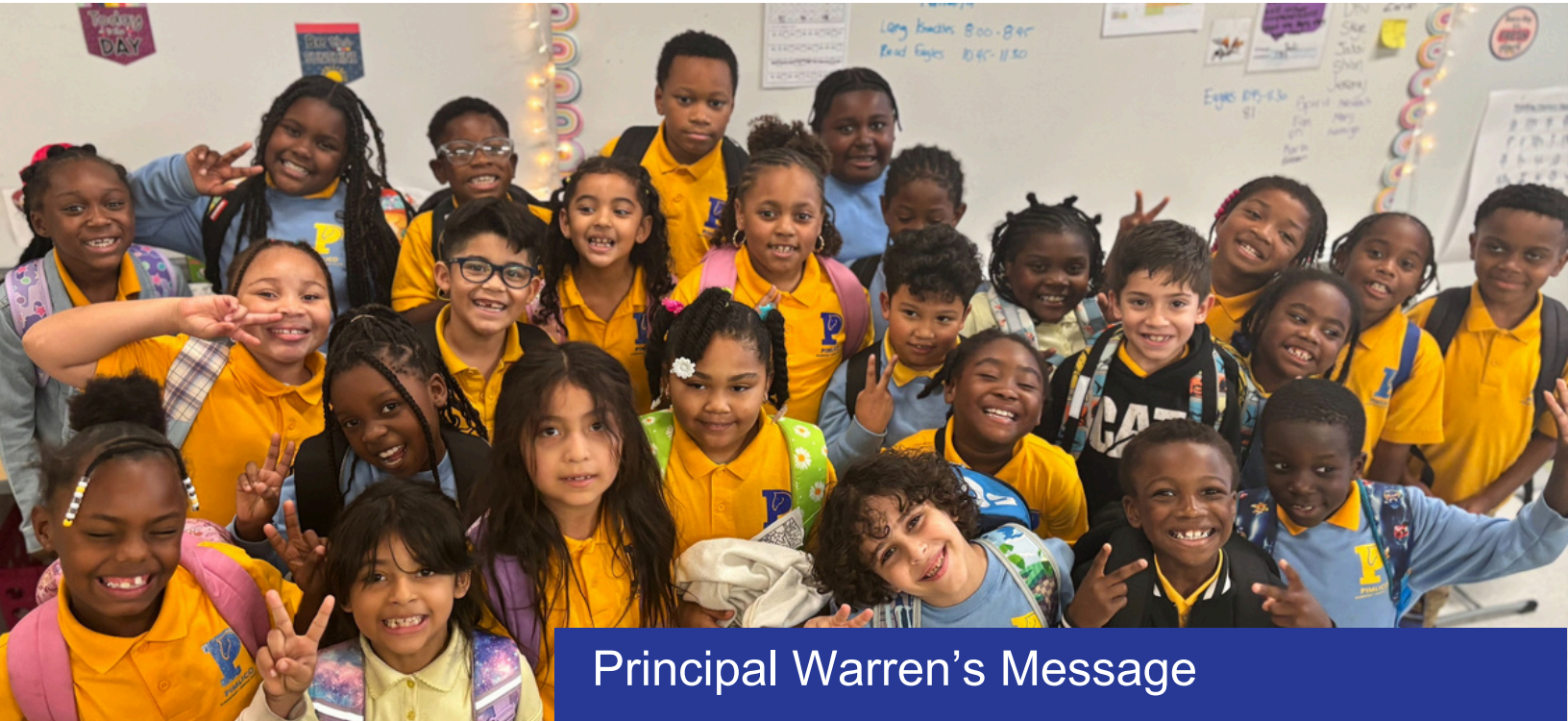


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Principal Warren's Message

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Our students, educators, families, and community partners continue to create a culture of respect, kindness, and achievement. Our goals for the 2025-2026 school year are essential to help our children succeed and thrive.

Attendance goal: 85.5% attendance EVERY day. This goal is up 2% from last year's goal of 83%. Make sure your child is at school each day,

in uniform, on time, and ready to learn. It's the most important thing you can do to ensure their school success. (See page 3.) Well done, 2nd Grade (above) on winning the monthly pizza party for the class with the highest increase in attendance. How can you help with our attendance goal AND set your child up for success now, and throughout their life?

- Get your child to school every day.
- Check ClassDojo every day.
- Review backpack contents each night with them.
- Be positive about school and encourage their best efforts.
- Let us know how we may help.

Thank you, families, for being our most important educational partners.

Respectfully,
Ms. Warren

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

On Oct. 8, we had a great family event of student performances honoring Hispanic culture and food. More photos on page 4.



Back-to-School Night Recap

Thank you to everyone who came to Back to School Night for classroom visits, food, and a great resource fair with Harbor Bank, Church of the Holy Nativity, Safe Streets, For My Kids, Chicago Parent Club, Peaceful Parenting, and the Langston Hughes Community Center. Thanks, families and partners, for making the night a success and for helping us kick off the school year with connection and support!





Attendance Matters: Incentives, Raffles, & More!

Our daily **Rocky's Attendance Contest** encourages students to come to school every day. Our school-wide attendance rate for Sept. was 89.98%. With a yearlong attendance goal of 85.5%, we're off to a strong start! How Rocky's Attendance Contest works:

1. Each morning, every student who comes to school gets a raffle ticket.
2. The grade with the highest attendance increase at the end of the month earns a pizza party.
3. Every child with perfect attendance for the month is entered into a **raffle for a \$100 Visa gift card** (one winner per grade) for the family.

Congratulations to 2nd grade (above) which won a pizza party with 91.58% attendance and to the parents who took home gift cards!

On Sept. 30, we hosted a **great 30-Day Count Event with 96% attendance that day!** Students enjoyed a mini-fair of games, food/ice cream truck, the Baltimore Orioles and Ravens mascots, a DJ, and carnival games and fun activities like (glitter tattoo station, bubbles, and photo booth). It was a wonderful way to celebrate strong attendance. Let's keep the momentum going: In school, every day, in uniform!

Upcoming Rocky Challenges (PBIS): In Oct., students who earn 3 out of 4 Rocky Prize Cycles will attend a special field trip to the Maryland Zoo (elem. students on Oct. 29; middle school students on Oct. 30).



After-school Programs

Beginning Oct. 13, we have a great variety of FREE after-school clubs and activities for students to explore new interests, build skills, spend time with friends, and have fun.

K-5: After School Arts for Learning Academy (space is limited)

Grades 3-8: PEMS clubs:

- Sewing
- Chess
- Dance
- Wrestling
- Coed intramural teams against other PEMS students
- Music and Theater (spring production of *The Wiz*, Christmas program, and Black History Month showcase)
- Girls on the Run program (grades 3-5) began on Sept. 23

Grades 6-8 Sports::

Our middle school sports compete with other Baltimore City Schools.

Find game schedule at https://pimlico223.org/our_events.

- Flag Football (boys and girls teams): Sept.-Nov. 7
- Girls Volleyball: Nov. 10 - Dec. 19; tryouts TBA
- Basketball (boys and girls teams): Feb. - March 27); tryouts TBA
- Coed track: April 1-May 15; tryouts TBA
- Cheerleading
- HER Mentoring, girls only

INFO. ON PROGRAMS: Ms. Carter at Scarter01@bcps.k12.md.us.

IMPORTANT Safety News

Construction on our new turf field is officially underway, and the site is now an active construction zone. ALL students, families, and neighbors must stay outside of the fenced area at all times. Heavy equipment and materials will be on site daily, making it unsafe for anyone to enter.

Please remind children that the construction zone is off limits, even when workers are not present. Together, let's keep our community safe while we look forward to the opening of the new field later this year!



Homecoming Events

Show your Pimlico Pride and spirit during our upcoming Homecoming PBIS events!

All events are students only.

Oct. 20 – Band Day: Lunchtime performance by Pimlico's marching band

Oct. 21 – Rep Your School: Teachers show off their Greek life or university pride by wearing their favorite swag (students in uniform)

Oct. 22 – Pep Rally (PBIS Event): Music, fun, and spirit in the auditorium

Oct. 23 – Staff vs. Student Basketball Game (PBIS Event): Students who earned 3 out of 4 points for the PBIS event will attend.

National Bullying Prevention Month

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. How we treat each other, as adults and students, is so important, now more than ever. Kindness for all is a quality that we value every day at PEMS. Here are some tips to encourage kindness and prevent bullying behaviors:

- When you see them doing an act of kindness, compliment them.
- Model kindness in deed and language
- Talk with your children about how to be kind to others.
- Encourage them not to judge others.
- Learn and respect other cultures and backgrounds.
- Talk with your children about how you show kindness and respect for others. You are your child's best teacher.

Trunk or Treat Volunteers Needed

Help make Halloween magical for our students! Volunteers are needed to assist with games, treats, and trunk stations during the school's annual Trunk or Treat event, Oct. 30, 3-4 PM. Contact Ms. Braxton or register on page 6.

Students Leaders Attend Ravens Game

On Oct. 5, 35 PEMS students in the HER Mentoring program and Community Helpers Club attended the Ravens vs. Texans game with tickets donated by the Baltimore Ravens. Ms. Braxton and Ms. Carter applied for this unique experience, and Gov Moore offered a citation to the PEMS students for their impact. Watch the WBAL segment below (video link).



Community Helpers Clean-Ups

On Oct. 16, the PEMS Community Helpers Club is hosting this year's first school clean-up to bring students together to take pride in our school and community. Nov. 14 is the second clean-up. We need adult volunteers to ensure safe, smooth events. Contact Ms. Braxton to volunteer.

Peaceful Parenting

Workshop: Oct. 15, 3:30 PM, Dinner served; children welcome
Building Children's Brains

Circle: Oct. 29, 3:30 PM
Dinner served; children welcome
Making Sense of Our Childhoods

Register for in-person Workshop and/or Circle:



MAKEUP Zoom Workshop:
Oct. 16, 7 PM, Zoom Link:



Community School
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Contact Ms. Braxton with
any needs for your family.



Upcoming Events

- Peaceful Parenting Workshop: Oct. 15, 3:30 PM
- Early Release/Fall Parent Teacher Conference: Oct. 16
- NO SCHOOL/PD Day: Oct. 17
- PTO Meeting: Oct. 23, 2:45-3:35 PM, Library
- Peaceful Parenting Circle: Oct. 29, 3:30 PM
- Trunk or Treat: Oct. 30, 3-4 PM
- Early Release: Oct. 31 at 11:45 AM
- Report Card Distribution: Nov. 10-12

Baltimore Curriculum Project



To celebrate 30 years of the Baltimore Curriculum Project (BCP), PEMS's charter school organization, we are sponsoring Volunteer Days of Service.

Scan the QR code for event details and to volunteer for Trunk or Treat, Oct. 30.

Can't volunteer in person? Donate candy, Halloween decorations, costumes, etc.

Thanks for helping us celebrate 30 years of impact with BCP!



Meet the Dream Team

Check out the Q&A with Mr. Lester (back row, center in white shirt) on Pimlico's Dream Team and our student Peer Mediators. Thank you, Dream Team and student leaders, on helping to create a positive, restorative school culture of respect and kindness.

Read it at baltimorecp.org/news.