



## Principal Warren's Message

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**March 3-7 is Read Across America**, a nationwide initiative dedicated to inspiring a love of reading in children of all ages.

At Pimlico, we are excited to celebrate this special week with engaging activities that highlight the joy and importance of reading.

Reading with your child—whether they are in elementary or middle school—builds strong literacy skills and creates lasting memories. Set aside time each day to read together, explore different genres, or even let your child read to you.

A love of reading opens doors to lifelong learning and success. Children who read regularly tend to perform better in school. When families read together, their bond deepens. Reading encourages empathy, creativity, and imagination.

Let's work together to inspire our Pimlico students to become passionate, confident readers!

Warm regards,  
Nneka Warren, Principal



# 7th Graders Learn to “Stop the Bleed”

On Feb. 25, 7th graders took part in a "Stop the Bleed" training to learn how to help in an emergency. Led by experts from Sinai Hospital, students practiced simple steps to stop bleeding using the "A-B-C" method: Alert, Bleeding, and Compression. This easy-to-learn approach helps people act quickly to control bleeding and save lives.

This hands-on training is part of the school’s Middle Grades Health Science Program with LifeBridge Health, which introduces kids to medical careers through fun activities, guest speakers, and hospital visits.



# Black History Month Celebration

Feb. 28 was a schoolwide celebration of Black history and achievement. Run by Ms. Smith, the inspiring presentation by our talented students included singing, rap, African dancing, African drums, and skits about Ruby Bridges, Rosa Parks, and Malcolm X. Students read original poetry and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. Our cheer team and step team performed as well. Thank you for such a great celebration of culture, community, and achievement!







## Stallions on the Court!

Our middle school boys' and girls' basketball teams are off to an exciting season of hard work, dedication, and teamwork. Student-athletes demonstrate their commitment to improving their skills, competing with passion, and representing our Pimlico Pride. Players are forming strong bonds, learning the value of perseverance, and gaining leadership skills that will help beyond basketball. Thanks, Pimlico, for coming together to support the teams!



## Mr. Isaacs Wins Kahn Award

Congratulations, Mr. Isaacs, 7th grade ELA teacher, 2025 winner of the Brenda Kahn Memorial Award for Educational Excellence, presented by Baltimore Curriculum Project! Mr. Isaacs brings exceptional teaching and devotion to his classroom and our community. His students' performance increased from 0% passing the MCAP to 27% passing the MCAP. His student growth was in the 69 percentile (very well above the average of 50) for Maryland.

“Mr. Isaacs is one of the most innovative teachers that I have met,” says Ms. Warren. “He takes the time to know the students, analyze the data, and come up with detailed plans to reach every student. His ability to build capacity in students is a gift that has built confidence in our scholars and is evident in their academic growth.”

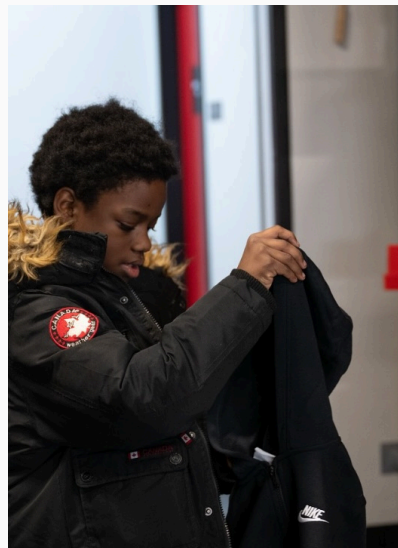




# High Attendance Earned Shopping Spree With Mayor Scott

Three Pimlico students with the highest school attendance enjoyed a \$250 shopping spree at the new Downtown Locker Room store in Reisterstown Road Plaza on Feb. 18 with Mayor Brandon Scott. Tatum, 2nd grade, Kiyon, 7th, and Malone, 8th, enjoyed shopping with Mayor Scott at the grand opening, accompanied by Ms. Carter.

Students were selected by Ms. Warren for having the highest attendance since the beginning of this school year. It was an unforgettable morning in celebration of the students' hard work and dedication to being at school every day, ready to learn.



# Understanding the Pimlico Budget

It's school budget time. Our school budget helps provide the best education and experiences for our students. Every dollar is used to support learning, enrichment programs, and school improvements.

Academic Materials: Curriculum books and learning resources

Additional Support Staff: More educators and specialists

Technology: Laptop carts, iPad carts, and Smartboards in classrooms.

After-School Programs and Activities: Girls on the Run, dance, cheerleading, and basketball

Student Events: Award ceremonies, holiday concerts, and celebrations

Parent Engagement: Peaceful Parenting workshops and activities to connect families

Restorative Practices: DREAM Team members help build a positive school culture

Staff Training and Support: Direct Instruction training, stipends for continuing education, and coaching support

Website, Social Media, and Newsletter: Keeping families informed and engaged with school updates.

We value family involvement in school decisions. Share your ideas:

- Attend school meetings and budget discussions.
- Participate in surveys and give feedback on school needs.
- Join the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)
- Stay informed through our website, social media, and newsletter updates.



# Community School Coordinator Corner

At PEMS, we are grateful for the support of our amazing community partners. These organizations help enrich our students' education, provide mentorship, and support families. Partnerships make a huge difference in our students' lives, and we are proud to work together to help them succeed.

- **LifeBridge Health:** Leads the Middle Grades Health Sciences Program for hands-on experience in medical science.
- **Safe Streets:** Teaches students about conflict resolution and promotes a safe, nonviolent community.
- **Morgan State University School of Education:** Supports student learning and provides mentorship opportunities.
- **Callowhill Swimming Club:** Offers swimming lessons to help students build confidence and water safety skills.
- **Park Heights Renaissance:** Provides community support and resources for students and families.
- **Hip Hop Granny:** Brings fun and engaging storytelling to encourage a love for learning.
- **Imagine Me:** Mentoring program that empowers young ladies through leadership and personal growth.
- **Catering Services:** Helps provide food for school events and celebrations.
- **H.E.R. Program:** Encourages student empowerment and leadership.
- **The Green Zone:** Connects families with important resources and school support.
- **Park Heights Barber Shop:** Provides free haircuts to students with improved attendance.

**JOIN US for the PTO Meeting:** Wednesday, March 5: PTO meeting 2:45-3:15 p.m., Peaceful Parenting Workshop 3:30-4:30 p.m., Library

## Black History Month Artists

Last month, students collaborated creatively to create art honoring Black leaders. Here's a sampling of the inspiring art (left to right):

Rosa Parks: Kerolin, Malaysia, and Cinthya

Harriet Tubman: Ty'jai, Star, and Kennidy

Tyler the Creator: Jazella and Kellani



## March Parenting Workshops

Workshop, March 5:  
Healing Childhood Trauma

Circle: March 19:  
Rewriting Our Parenting Myths

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!



# March Events

**Wednesday, March 5:** PTO meeting 2:45-3:15 p.m., Peaceful Parenting Workshop, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Library

**Friday, March 14:** NO SCHOOL, Professional Development Day

**Saturday, March 15:** Science Fair at Morgan State University

**Wednesday, March 19:** Parenting Circle, Library

**Friday, March 28:** Early release

## Baltimore Curriculum Project



BCP hosted the 2025 Leading Minds Symposium on February 14, bringing together educators from all six BCP schools to address chronic absenteeism in the post-pandemic era. Dr. Josh Michael, President of the Maryland State Department of Education, led a panel featuring Dr. Deborah Brooks (Baltimore Mayor’s Office for Family and Children’s Success), Larry Simmons ( Attendance Works), and Mark Gaither (Principal, Wolfe Street Academy). The discussion emphasized the need for a community-driven approach, addressing systemic barriers like poverty, mental health, and family instability. Panelists highlighted the role of community schools, early intervention, and student engagement in improving attendance and academic success.

Following the symposium, BCP teachers and staff participated in breakout sessions to explore these issues in greater depth, discussing practical strategies for increasing attendance and supporting students. The event reinforced that solving absenteeism requires collaboration between schools, families, and city resources to ensure every student has the support needed to thrive. Learn more at [baltimorecp.org/blog](https://baltimorecp.org/blog).



### 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.

