcps/page/immunizations for all the details. Contact Ms. Adams at TRadams@bcps.k12.md.us if you need more information and PEMS resources.

City Schools is offering a free immunization clinic on Fridays, Sept. 13, 20, and 27 from 10 AM-3 PM at Central Office, 200 E. North Ave. You must pre-register at totalhealthcare.org/vax.

## Join the PTO!

Parent-school communication and collaboration are important. All are welcome to join the Parent-Teacher Organization. Our first PTO Meeting is Thursday, Sept. 26. See you there! Questions? Contact Ms. Braxton at tbraxton@phrmd.org

### NEW BCPS Dress Code Rules



Scan for the new rules and discuss with your child.



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You play a KEY role in making sure your child is NWEA ready! If you have a positive attitude about assessments, your child will, too.

Parents, please:

Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before (9 PM bedtime).

Give your child a healthy breakfast on testing days– bodies and brains need healthy fuel!

Leave plenty of time to get to school. Being rushed/late adds anxiety.

Encourage your child to do their best and not worry about how quickly someone else is working.

Remind your child that this test helps teachers plan for how your child learns best.

### **NWEA Testing**



Each fall, we do the NWEA assessment to get a baseline for your child's academic strengths and needs. This allows us to create the best plan for your child's success. **Our NWEA** testing dates are Sept. 10 AND 11.

### **New Teachers & Staff**

ShaNekwa Winfield, Asst. Principal Joy Bailey, Office Assistant Tabitha Patterson, Pre-K Teacher Sade Parham, 1st Grade Teacher Paraeducators: Val Anderson, Sha'Tarah Askins, Tricia Carter, Shavonda Wilson Kamyah Jefferson, 4th Grade Teacher Desiree Graves, 4th Grade Teacher Taliah Matthrews, 6th Grade Social Studies Ollie Taylor, 7th Grade Math Eli Simhon, 8th Grade Social Studies Amara Rana, 6-8th Grade Low-incidence Teacher Shardae Gregory, Art Teacher Peter Carver, Drama Teacher Celeste Parker, School Nurse Student Support Specialists: Shirlika Dotson, Mykia Hopkins, Jawan Gaines

Welcome, Stallions!

# **Upcoming School Events**



### NWEA Testing

Be prepared for two days of testing



Hispanic Heritage Month Begins



Back-to-School Night 5-7 PM



**NWEA Testing** Be prepared for two days of testing



#### Peaceful Parenting Workshop 4 PM, Library

26 THU

PTO Meeting Time TBD. Contact tbraxton@phrmd.org

School Closed

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### **Early Release Day**



Professional Decvelopment - no school for all grades

# A Baltimore Curriculum Project School



Baltimore Curriculum Project (BCP) is proud to be the charter operator of PEMS and five other neighborhood conversion charter schools in Baltimore City.

BCP invited PEMS to partner in 2019, converting to a charter school in 2021. Baltimore City Schools Board of Commissioners granted BCP a five-year contract to operate PEMS. We're now in year four of the contract and will be up for renewal in SY 2025-26. In spring 2025, PEMS begins the renewal process by undergoing a School Effectiveness Review (SER) by the district. Stay tuned for more information.

#### School Mission

With enthusiasm, patience, and dedication, all stakeholders in our 21st Century learning community will create opportunities for students to explore ideas, develop their potential, and celebrate their growth as we prepare them to become college and career ready.