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Pimlico Elementary/Middle School Newsletter



Principal Warren's Message

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I want to share an important update about our school's charter renewal process. As part of the district's regular accountability cycle, our school's original 5-year charter contract expires at the end of the 2025-26 school year. On Nov. 12, City Schools presented the Annual Review recommendations at a special public Board meeting.

The next step in the process is a Board Work Session for Operator Renewal on Dec. 4,

where our school will have the opportunity to share additional information and respond to questions from the Board of Commissioners. The Board votes on the Annual Review and our Operator Renewal on January 14. At this time, City Schools is recommending a 3-year renewal for our school.

We remain firmly committed to providing a strong, supportive, and high-quality learning experience for every student. I am proud of the hard work our staff, students, and families put in each day, and I am confident that this renewal process will highlight the strengths of our school community.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. Happy Holidays!

Fondly,
Ms. Warren



Thanksgiving Family Dinner

Pimlico welcomed students, families, and staff for its second annual Thanksgiving with Families Dinner, held on Thursday, Nov. 20. Building on the success of last year's inaugural event, this growing Pimlico tradition continues to showcase the strength of the community and the importance of coming together in the spirit of gratitude. Families gathered to enjoy delicious food, connect, and take a moment to relax during the busy holiday season. Students were excited to participate, and staff members helped serve dinner and greet families, creating a welcoming and joyful atmosphere. A spirited volleyball game and other fun in the Gym added to the event. More photos on P. 6.



Turf Field Update

Construction is moving along on the new turf field with concrete steel forms and concrete curbs installed. The astroturf will be installed in the spring, which is when we will hold the ground-breaking. Thank you for continuing to keep our students safe and out of the construction site at all times.



BCP Holiday Art Contest Winner

7th grader Jamirah D. was selected as the 2nd place winner in the 2025 BCP Holiday Art Contest! Her artwork (below) was chosen from submissions across all six BCP schools, standing out for its creativity and connection to this year's theme, "30 Years of Learning and Growing in Baltimore."

Jamirah received a \$25 gift card, and her achievement will be celebrated across the BCP community. Congratulations, Jamirah! We are so proud of your talent and creativity.



Happy Holidays

to our wonderful
Pimlico families

High School Choice Time, 8th Grade!

Ms. Jocelyn, PEMS School Counselor, is working with our 8th Grade families to prepare for high school decisions and the next step after Pimlico. We are proud that our alumni attend top-tier Baltimore City high schools, including Baltimore City College, Western High School, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, and Paul Laurence Dunbar High School.

Resources and Important Dates:

Dec. 1: Composite scores and choice applications available for families in the new Student Enrollment Management System (SEMS): www.baltimorecityschools.org/page/SEMS.

Dec. 13: BCPS High School Choice Fair, 10 AM-3 PM, Free, Baltimore Convention Center

Jan. 23: Choice applications are due in SEMS
www.baltimorecityschools.org/page/SEMS

Feb. 2: Charter applications are due. Charter schools have their own application process. Please reach out directly to schools of interest or visit our charter webpage for more information.

QUESTIONS? Contact Ms. Jocelyn, PEMS School Counselor, jdowling@bcps.k12.md.us.

Love No Ego Assemblies

On Nov. 18, motivational speaker Freddy Love, founder of The Love No Ego Foundation, visited Pimlico for a day of exciting presentations to various grades. M. Love shared his message--go beyond egotistical pressures and live with purpose--in various ways with Pre-K through 8th grade.

"I came to Pimlico to help students see themselves as the superstars that they naturally are. And they actually gave that feeling to me!," Mr. Love shared. Thanks, Mr. Love for serving as inspiration for our students to be their authentic selves.



Talk to your student about what they learned about how to be their best self, how to reduce the pressure to conform, and make better decisions.

Visit lovenoego.org to learn more.



Attendance Matters

Rocky's Attendance Challenge, November Winners: PreK had the highest attendance rate for November with 91.63%. They received yummy Bundtins from Nothing Bundt Cakes! For December, the winner with the highest attendance rate will receive a Dunkin' Donuts breakfast. Our overall attendance rate for the school year is 88% Keep up the great work!

Remember: Based on students' attendance, parents' names will be entered into a raffle for a \$100 gift card (three winners total). Any student with perfect attendance for Dec. receives a certificate, gift bag, and perfect attendance chain or bracelet.

PBIS Quarter 2 Challenge for Positive Behaviors: All students who earn 3 out of the 4 prize cycles from Oct. 23 through Dec. 4 will receive a catered movie day in the auditorium. Students who earned 3 out of 4 prize cycles for the PBIS Quarter 1 went to the Maryland Zoo. Well done!

American Education Week

Our school community celebrated American Education Week, Nov. 17-21, with a full slate of schoolwide activities as a wonderful reminder of the power of education, connection, and school spirit.

- Monday: Schoolwide Drop Everything and Read from 1:30–1:45 PM to highlight the joy and importance of reading
- Tuesday: Attendance Matters: Mystery Raffle with chances to win exciting prizes
- Wednesday: Love No Ego Assemblies focusing on mindset, leadership, and self-awareness & Math and Literacy Night with hands-on activities and learning games
- Thursday: Rep Your High School or College Gear to show off future goals—and staff school pride—by wearing high school and college apparel.
- Friday: “I’m So Baltimore” Spirit Day representing favorite Baltimore sports team, celebrating community pride and local spirit



Holiday Toy Giveaway!

We're delighted to welcome Baltimore nonprofit Unlimited Potential Mentoring and their partner, Amazon, to our community! Unlimited Potential Mentoring will be hosting a toy giveaway for PEMS families on Dec. 11, 3-5 PM. Families must register to receive presents for Christmas through this program. Sign-up information was sent out via ClassDojo.

[Read more about Haneef Hardy](#), founder of Unlimited Potential Marketing, his vision, and his intentional decision to begin partnering with our school and the Park Heights neighborhood.

Quarter 1 Awards

Pimlico celebrated Quarter 1 with awards recognizing students and staff for their hard work and leadership. Students earned two major honors:

- the Outstanding Leadership Award for consistently following expectations, using appropriate language, and wearing their uniform, and
- the Super Star Award for being respectful, hardworking, responsible, and always in uniform.

Students also selected this quarter's Student Choice Award winners: Ms. Berry for Best Middle School Teacher and Mr. Scott for Best Dream Team Member.

Congratulations to all of our Quarter 1 award recipients!



8th Graders Explore Future Pathways

On Nov. 20, 8th grade students visited Carver Vo-Tech High School for its CTE Trade Fair, to explore a wide range of career and technical education programs. Students participated in hands-on activities in technology, construction, cosmetology, and other skilled trades, giving them a meaningful preview of the programs and pathways they can pursue in high school and beyond.



Peaceful Parenting

Workshop, Dec. 10, 3:30 PM- 4:30 PM, Library, Dinner served; children welcome
TOPIC: *Safety Is The Starting Point: Cultivating Physically, Emotionally, + Relationally Safe Household*

Circle, Dec. 17, 3:30 PM-4:30 PM, Library
TOPIC: *Having Compassion For Our Parenting Fears*

Register for either/both:



MAKEUP: Zoom Workshop:



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



Upcoming Events

- White Coat Ceremony for Medical Detectives: Dec. 3
- Holiday Bazaar: Dec. 16, 9AM -2 PM for students, 12:30-1:30 PM for parents
- Winter Concert: Dec 16 2:30 PM
- Progress Report Distributed: Dec. 10-12
- PTO Meeting: Dec. 17, 2:45-3:30 PM
- Pastries with Parents: Dec. 22, 7:20-8:00 AM
- Winter Break: Dec. 24-Jan. 4
- School Reopens: Monday, Jan. 5

See the full calendar of events at https://pimlico223.org/our_events/

Baltimore Curriculum Project



In this season of gratitude, BCP is proud to **highlight the heart of our work: our incredible academic coaches.** Their expertise, dedication, and daily support ensure that every teacher in our network continues to grow, innovate, and thrive.

Read the latest BCP blog post featuring these incredible educators and a new video of a behind-the-scenes look at the robust educator support system in all BCP schools. From collaborative planning to real-time classroom coaching, academic coaches are why we are more than a school community; we are a family that lifts one another up.

Scan the QR code to read the blog and watch the video. Join us in giving thanks for the educators who make BCP stronger every day.

More Thanksgiving Family Dinner Fun!

