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Pimlico Elementary/Middle School Newsletter



Principal Warren's Message

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Dear Families,

This year and every year, our shared commitment is to ensure every student grows, learns, and thrives. Setting goals for the year helps us achieve this important objective. For the 2026-2027 school year, a key goal is to **increase student attendance from 84% to 86%**.

Every day in school matters. Consistent attendance gives students the opportunity to build skills, confidence, and strong relationships. We can only reach this goal with the support and partnership of our families. Please make sure your child is in school each day. If you are having challenges with this, contact us. We are here to help!

Our math goal for this year is to reach the 29th percentile, and our reading goal is the 40th percentile. Our teachers and staff are committed to providing engaging instruction, targeted support, and high expectations for every learner.

To reach these goals, we need our families as partners to encourage daily attendance, support learning at home, and celebrate student progress. Together, we can make this year one of achievement and growth!

Sincerely, Principal Nneka Warren

National Principals Month



For National Principals Month, we're celebrating Principal Warren's career, expertise, and leadership.

Years as PEMS Principal: 8, promoted in 2018

Her teaching inspiration: Her mother, Dr. Cynthia Barnett, who was a teacher, guidance counselor, assistant

principal, college professor, and founder of Amazing Girls Science, a nonprofit that builds a love of science among generations of women.

Why she loves math and education: The importance of education was instilled in Mrs. Warren early. She always caught on fast and was identified as gifted and talented. She loved learning new concepts, had great math teachers, and, in high school, enjoyed working with children as a tutor and party hostess. Mrs. Warren initially majored in accounting at Clark Atlanta University, but transferred to Morgan State University, where she majored in elementary education to continue her love of working with children.

Career journey: She first taught third and fourth grades at Garrett Heights Elementary School in Baltimore City Public Schools and then taught at Montebello Elementary School, Robert Poole Middle School (Math Instructional Support), and Stadium School before becoming assistant principal at Booker T. Washington Middle School and then Arlington Elementary/Middle School. In 2018, she was promoted as principal at PEMS before it became a Baltimore Curriculum School.

What she loves about Pimlico: "I love being part of a historic and proud community filled with intelligent, talented, and diverse learners. Our students bring so much creativity and potential, in the classroom, through the arts, or on the athletic field. I value our dedicated and diverse staff who bring different strengths and experiences but share one important commitment—their love for children and desire to see them succeed. I am proud to lead a community with so much history, talent, heart, and promise and look forward to building on what makes Pimlico special."

Favorite thing about being Principal: "Knowing that I have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children every single day. I love empowering change, creating opportunities, and removing barriers so that every student has what they need to discover their strengths, grow, and succeed. At the heart of everything I do is one guiding question: 'What's best for children?' That question keeps me grounded, inspires my leadership, and reminds me why this work matters so much."

Favorite things to do: Dancing, exercising, watching movies, and binge watching series.

Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. We are celebrating the richness of Hispanic culture and history throughout the month. Our Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration is Tuesday, Oct. 27. We will have student-only assemblies during the day, with the after-school concert and cultural dinner for families from 4-6 p.m.



Thanks, Families!

Thanks to all who joined us for Back-to-School Night on Sept. 17. Every day, please read Class Dojo and go through your child's backpack with them to stay up to date on school work and school happenings.



Attendance Matters

Last month, we kicked off **Rocky's Attendance Contest** to encourage daily attendance. Every day a student is in school is an opportunity to build relationships, learn, and access support. Here's how the contest works:

- Each morning, every student who comes to school gets a raffle ticket.
- The grade with the highest attendance increase at the end of the month earns a party (pizza, ice cream, or other treat).
- 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.

Rocky PBIS Challenges

We use a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program, which is backed by research, to support positive behavior and help our students grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Students need 250 Dojo points for slime. Q1 Celebration will be a trip to the Maryland Zoo.

Pimlico Fest: Our 30-Day Count Carnival

We celebrated September's Attendance Awareness Month on Sept. 30 with Pimlico Fest. Students who were in attendance that day enjoyed carnival games, Orioles and Ravens mascots, ice cream, and popcorn. We also raffled off a gift card per grade for the parent or guardian. It was a great day and lots of fun!



After School Program

Our free after school program allows students to explore new interests, build skills, spend time with friends, and have fun. Baltimore Curriculum Project is leading our after school program.

TO REGISTER: Students should get a permission slip from the teacher of the program they are interested in.

Grades 3-8 PEMS clubs:

- Arts, Crafts and Sewing with Ms. Sharday
- Cheerleading with Ms. Rhue-Best
- Chess (begins in November)
- Dance with Ms. Jefferson and Mrs. Graves
- Coed intramural teams (see right)
- Performing Arts Academy with Ms. Smith and Mr. George
- Health Factory with Coach Mike
- Girls on the Run (grades 3-5) with Ms. Ambrose



National Bullying Prevention Month

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Treating each other with kindness every day is so important to prevent bullying behaviors:

- When you see children 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 them about how you show kindness and respect for others.
- You are your child's best teacher.

PEMS Homecoming 2026!

Homecoming is Oct. 26-29 to celebrate our community! Go Stallions!

- Monday, Oct. 26: Band Day
- Tuesday, Oct. 27: HBCU/Collegiate Swag Day and Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration with school day, students-only assemblies and after-school concert and cultural dinner for families, 4-6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 28: Pep Rally
- Thursday, Oct. 29: Staff vs. Student Basketball Game

Stallion Sports

Grades 6-8 Sports compete with other Baltimore City Schools. Find the game schedule at https://pimlico223.org/our_events.

- Flag Football (boys and girls teams): Runs from Sept.-Nov. 7
- Girls Volleyball: Runs from Nov. 10-Dec. 19; tryouts TBA
- Basketball (boys and girls teams): Feb. - March 27; tryouts TBA
- Coed track: Runs from April 1-May 15; tryouts TBA
- Cheerleading, Marching Band, and Majorettes auditions have happened. These groups are part of the PEMS Performing Arts Academy After School Program and prepare routines for Homecoming, Football, and Basketball games.

Purple Friday Surprise!

On Oct. 2, Ms. Warren surprised the faculty and staff with breakfast in a kind gesture of Pimlico and team pride (photos right and below).





Join us for Trunk or Treat!

Students may change into their costumes after school. They may not wear costumes to school.

We need candy donations and parent/guardian volunteers to decorate their cars. Contact Ms. Braxton if you can help!

PTO Meeting: Oct. 14

We had a great September Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting. Join us and share your voice to make PEMS stronger! Oct. meeting: Oct. 14, 2:45-3:15 PM, in the Library.

Mark your calendar for future PTO meeting dates: Nov. 18, Dec. 9, Feb. 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, and June 9.



Questions? Need Resources?

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Upcoming Events

- PTO Meeting: Oct. 14
- Early Release: Oct. 15 and Oct. 23
- NO SCHOOL/PD Day: Oct. 16
- Homecoming Week: Oct. 26-29 (See page 4 for schedule)
- Oct. 27: Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration after-school family concert/cultural dinner, 4-6 p.m.
- First quarter ends: Oct. 23
- Trunk or Treat: Oct. 29
- NO SCHOOL, Election Day: Nov. 3
- Report Card distribution window: Nov. 4-5

Event calendar: pimlico223.org/our_events

Baltimore Curriculum Project: BCP Alumni Scholarship



BCP is excited to launch the BCP Alumni Scholarship, offering up to three graduating high school seniors \$2,500 each to support their postsecondary journey. To be eligible, students must have attended a BCP elementary or middle school for at least three years, including their school's final grade (5th or 8th grade), and plan to pursue a postsecondary education, training, military service, or career pathway after graduation.

Applications open October 1, 2026, and are due March 15, 2027.

We are excited to invest in the future of our BCP alumni and continue supporting the students who have been such an important part of our community.

Know a BCP alum? Share this opportunity with them and encourage them to stay connected with BCP!

Learn more: <https://baltimorecp.org/about-bcp/bcp-alum/bcp-alum-scholarship/>

Pastries for Parents, Oct. 1
Thanks, Families, for your support!

