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Pimlico Elementary/Middle School Newsletter.



## Principal Warren's Message

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February is an excellent time to express our LOVE for seeing your child at school every day.

We love teaching your child and helping your child learn critical thinking and problem-solving skills. We love ensuring your child is ready for each educational step. And we love giving them the support they need to be successful.

When your child attends school every day, they receive crucial and consistent instruction to help them develop their reading, writing, and math skills. Missing school, especially for younger students, can cause them to fall behind in these fundamental areas, making it more challenging to catch up as they progress to higher grades. Social and emotional development is also negatively affected by absenteeism.

Help us spread the love by sending your child to school EVERY DAY on time, in uniform, and ready to learn. Talk about the importance of being in school and set attendance goals together. If your child is missing school frequently, please let us know how we can help. We care about our students and families and are here to support you!

Warm regards,  
Nneka Warren, Principal

# Girls on the Run Starts Spring Season

Pimlico's 3rd to 5th graders are excited to begin another year of Girls on the Run of the Greater Chesapeake (GOTRGC), running from February 10 to April 2025. Students will meet twice a week for a total of 20 lessons.

The 2025 spring season will conclude with a 5K event on Sunday, April 27th at Druid Hill Park in Baltimore.

This program goes beyond just running; it connects physical health with emotional well-being, helping girls establish lasting healthy habits. Through engaging lessons, participants enhance their social, emotional, and physical skills, equipping them to tackle life's challenges effectively. They cultivate essential qualities such as competence, confidence, connection, character, caring, and contribution. We are excited to see all our girls make great strides this spring!

Pictured: Girls on the Run last fall



# Spreading the Love at Pimlico

On February 9, Pimlico will host its first-ever Valentine's Day Candy Gram Event. In late January, every student and faculty member wrote a candy gram card sharing a positive message and included their name. These are being distributed randomly with a Valentine's Day treat (courtesy of the school) to all students and staff. This first-ever, school-wide effort to spread kindness and positivity on Valentine's Day is the brain-child of Ms. Daugherty and Mr. Mathews. Thank you, parents, for sharing your child's kindness and love with our school community!

# Black History Month

Black History Month is a time to recognize and honor the achievements and history of Black individuals around the world. It reminds us of the struggles and successes that have shaped our society and inspires future generations. By acknowledging Black history, we can better understand diversity, resilience, and the ongoing fight for equality.

Students and staff only will celebrate Black History Month with a special assembly on February 28. This event will feature student performances, including dancing, musical acts, and dramatic presentations that highlight important moments and figures in Black history. Through these performances, students can express their creativity and learn more about the cultural and historical significance of this month.

The assembly aims to educate and engage the school community in meaningful discussions about Black heritage and its impact on our world today. By celebrating Black History Month, PEMS shows its commitment to diversity, inclusion, and the importance of education in creating a more equitable future.

## Famous Black Marylander Inventors

Henry Blair invented seed-planting and corn-planting machines in the 1830s and is the second Black person to receive a U.S. patent.

In 1752, Benjamin Banneker invented the first mechanical clock in the U.S.

Duncan Black invented the world's first portable electric drill in 1917.





## 100th Day of School

February 5th was our 100th day of school, marking a joyful and meaningful moment of reflection, achievement, and excitement for students and teachers. We celebrated with a variety of activities designed to promote learning, creativity, and school spirit, from counting to 100, art lessons, and gathering in the gym for a fun 100 photo (above).

## Middle School Science Fair

Middle School students are hard at work preparing for their upcoming science fair projects. These research projects will showcase their creativity, scientific inquiry, and problem-solving skills. Some students will take their school-based projects to the city-wide science fair at Morgan State University in March, where they will compete with peers from across Baltimore.

## Afterschool Spotlight: HER Mentoring

One of Pimlico's unique afterschool programs is the HER mentoring program for female students, ages 11-14, created by Ms. Carter, Educational Associate, and Theresa Braxton, Community School Coordinator. The program focuses on empowering young women through fun, skill-based activities that nurture self-esteem, empathy, self-worth, self-care, leadership, academics, and sportsmanship. With a goal of promoting college and career readiness, activities in 2024-25 include publishing an original book by the girls, poetry writing, DJ courses, mural development, sewing, hygiene courses, as well as community service events like feeding the homeless and community clean ups. Last summer, HER students painted the new mural. For more information, contact Ms. Carter or Ms. Braxton.



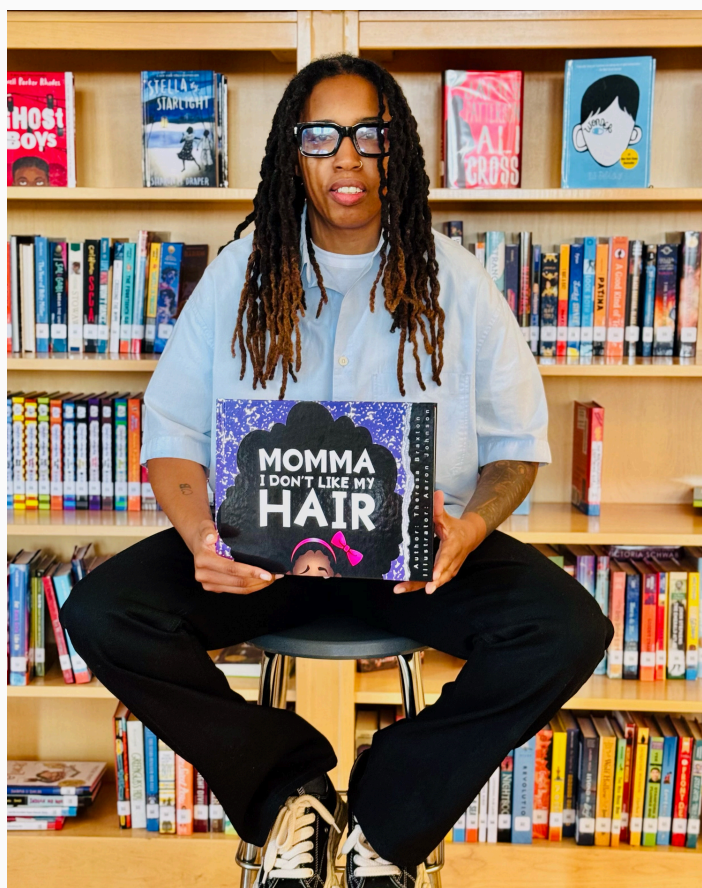


## Ms. Braxton, Author & Advocate

Did you know that Pimlico's own Community School Coordinator, Theresa Braxton, is also a published author? In 2017, she wrote the inspiring children's book *Momma, I Don't Like My Hair*, which encourages self-love and confidence among young readers. Now, she is hard at work on her second book, which will be geared toward young adults.

Ms. Braxton has long been dedicated to empowering our students and families. Through her work as a Community School Coordinator, she has fostered connections between the school and the community, ensuring that students have access to valuable resources and support. Her passion for education and personal growth extends beyond the school, as she uses her writing to uplift and inspire young minds.

Stay tuned for more updates on Ms. Braxton's upcoming book! In the meantime, you can learn more about *Momma, I Don't Like My Hair* and her journey as an author at [pimlico223.org/news](http://pimlico223.org/news).



## BCP Board Member: PEMS Parent Nakeya Houlton



The Baltimore Curriculum Project (BCP), PEMS' charter operator, is led by a committed board of directors who support the schools in their mission to offer excellent education for students in Baltimore City. BCP welcomes its newest board member, Nakeya Houlton, dedicated PEMS 6th grade parent.

Nakeya and her family recently moved from New York. Her involvement began when she met Ms. Braxton, PEMS Community School Coordinator, and started volunteering. Her active participation and support led to a recommendation for the board position from Ms. Braxton and Principal Warren. Nakeya's hard work and commitment made her the right choice for this role.

Pimlico is excited to have Nakeya on BCP's board and looks forward to her helping strengthen the connection between parents, schools, and the wider community.



# Community School Coordinator Corner

Thanks to the support and generosity of our many wonderful partners and donors, Pimlico is able to provide support to students and families in need of the following items: **winter jackets, hats, gloves, scarves, and socks**. We also have a large supply of daily hygiene and feminine hygiene products. If you and/or your student are in need of any of these items, please reach out to Ms. Braxton or stop by the main office.

## School Year 2025-26 Budget

We encourage families to take an active role in shaping the school community. Parents and guardians are invited to attend upcoming budget meetings, where they will have the opportunity to provide valuable input on the school budget for the upcoming academic year.

This is a great way for families to contribute their ideas, ask questions, and ensure that resources are allocated in ways that best support student success. Your voice matters, and your participation can make a meaningful difference in our school's future.

**PTO Meeting: February 26, 2:45 pm-3:30 pm.**

## Staying Connected with PEMS

There are many ways to stay updated about all that is happening at PEMS.

**Daily/weekly class and school news:** Download the FREE Rooms app in the Apple or Google stores. Every family should be signed up for the Rooms app.

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](mailto:TWJudd@bcps.k12.md.us).

**Social media:** Follow PEMS and show your Pimlico Pride on Instagram @pimlicoelementarymiddle  
Facebook: Pimlico223

**School website:** [pimlico223.org](http://pimlico223.org)  
We have an events calendar, school resources, news, and more. Check it out!

# February Parenting Workshops

Parenting Circle, Feb. 19:  
Apology Styles

Register by scanning the QR code below:



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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!



## February Events

**Feb 5:** Peaceful Parenting Workshop

**Feb 13:** Staff PD Day, School Closed

**Feb 14:** Wellness Day, School Closed

**Feb 17:** President's Day, School Closed

**Feb 19:** Parenting Circle

**Feb 26:** PTO Meeting, 2:45 pm-3:30 pm.

**Feb 28:** Black History Month Assembly for students and staff only

## Baltimore Curriculum Project



Congratulations to three of our Baltimore Curriculum Project (BCP) neighborhood conversion charter schools on their recent charter renewals! On January 14, 2025, the Baltimore City Public School Board voted unanimously to renew the charters for City Springs Elementary/Middle, Frederick Elementary, and Govans Elementary.

These renewals highlight BCP's strong dedication to promoting educational excellence and implementing innovative strategies that support the success of students and their families. To learn more about the charter school renewal process, visit [baltimorecp.org/blog](https://baltimorecp.org/blog) to read the latest post by Laura Doherty, BCP President and CEO.

*Thanks for the love  
you share with Pimlico!*



### 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.