

## **STALLION TIMES**

Pimlico Elementary/Middle School Newsletter.



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Our Pimlico Pride is displayed every day in our learning, teaching, and how we treat each other and embrace new ideas and challenges.

We had good NWEA MAP testing days last month for your child's achievement baseline to create custom learning groups that address each student's strengths and needs. Our next NWEA MAP testing day will be early in 2025.

Our school performance goals are:

- To increase 3 percentage points in achievement in Reading, from the 15th percentile in SY23-24 to the 18th percentile in SY24-25.
- To increase 4 percentage points in achievement in Mathematics, from the 11th percentile in SY23-24 to the 15th percentile in SY24-25.

Working hard in class every day makes the difference in our school's performance and in your child's future. Thanks for being our educational partner!



## **Pimlico Muralists**

Congratulations to the artists who created and painted our wonderful new mural as part of the summer H.E.R. Mentoring Program, founded by Ms. Carter. Details at pimlico223.org/news.

## **Pre-K Accreditation**

Our Pre-K has achieved Maryland State Department of Education accreditation, signifying that it meets high standards of early childhood education. This recognition highlights our school's commitment to providing quality education and a strong foundation for our youngest students.



## New Reveal Math Program

This year we are implementing a new Mathematics curriculum in Grades 1-8 called Reveal Math.
After years of using Eureka Math, we reviewed and analyzed multiple curriculums to identify the strongest. Reveal is a robust, comprehensive curriculum that allows our teachers to teach the Common Core Stata Standards to our students.

Reveal Math is both a print and online curriculum that provides ample opportunities to demonstrate learning in a variety of ways. Teachers and staff have been to numerous trainings to review and prepare for implementation. These trainings will continue throughout the year to ensure that our students receive top notch math instruction.



# Back-to-School Night

Thanks, parents and family members, for coming to our fun, informative Back-to-School Night. We enjoyed showing you what your student does in our classrooms and how we embrace our Pimlico Pride.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are on Thursday, October 17 after early dismissal.

Please plan to schedule a conference with your child's teacher to find out how your student is doing.

To schedule a conference, please contact the school or your child's teacher.



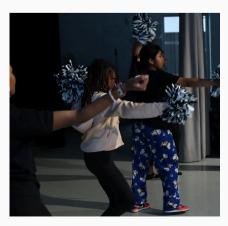
## **Peer Mediators**



Now in its second year, the Pimlico Peer Mediation program has 26 students in the 8th, 7th, and 6th grades. Led by Mr. Lester, all students are trained (training pictured here) and ready to lead meditation sessions (in pairs) with peers. These student leaders also lead lessons for younger students in active listening and positive peer interactions, key assets of our Restorative Practices program. Thank you, Peer Mediators!

## Lion King, Jr. Roars into Pimlico

This year, for the first time in Pimlico's BCP history, we will have a musical. Students recently auditioned for *Lion King, Jr.*, a version of the blockbuster Broadway show just for a youth cast and crew. Ms. Smith is the director of the production and has begun rehearsals with our talented cast. Performance dates coming soon!





## **Community Coordinator Corner**

Our new, monthly Peaceful Parenting Series, created by Ms. Cole, our Restorative Practices Coach, and Ms. Braxton are free workshops and circles to help parents wit parenting skills.

This fall's workshops and circles are held in the Library. Register by scanning the QR code below:

Understanding Children's Behavioral Challenges, Oct. 23

How Parental Presence Shapes Who Children Become, Nov. 6

How Our Childhoods Impact Our Parenting, Nov. 20

Building Positive Connections with Our Children, Dec. 4

Childhood Wins + Losses, Dec. 18

Questions, contact Ms. Cole at andria@therestorativeproject.net.

Here are a few tips from our first workshop:

- Respond to the nervous system, not the behavior.
- Tell children what we do want, not what we don't want.
- A dysregulated adult can not regulate a dysregulated child.
   Self regulate before attempting to co-regulate.

We look forward to having you join us!



Scan to register for the Peaceful Parenting Workshops & Circles

## **Our PTO is for You!**

Our September Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) was a huge success. The PTO is dedicated strictly to the parents. We asked parents what they would like to see more of at PEMS and what school resources they need as parents. We are here for our students and parents!

Join us for the next PTO meeting!



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# Congratulations, 2nd Grade!

Ms. Isaac's 2nd grade class enjoyed a pizza party as a reward for the class that had the most school forms returned by parents. Thanks, 2nd Grade families, for your great engagement!

Thank you for helping us reach our attendance goals!

## **Attendance Matters**

Getting your child to school on time and in uniform EVERY DAY is the most important thing you can do to ensure their academic and personal success.

Research shows that chronic absenteeism (missing 10% or more of school days) can lead to lower scores on standardized tests, poor overall academic performance, and poor health outcomes. It also makes it harder for your child to develop social skills and friendships.

#### **OUR ATTENDANCE GOALS FOR THIS YEAR:**

Increase from 83% attendance from last year to 85% for the 2024-25 school year. We started off strong. Do your part to help us reach our goal!

Our attendance for September 2024:

Grade	Attendance Rate as of Oct 1
PreK	92.31%
Kinder	80.85%
1st	94.34%
2nd	86.21%
3rd	89.06%
4th	82.81%
5th	78.57%
6th	86.39%
7th	82.14%
8th	81.10%
Total	84.53%

## **October & November Events**

**17** 

Early Release for Students Day

18 FRI **School Closed for Students** 

Professional Development Day

29 TUE **Early Release for Students Day** 



School Closed for Students

Professional Development Day

5 NOV School Closed
Election Day - VOTE!



## **Baltimore Curriculum Project**



In late August, Baltimore-born SNL star Ego Nwodim (below) led a two-day training for faculty and staff at all six BCP schools to enhance teaching strategies through life skills and improvisational theater techniques and to foster faculty risk-taking. This initiative, developed in collaboration with Todd Wade, City Springs' Director of Restorative Practices and Ego's former high school teacher, began in fall 2023. For this year's program, Ego was joined by the Baltimore Improv Group. The Today Show aired a segment on her program that is exclusive to BCP schools. Watch the clip at baltimorecp.org/news-press or scan the QR code.





#### **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.