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Pimlico Elementary/Middle School Newsletter.





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December is one of the most exciting times to be at an elementary/middle school. Pimlico Elementary / Middle School is always a spirited place to be -- it's the Pimlico Way!

This month is especially exciting with anticipation of the holidays and winter break. Be sure to join us for the Holiday Bazaar on Dec. 16 and the Winter Concert on Dec. 17.

We are deeply proud of our 6th graders (above) who earned their White Coats on Nov. 14 at the White Coat Ceremony. This wonderful tradition marks their official start in PEMS' unique Middle Grades Health Sciences Program in partnership with LifeBridge Health and Sinai Hospital. Congratulations, young STEM leaders!

Attendance remains a top priority at PEMS. Our ATTENDANCE GOAL: Increase from 83% attendance from last year to 85% for the 2024-25 school year. We need everyone's help to reach this! Please make sure your child is at school every day, in uniform, and ready to learn.

I wish you and your family a joyous holiday season filled with wonder and love.

High School Choice

High school applications and decisions are coming!

It's an exciting time for our 8th Grade Scholars and their families who are preparing to decide where they will attend high school. PEMS alumni attend top-tier Baltimore City high schools:

Baltimore City College Western High School Baltimore Polytechnic Paul Laurence Dunbar High School

WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

8th Grade families, please attend

High School Application Support Session, Thurs., Dec. 5 2:30 pm- 3:30 pm PEMS Library

- Learn about the BCPS high school choice program.
- Get hands-on guidance with your application.
- Use school laptops to complete the application quickly and accurately.

BCPS High School Choice Fair

Sat., Dec. 14
Begins at 10 am, Free
Baltimore Convention Center

• Get information on various high schools, public and private.

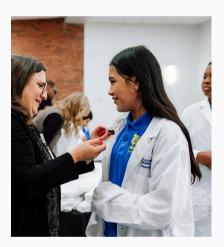
QUESTIONS?

Contact Ms. Jocelyn PEMS School Counselor at jdowling@bcps.k12.md.us.

Middle Grades Health Sciences Program White Coat Ceremony

Congratulations to the newest members of our Middle Grades Health Sciences Program in partnership with LifeBridge Health and Sinai Hospital. These 6th graders take advanced science classes and explore careers in medicine and health.









Community School Coordinator Corner

Our monthly Peaceful Parenting Series, created by Ms. Cole (pictured below in beret), our Restorative Practices Coach, and Ms. Braxton, is AMAZING! This FREE program helps parents with parenting skills and builds community. Learn more in a Q&A with Ms. Cole in the BCP blog at baltimorecp.org/blog. REGISTER below with the QR code.





New Pimlico ES MS App

Stay updated on all the school and class news with Rooms in the free Pimlico ES MS app in the Apple or Google stores. Use the link we sent in the sign-up invitation email or text. Contact Mr. Judd if you need another invitation: TWJudd@bcps.k12.md.us.

Register for the Peaceful Parenting Workshops



Scan the QR code

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Please reach out with questions or if you have needs for your student and family.

Ms. Braxton and our community partner, Park Heights
Renaissance, are here to help!

American Education Week

We had a great time celebrating public school education and our students, the next leaders of our world, during American Education Week, Nov. 18-22. Our daily themes:

- Monday: Literacy in the Community and Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Day
- **Tuesday:** Attendance and Family Engagement Day with special, grade-level raffles
- Wednesday I LOVE City Schools Staff Day with staff in PEMS colors
- Thursday: Charm City Spirit Day in Baltimore team jerseys
- Friday: College and Career Day with staff wearing college or high school gear and students repping schools they want to attend

Pimlico Thanksgiving Dinner







PEMS/City Springs Soccer Game

On Nov. 20, our Boys Soccer team and the Eagles of City Springs played a game on th Eagles' Purple Field. Teams included players from both schools. The afternoon was great fun with terrific athleticism, sportsmanship, and Pimlico Pride!





Cell Phone Policy

Reminder that BCPS policy states that students may use cell phones to and from school ONLY for safe travel.

Students MAY NOT have or use their phones during school hours. This is for ALL grades.

Cell phone use during the school day is a distraction from our laser-focused learning environment. Thank you for understanding.



Learning Thanksgiving Traditions

During November, ESOL students learned about Thanksgivings past and present and the different traditions of the holiday. One of the fun, hands-on lessons was exploring the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade, a tradition that is 98 years old. Students discovered what past parades looked like and the process of making a balloon for the parade.

Lessons were hands-on with students choosing the balloon character of their liking and creating their own balloon. The entire school enjoyed a Pimlico Pre-Thanksgiving Day Parade with students proudly marching through the halls with their balloon creations, the perfect way to practice vocabulary words like "parade."

Thanks, ESOL teachers and students, for sharing your holiday knowledge and joy with us.







December Events

16 MON **Holiday Bazaar**

17 TUE The Winter Theater-A Winter Concert

23 MON School & Offices Closed for Winter Break **2** THU

School & Offices Open on Jan. 2



BALTIMORE CURRICULUM

PROJECT

Baltimore Curriculum Project

The Baltimore Curriculum Project (BCP) hosted its student art contest for the third consecutive year to create the holiday card sent to BCP donors. The contest invites K-8 students to showcase their artistic talents. For 2024, we received numerous submissions from students across our six charter schools.

BCP staff and board members served as judges, selecting the top three entries based on artistic merit, creativity, and holiday theme adherence. **Congratulations to Kristel M., 7th Grade,** for her beautiful 3rd place winning design!

Wishing you a wonderful Winter Break!



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.