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Pimlico Elementary/Middle School Newsletter



Principal Warren's Message

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June is such a wonderful time! I so enjoy the opportunities to celebrate our 8th Grade class and their accomplishments and to wish them well for their next educational adventure. There's been so much growth in each grade this school year. Thank you for helping your student make the most of each school day. I remain humbled by the pride and commitment our families continue to show Pimlico Elementary / Middle School.

This year was a proud opportunity to showcase our school's progress and programs to educators and leaders across Maryland. We had visits by officials from the Maryland State Department of Education and by the Baltimore City Council, who attended an engaging presentation on restorative practices. PEMS is on the state's and city's radar of a school community and culture that is vibrant and focused on the success of every student.

Have a restful, enjoyable summer! I look forward to your return in August for what will be another remarkable year for our school. To the Class of 2025, go boldly into your future. Know that your Pimlico Pride is always a part of you, as you are forever part of PEMS.

Fondly
Principal Warren

8th Grade Top Students

Congratulations to our top three students for their academic excellence!

Valedictorian: Dawud Akanbi,
attending City College

Recognized for achieving the highest academic standing,, Dawud has shown dedication and a passion for learning.



Salutatorians:

Sharon Onyenwenu, attending Poly
Jayda Turner, attending Frederick
Douglass

As the second-highest achiever, Sharon (left) and Jayda (right), have demonstrated integrity and commitment throughout their education.



Where is 8th Grade Going?

We are excited to watch our graduates take the next step in their academic journeys. Our students will be attending a variety of high schools across Baltimore and beyond, including:

- Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy High School: 2
- ConneXions School for the Arts: 9
- P-TECH at Carver Vocational-Technical High School: 1
- Forest Park High School: 27
- Baltimore City College High School: 3
- Coppin Academy: 4
- Paul Laurence Dunbar H.S. for Health Professions: 5
- Frederick Douglass High School: 20
- Academy for College and Career Exploration School: 8
- P-TECH at Digital Harbor High School: 1
- Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School: 6
- Carver Vocational-Technical High School: 9
- Western High School: 5
- Baltimore Design School: 2
- Edmondson-Westside Vocational-Technical High School: 2
- Bard High School Early College: 2
- Baltimore School for the Arts: 1
- Baltimore Polytechnic Institute High School: 2

Congratulations, Class of 2025! Keep striving, keep believing, and continue to make the Pimlico community proud.



Finishing Strong

PLEASE make sure that your child comes to school EVERY day in June ready to learn, including the last day of school, Tuesday, June 16 (early release). We continue to teach important content until the last day of school. Celebrations are also critical learning opportunities that bolster your child's sense of belonging, confidence, and peer connections.

Lion King, Jr. ROARS!

On May 28, the talented cast and crew performed *Lion King, Jr.*, directed by Ms. Smith, Music teacher. It was the culmination of months of rehearsals and hard work. The performing, songs, dances, costumes, and scenery were amazing as the evening transported us all to Pride Rock--Pimlico Pride-style!

Thank you, Ms. Smith, our faculty, and parent volunteers for making this such a memorable experience for our students.



Mother's Day Bazaar

Thanks to our talented community of crafters and entrepreneurs at our great Mother's Day Bazaar last month! It was fun to shop for the moms in our lives.



Preventing Summer Learning Loss

By Maura Colleen Farrall, BCP Lead Academic Coach

Summer break is a wonderful time for kids to relax, explore new interests, and recharge. Research shows that in July and August, many students experience a setback or “summer slide” in academic skills, especially in math and reading. Students can return to school having forgotten what they learned, spending precious months catching up instead of moving ahead.

Preventing this loss is key to ensuring your child starts the next grade confident and ready to learn. Here are simple, enjoyable, free (or low-cost) activities to keep your child’s brain engaged all summer long:

Reading for Pleasure: Encourage your child to read daily—just 15 minutes a day can make a big difference. Let them pick books they enjoy, whether it’s comics, fantasy, or nonfiction. Chatting about stories together will deepen their understanding and make reading more meaningful.

Writing in a Journal: Keeping a daily journal is a great way to build writing skills. Your child can write about their day no matter their age. Older scholars can write stories or write about their day. Young learners can draw pictures and write words. A special notebook they can decorate with fun pens or crayons can make this more exciting.

Playing Math Games: Free online games make practicing math facts and problem-solving fun and interactive. Older kids might enjoy Khan Academy with lessons tailored to their level. Let your child choose favorite sites or games to keep them motivated with a goal of two to three games.

Make Learning Fun and Child-Led: Children are more likely to stick with learning activities when they have a say in what they do. Visiting the public library is a fantastic way to offer variety. Kids can explore different books, participate in summer reading challenges, and even get advice from librarians.

The most important thing parents can do is to support and encourage your child. Parents are the first and most valuable teacher your child has. Show interest in the books they read, ask about their journal entries, and join in on math games. Your involvement sends a powerful message that learning is valuable and enjoyable.

Even a few minutes each day can add up to a big impact!

Summer Enrichment

Just a few spots left for Summer Arts for Learning Academy (SALA), the FREE, 5-week arts integration camp at PEMS. Open to current PreK–2 Pimlico students. **Scan the QR code or email sala@artsforlearningmd.org** to learn more and sign up!

A vibrant poster for the Summer Arts for Learning Academy 2025. It features a young girl in a colorful tutu dancing, a group of diverse children smiling, and a QR code. The text is in various colors and fonts, providing details about the program, dates, location, eligibility, and contact information.

SUMMER ARTS FOR LEARNING ACADEMY

Summer Arts for Learning Academy 2025

FREE summer program in Baltimore City!

SALA students learn from the best artists and educators in the state!

Summer Arts for Learning Academy (SALA) gives students a fun summer packed with creative exploration and arts-integrated math and literacy lessons from the BEST teachers and teaching artists in the state.

- FREE full-day, five-week program
- Fun-filled summer learning experience
- Students explore new art forms and experience the joy of creative discovery

Use this code to learn more and REGISTER today!



June 30–July 31
Monday–Thursday
8:30 AM–3:00 PM

Where?

- Pimlico Elementary School

Who is eligible?
Students currently in grades PreK through 2 attending Pimlico Elementary.

How much?
SALA is free for all participants

Questions?
sala@artsforlearningmd.org

IMPORTANT DATES 2025-2026

- Back to School Jam: Aug. 28, 3-5 PM
- First day of school for students: Mon., Aug. 26, 2025
- Winter Break: Dec. 22, 2025 – Jan. 2, 2026
- Spring Break: March 28–April 6, 2026
- Last day of school: June 11, 2026 (early release)

Summer Resources for PEMS Families

As a Community School, PEMS supports the needs of our students and their families during the school year and summer. Our main partner, **Park Heights Renaissance**, maintains a great resource directory with food distribution and other services, should your family need them this summer. Visit boldnewheights.org/resource-directory for the full list.

Rocky’s Field Day!

On May 29 and 30, students enjoyed Rocky’s Field Day—a fun-filled celebration with games, music, and lots of energy. Students rotated through exciting activity stations, cheered on by our cheerleaders. Rocky himself made a special appearance (see cover), bringing extra smiles and school spirit to an unforgettable event. More pics, page 6.



Peaceful Parenting

Final Workshop, June 5:
Tips for Co-Parenting

Final Circle: June 12
Celebrating Our Growth

REGISTER with the QR code.

Thank you, Ms. Braxton and Andria Cole, founder of Restorative Practices, for the series. Read Ms. Cole’s reflections at baltimorecp.org/blog about the importance of Peaceful Parenting.



Have questions or needs, contact Ms. Braxton
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June Events

June 4: PTO Meeting, 2:45 pm - 3:30 p.m.
June 5: Final Peaceful Parenting Workshop
June 10: 8th Grade Closing Ceremony and 8th Grade Prom
June 11: Prek/K Closing Ceremony
June 12: 5th grade Closing Ceremony
June 12: Final Peaceful Parenting Circle
June 16: Last Day of School

Baltimore Curriculum Project



As the school year comes to a close, BCP extends its heartfelt congratulations to all students, families, and staff for a year filled with learning, growth, and accomplishments. Your hard work and dedication have made this year truly memorable.

As we wrap up, our focus also turns to planning for an even stronger start in the fall. In July, several of our teachers, including 15 from Pimlico, will attend the National Institute for Direct Instruction training in Eugene, Oregon. Early career teachers (new to teaching or new to BCP) will participate in the New Teacher Institute in early August. These professional development opportunities are vital in ensuring our educators are equipped with the latest strategies and skills to support student success.

We wish all our students, families, and teachers a safe, relaxing, and well-deserved summer break. Thank you for being an essential part of our school community. We can't wait to welcome everyone back for another exciting school year!



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.