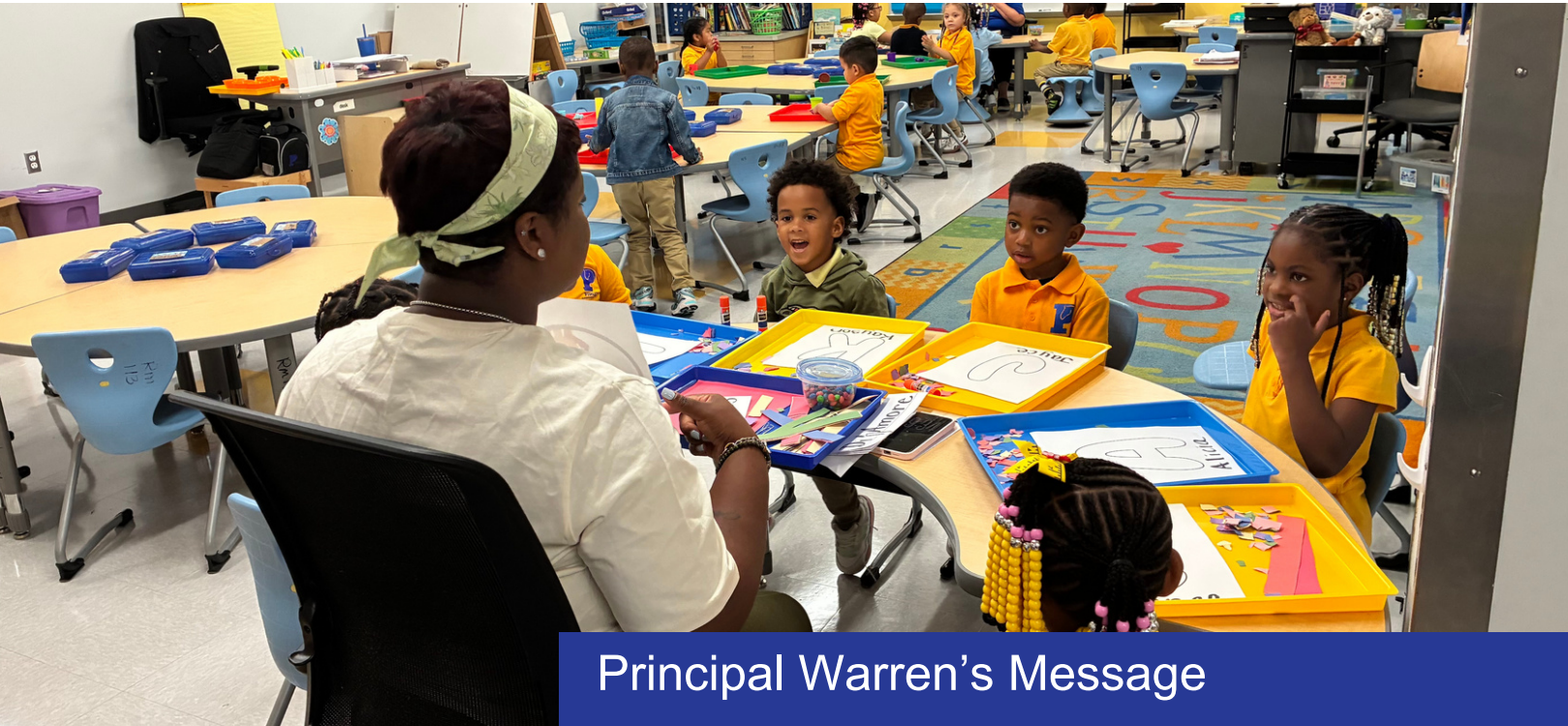


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Pimlico Elementary/Middle School Newsletter



Principal Warren's Message

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Dear Families,

Welcome back to a new school year! I trust it's been a great start to the 2026-2027 year, full of possibilities and excitement for what lies ahead for your student. With your partnership and encouragement, we can help every child feel supported, confident, and ready to reach their full potential.

Please make getting to school on time each day a family priority. Every school day matters. Getting your child to school every day, on time, in uniform, and ready for an exciting day or learning is so important now and for their future. Regular attendance helps students stay connected to learning, build strong friendships, and reach their goals.

We have included attendance information and family tips on page 3. If challenges arise, please contact our school team so we can support you. Together, we can make this a successful year for your student and every PEMS student.

I look forward to a wonderful school year filled with learning, growth, and success!

Sincerely,
Principal Nneka Warren

Welcome to the New School Year!

Thank you, families, teachers, staff, and students for making Opening Day so special! We are excited for the new school year and all that we will achieve together.

- Make sure you are signed up for Class Dojo and check it (and your child's backpack) every day.
- Elementary breakfast starts at 7:15 AM. Middle School breakfast is at 7:30 AM.

Back-to-School Jam

Thanks to our families, generous community partners, and wonderful teachers and staff for a successful Back-to-School Jam on Aug 20. We had games, a DJ, community partner resources, free haircuts, dinner, and more. We gave away 300+ backpacks and school supplies, and families met teachers and bought uniforms.



REMINDER: Student Device Policy

If students bring devices (cell phones, iPads, wireless headphones, earpods, and smartwatches) to school, they **MUST BE** powered off and stored away during the school day. This is the City School's policy.

[Read more.](#)

NWEA MAP Testing

All K-8th students will take the NWEA MAP tests from Sept. 8- 11. These computer-based tests (taken at the beginning, middle, and end of the year) help us understand and tailor each student's learning level and track their progress. Questions? Contact your child's teacher.

News You Can Use

School Uniforms

We are a uniform school. Students wear PEMS logo shirt (short sleeve, \$10; long sleeve, \$12), or sweatshirt (\$15) every day. Khaki or black pants or skirt or jeans (with no holes).

- Prek-5th grade logo shirts are yellow
- 6th grade logo shirts are blue
- 7th grade logo shirts are gray
- 8th grade logo shirts are black

Contact an administrator if you need financial assistance with the uniform or have questions.

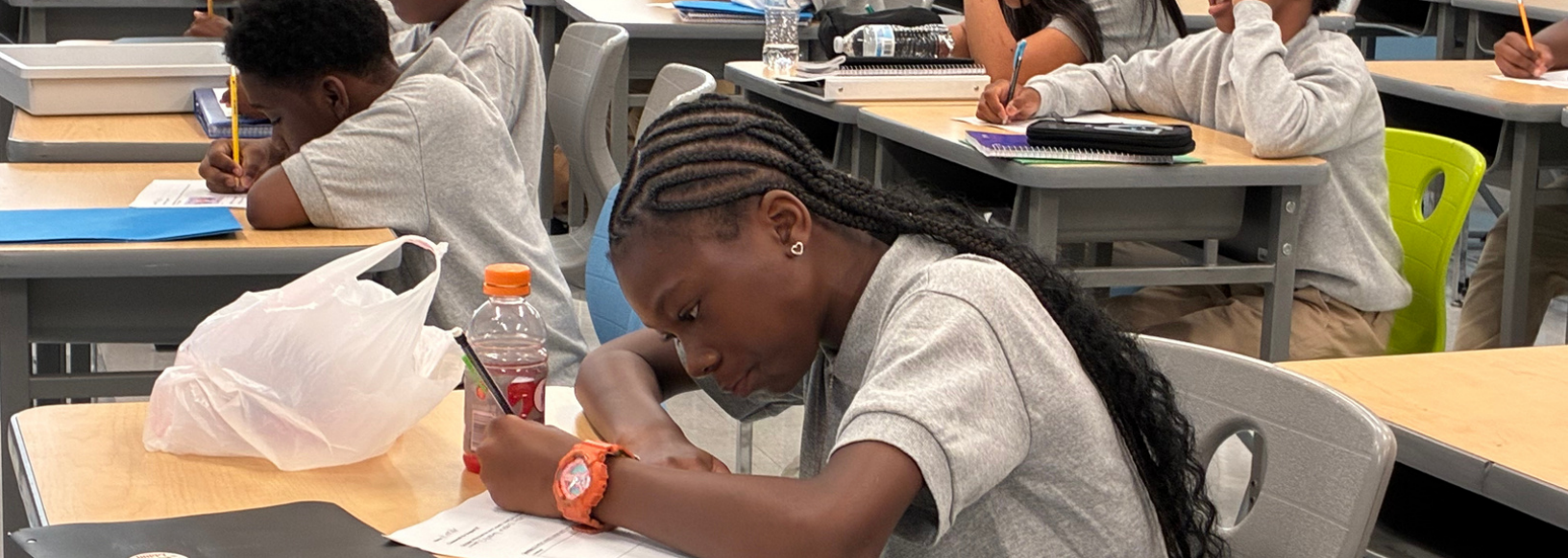
Important Immunization Reminder

All students must have up-to-date immunizations to attend school, as required by the Maryland Health Department. For 2026–2027:

- Students entering 7th grade need one dose of the Meningococcal (MCV4) vaccine and one dose of the Tdap vaccine, in addition to other required shots.
- Students entering Kindergarten need two doses of the Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, plus all other required immunizations.

If you have questions or need immunizations updated, please contact your child's doctor, a Health Department clinic, or Ms. Adams at TRadams@bcps.k12.md.us.





Attendance Matters

Daily attendance is one of the greatest gifts you give your child to ensure their success in school and life.

Q: How does daily attendance help my student? Being in school every day helps students stay on track, strengthen friendships, and feel part of our community. When they miss school, it's harder for students to keep up academically, build important skills, and feel connected to their classmates and teachers.

Q: What is chronic absenteeism? Missing 10% or more of the school year (about 18 out of 180 days) for excused and unexcused absences (ALL absences for illness, family emergencies, or other reasons). Even missing two days a month can add up and place a student in this category.

Q: How do I send a note if my child is absent? You must inform PEMS of your child's absence with a note to your child's teacher through Class Dojo, an email, or a physical note.

Q: How can families create a culture of school attendance? Set and follow routines for your child for waking up, doing homework, and going to bed. Lay out the PEMS uniform and check the backpack the night before. Use an alarm clock. For students with devices, make it a family policy to keep them with you overnight and not in their room. Communicate with your child's teachers. Make sure your contact info is up-to-date with PEMS. Create a back-up plan with family members and/or neighbors for days when you need help with getting your child to or from school. Schedule family vacations, medical and dental check-ups, and other appointments during school breaks or the weekend whenever possible. [Read more about the City Schools' attendance policies.](#)

Q: What are PEMS' Attendance Incentives? We hold attendance raffles; if a student is in school, their name is placed in the raffle. We randomly choose one elementary student and one middle school student to select a prize from the attendance prize cart. (See page 6 for photos.) Through September, classes achieving perfect attendance for any day of the week will have a celebration on Friday.

Q: What if I am having challenges getting my child to school each day? Talk to Ms. Braxton, Community School Coordinator. We don't provide transportation but the community suite can help with resources.

Q: What is the Sept. 30 Count Day carnival? Wednesday, Sept. 30 is Pimlico Fest, **our student-only carnival** to celebrate September's Attendance Awareness Month and our message that every day a student is in school is an opportunity to build relationships, learn and access support. Students' attendance at school on Sept. 30 will be their entry ticket to the event. We will have carnival games, Orioles and Ravens mascots, ice cream, and popcorn. We are also raffling off a gift card per grade for the parent or guardian.



Welcome, New Faculty & Staff!

We are delighted to welcome the following to the PEMS community. Congratulations, too, to Mr. Tabor, who has moved from the classroom to the Front Office in his new role as Assistant Principal for K-2nd.

Tina Chavis, Paraeducator
 Kyle Harding, 7th grade Social Studies
 Nicole Ingram, 8th grade Math
 Diamond Jagers, Paraeducator
 Detwan Montague, BCP Tutor
 Michael Sawyer, PE

Azia Thomas, 6th grade Social Studies
 Emily Trejo, 7th grade ELA
 Jonatham Roque, Spanish
 Paris Willett, 1st grade
 Jesse Windham, Assistant Principal
 Alphonzo Wise, Paraeducator

Our New Turf Field

This summer, our new turf field was emblazoned with our Pimlico logo. We are excited to show our Pimlico Pride to the community and our competitor teams!

How do sports help with a student's development and growth? In many ways!

- Sports keep students active and build healthy habits.
- Sports support academic achievement.
- Sports develop leadership, character, and a positive school culture.
- Sports teach discipline, goal-setting, teamwork, and perseverance.

We're working on our athletics program for the fall. Stay tuned and watch Class Dojo for sports and schedules.



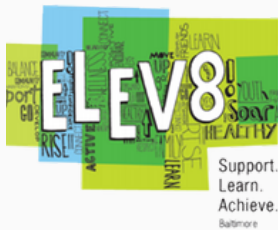
Go, Stallions!

Community School Coord. Corner

Welcome, Elev8 Baltimore!

We are delighted to welcome Elev8 Baltimore as our new lead agency. Elev8 is working with Ms. Braxton to provide a variety of resources to help our families thrive. Visit elev8baltimore.org to learn more.

Together, Elev8 Baltimore and PEMS are here to help our students and families thrive, in and out of the classroom.



“Community is a place where connections are made, relationships are built, and support is given.” – Unknown

Parent Engagement

Parent-school communication and collaboration are important. All are welcome to join the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO). Our first PTO Meeting is Sept. 16,. Meetings will be held in-person and virtual.

Mark your calendar for future PTO meeting dates:

- Oct. 14
- Nov. 18
- Dec. 9
- Feb. 10
- March 10
- April 14
- May 12
- June 9

On-Site Resources

PEMS has several on-site resources in the community suite to assist our families. Please contact Ms. Braxton for more information.

Food Pantry: Students and families may come get non-perishable food items from our pantry. We also welcome donations.

Health Services: We provide annual dental, vision, and hearing screening for students. Watch Class Dojo for information when these are happening. If you have additional medical or mental health needs, please let Ms. Braxton know.

Watch Class Dojo for information about upcoming events sponsored by PEMS and the Community School Coordinator, Ms. Braxton.

From Ms. Braxton

I am proud to serve as the Community Coordinator at PEMS with our lead agency, Elev8 Baltimore.

What do I do? I connect students and families with resources that support attendance, academic success, and overall well-being. I also build community partnerships and coordinate events like our Back-to-School Jam.

Through Elev8 Baltimore, I look forward to strengthening our school- community connection and creating more opportunities for every Pimlico student to succeed.

PLEASE NOTE NEW CONTACT INFO:

Ms. Braxton's phone:
443-240-5948

Ms. Braxton's new email:
Tbraxton@elev8baltimore.org

Reach out to Ms. Braxton with any needs or questions you have. She and Elev8 Baltimore are here to help any and all PEMS students and families.

**Community School Coordinator:
Theresa Braxton**



Upcoming Events

Sept. 7: No School, Labor Day
Sept 8-11: NWEA MAP Testing
Sept. 15-Oct. 15: Hispanic Heritage Month
Sept.16: PTO Meeting
Sept 17: Back to School Night, 4-6 PM
Sept 21: Wellness Day, No School
Sept 30: Pimlico Fest, students only

Event calendar: pimlico223.org/our_events



Baltimore Curriculum Project



Celebrating Five Years of Academic Growth Across BCP Schools

BCP students are making meaningful progress! Over the past five years, students across our six schools have shown growth on the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP), reflecting the dedication of our students, families, teachers, and school leaders. We are proud of the progress our students have made and remain committed to helping every BCP student succeed. [Read more.](#)

PEMS is a standout example with students making significant gains since 2022:

- In grades 3–5, Pimlico students increased MCAP proficiency by **10 percentage points in English Language Arts (ELA)** and **6 percentage points in math**.
- Middle school students in grades 6–8 showed even stronger growth, with a **23.9 percentage-point increase in ELA** and a **4 percentage-point increase in math**.
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These gains demonstrate the impact of strong instruction, targeted student support, and a continued focus on academic growth. We are proud of the progress our students have made and remain committed to helping every BCP student succeed. [Read more.](#)

What's on the Attendance Prize Cart?

