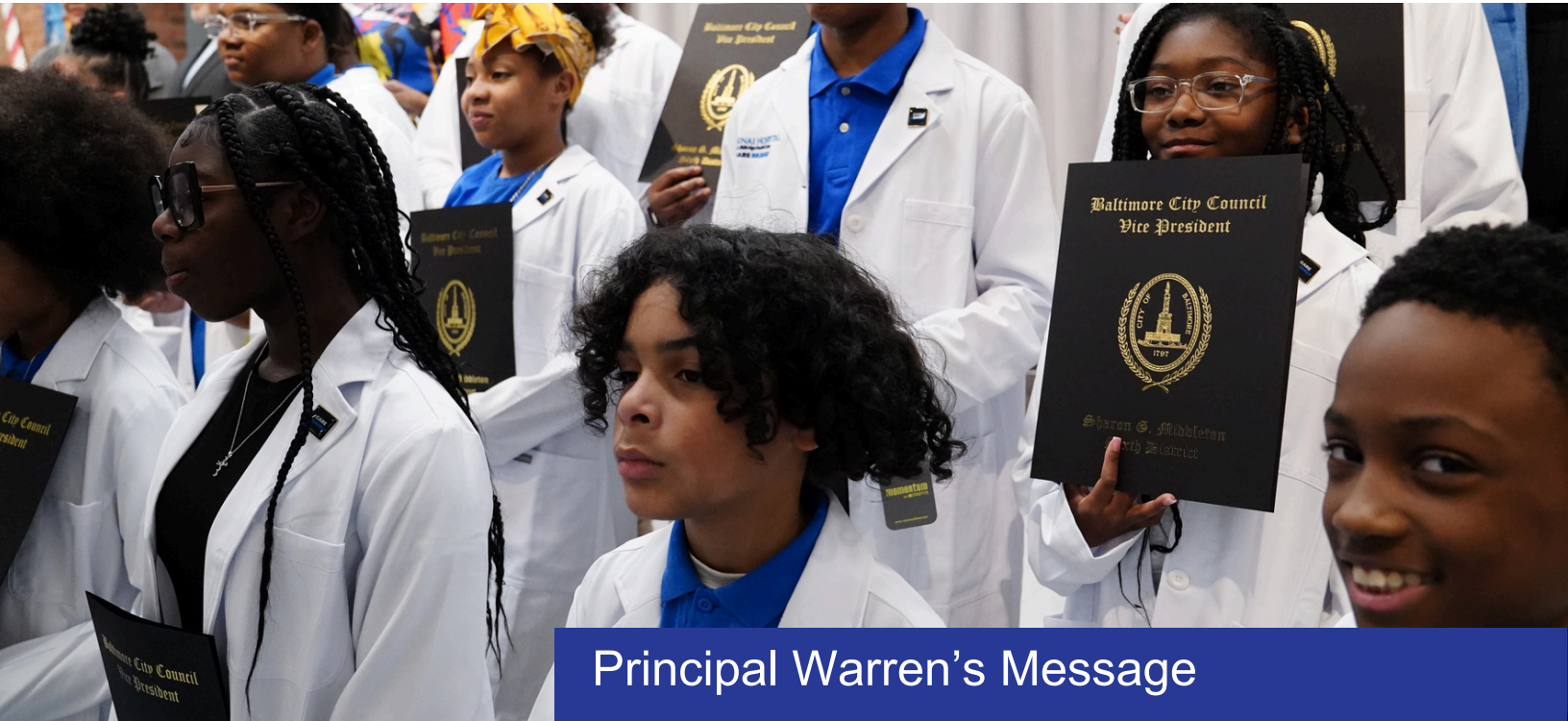


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Pimlico Elementary/Middle School Newsletter



Principal Warren's Message

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Happy New Year! A new calendar year brings reflection of all that we accomplished in 2025 and our hopes for 2026, as individuals and as a school family, of what we can accomplish this year. I am filled with excitement about what is in store for Pimlico in 2026.

This month, the Baltimore City Schools Board of Commissioners votes on our charter renewal. Our new turf field construction is humming along, and we look forward to a

spring ribbon-cutting. We have new community partners and new ways in which we are serving our families. And, of course, incredible work continues in our classrooms, hallways, sports and performance venues as our scholars learn and grow.

With the new year and winter weather in full force, I remind you to continue to focus on your child's attendance. Ensuring that your child is at school, ready to learn, in uniform, and on time is one of the most important and impactful things you can do for your child's future. It's simple: a child cannot learn if they are not at school. Our greatest blessing for 2026 is the opportunity to teach your student. Let's continue to make great attendance strides this year!

Fondly,
Ms. Warren

Holiday Happenings!

We celebrated a joyous holiday season by learning about various holiday traditions, decorating classroom doors, performing an amazing winter concert and our own version of Scrooge, written and directed by Ms. Wells, and hosted our annual Holiday Bazaar. We also welcomed Unlimited Potential Mentoring as a new community partner who generously provided an incredible Holiday Gift Giveaway for our families (see page 5 for more).

Winter Concert



Scrooge Play



Holiday Door Decorating Contest Winners

Last month, our hallways were filled with great creativity and collaboration depicting the joy of the season.

Congratulations to the winners of the Holiday Door Decorating Contest:

- 1st Place: ELD
- 2nd Place Tie: Henson and Simpson
- Above and Beyond Award: Art

The holiday fun continues in January with the 7th Grade team's student New Year's Resolutions.

Shopping at the Holiday Bazaar.





Our Newest Medical Detectives!

On December 3, 2025, 24 new Medical Detectives joined our school's unique Middle School Health Science Program in partnership with LifeBridge Health and Sinai Hospital. In a ceremony with Baltimore City Councilwoman Sharon Green Middleton (6th District) and Vice-President of the City Council, and Delegate (41st District) Sean A. Stinnett, the students received their white coat and pin to commemorate their acceptance in the program, a tradition that medical students around the country also enjoy. We are the only Baltimore Curriculum Project school with such a program. It includes field trips and visitors to our school to learn more about the exciting possibilities in healthcare.



Delegate Stinnett



Councilwoman Green Middleton



Amy Shlossman, President of Sinai Hospital and Grace Medical Center

Important Dates for 8th Grade Families

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.



Attendance Matters

Rocky's Attendance Challenge, December Winners: Kindergarten (pictured above) had the highest attendance rate for December with 86.68% and received a Dunkin' Donuts breakfast. **Our overall attendance rate for the school year is 86.16%!** Keep up the great work! Thanks, especially, to all families who sent students to school for December 22 and 23.

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 January receives a certificate, gift bag, and perfect attendance chain or bracelet.

Quarter 3 Challenge for Positive Behaviors: Middle school students need to earn 2 out of 3 prize cycles to the February 25 PBIS event for middle school. For the March Rocky's Carnivals (March 24 for elementary and March 25 for middle school), students must earn 3 out of 4 prize cycles. They also need to earn 3 out of 4 prize cycles to attend the talent show on March 12.

Share Your Love for Pimlico!

What do you like best about PEMS? Tell your friends and neighbors! When families are considering schools in our community, our families sharing what they love about PEMS is our best advertising.

- We are a neighborhood conversion charter school. That means that ANY STUDENT living in the Park Heights neighborhood can automatically enroll without a lottery. If there are spots left after we accept neighborhood children, we do go to a lottery.
- We have state-of-the-art facilities and a new turf field and track coming this spring.
- We are one of the only City Schools across Baltimore with the Middle School Health Science Program in partnership with LifeBridge Health and Sinai Hospital.
- We are a Restorative Practices school, creating a peaceful, collaborative community of belonging and respect.

If you know a family who would thrive at PEMS, please let us know.



Holiday Toy Giveaway

This holiday season marked a powerful milestone for our school as we celebrated our first annual Pimlico Holiday Experience Giveaway, made possible through an incredible collaboration with Haneef Hardy, founder of the Baltimore nonprofit, Unlimited Potential Mentoring (UPM).

Mr. Hardy's vision and generosity helped transform our gymnasium into a space filled with laughter, excitement, and holiday magic. Through this partnership, 125 families received toys and gifts. Thank you, UPM!



Peaceful Parenting Events

MONTHLY PEACEFUL PARENTING WORKSHOPS @ PEMS
SELECT **WEDNESDAYS @ 3:30PM** IN THE **LIBRARY**
MAKEUP WORKSHOPS: THURSDAYS @ 7PM ON ZOOM

September
INTRODUCTION TO PEACEFUL PARENTING
IN-PERSON WORKSHOP: 9/17
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP: 9/25*

October
BUILDING OUR CHILDREN'S BRAINS
IN-PERSON WORKSHOP: 10/15
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP: 10/23

November
UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL CHALLENGES
IN-PERSON WORKSHOP: 11/12
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP: 11/13

December
CULTIVATING SAFE HOUSEHOLDS
IN-PERSON WORKSHOP: 12/10
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP: 12/11

January
CULTIVATING POSITIVE CONNECTIONS W/ OUR KIDS
IN-PERSON WORKSHOP: 1/14
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP: 1/15

February
ALTERNATIVES TO PUNISHMENT
IN-PERSON WORKSHOP: 2/11
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP: 2/12

March
ADDRESSING HARM + CONFLICT IN THE HOME
IN-PERSON WORKSHOP: 3/11
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP: 3/12

April
UNDERSTANDING CHILDHOOD TRAUMA
IN-PERSON WORKSHOP: 4/15
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP: 4/16

May
HEALING CHILDHOOD TRAUMA
IN-PERSON WORKSHOP: 5/6
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP: 5/7

June
CO-PARENTING + PARALLEL PARENTING
IN-PERSON WORKSHOP: 6/3
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP: 6/4

RSVP HERE

ZOOM LINK

*RESCHEDULED DATE

Email Ms. Cole with questions: andrea@therapeuticproject.net

MONTHLY PEACEFUL PARENTING CIRCLES @ PEMS
SELECT **WEDNESDAYS @ 3:30PM** IN THE **LIBRARY**

September
GENERATIONAL PARENTING PATTERNS
9/24/2025

October
MAKING SENSE OF OUR CHILDHOODS
10/29/2025

November
WHAT PREVENTS US FROM SHOWING UP FOR OUR KIDS
11/19/2025

December
HAVING COMPASSION FOR OUR PARENTING FEARS
12/17/2025

January
THE PRESSURES OF LEADING A NON-VIOLENT HOME
1/28/2025

February
A DYSPREGULATED PARENT CAN'T REGULATE A CHILD.
2/25/2025

March
APOLOGIZING TO OUR CHILDREN + OURSELVES
3/18/2025

April
PARENTING PATTERNS TO KEEP + INTERRUPT
4/22/2025

May
HEALING OUR CHILDHOOD WOUNDS
5/20/2025

June
OUR CO-PARENTING + PARALLEL PARENTING JOURNEYS
6/10/2025

RSVP HERE

Join us for our Peaceful Parenting Workshops (in-person and Zoom) and Circles. The monthly topics and registration QR codes are above.

MLK Family Ideas

Mon., Jan. 19 is Martin Luther King Day, and school is closed, but there are lots of ways to celebrate as a family:

- Read a MLK book or watch a movie about diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Talk about racial inequality and social justice as a family. Talking with children on these topics has a positive impact on their development.
- It's also National Day of Service. Volunteer in your community. It can be as simple as visiting an elderly neighbor to help them.
- Watch Dr. King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech on YouTube. Ask your child about their dreams and share yours.

Community School
Coordinator:
Theresa Braxton
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Contact Ms. Braxton with
any needs for your family,
including WINTER
CLOTHING NEEDS.



Upcoming Events

- Peaceful Parenting Workshop, Jan. 14 (see page 5 for registration)
- Peaceful Parenting Zoom Workshop, Jan. 15 (page 5)
- Early Release: Jan. 16
- No School Martin Luther King Day: Jan. 19
- Peaceful Parenting Circle: Jan. 28 (page 5)
- PTO Meeting: Jan. 29
- Report Cards Distributed: Jan. 28-30

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

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The new year is a great time to celebrate how far our students have come and look ahead with excitement. Let's make this a year full of learning and growth! **At BCP schools, learning happens best when students are present every day.** Even on cold, rainy, or snowy days, showing up matters. Each day in the classroom strengthens reading, math, and problem-solving skills while keeping students on track. Staying healthy helps students attend school consistently. Families can support this by:

- Ensuring kids get enough sleep
- Eating balanced meals and staying hydrated
- Dressing for the weather; Contact Ms. Braxton if you need winter gear
- Practicing good hygiene
- Keeping up with checkups and vaccinations

As we move into the second half of the school year, let's work together to keep students healthy, present, and ready to learn. Every day counts toward their success!

More Winter Concert Fun!

