

News from Bonnie Branch Middle School

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News of the Week

Bonnie Branch Sharks

Dear Bonnie Branch Community:

MAP Testing:

We are proud to say that our students did a great job during MAP Reading testing this week and we hope they shared their results with you. Many students showed tremendous growth, as well as many more who achieved the benchmark score. It was exciting to watch them get their results and show pride in their accomplishments. Now, onto MAP Math testing next week.

"Shark School":

On October 24, we will open "Shark School" in the morning before school starts. Students were invited by letter to participate in this program which is designed to target instruction based on PARCC results. We will have teachers work with small groups of students in reading and math and look forward to sharing their progress with parents of involved students. If you have any questions or want to know how to have your student participate, please contact Dr. Cockley at andrew_cockley@hcpss.org or by calling the main office. We can let you know if your student is a good candidate for this program.

Bonnie Branch will offer Intramurals through Howard County Rec and Parks:

Beginning October 18, students can sign up to participate in one of three (possibly four) programs. They are:

1. **CLIMB: Teen Leadership Class (\$100).** For students who want to take their leadership to the next level. Participants will identify an opportunity within their school or community and create an action plan to implement positive change.
 2. **Silver Knights Chess (\$149).** Students split their time between lesson and play. Lessons range from beginner to advanced.
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3. **Sports & More (\$115).** Love sports? Develop skills and play different team sports in this action-packed class. Have fun as we mix it up with old recess games. Participants should wear sneakers.

4. **Computer Programming (\$TBD).** We are currently seeking a parent or staff member to launch this program. The design is to get students interested in learning how to code and then to begin teaching basic programming skills. We will put anyone interested in touch with HoCo Rec & Parks to discuss this program in more detail.

These intramural programs will run on 11/8, 11/15, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13 and 12/20 from 3-5:00pm. A \$45 after care program is also offered from 5-6:00pm.

PTA is sponsoring a dance for all grades - mark November 10 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm now. More details will be shared soon!

Students interested in running for officer positions in Student Council should contact Mr. Herbert. The deadline to apply to run for office is October 27.

ROBOTICS - we want to expand an opportunity for students to participate in Robotics. **Come out to BBMS on October 24 at 5:30pm** and hear from current parents and team members. This is open to students in grades 6-7-8. Parents who are unable to attend should email Dr. Cockley to let us know about your interest in coaching or participating. Our students were winners last year and have big goals for this year. Visit their blog at <http://ftcsharkbait.blogspot.com/> for more information. This is going to be a great opportunity for interested students.

Parent Volunteers - do you have a few hours during the day where you could help support BBMS? We would love to see you! We have sign ups for parents interested in coming to BBMS during lunches and for different programs throughout the year. Look for the new committee: FBI - Fathers Being Involved. Come up and play basketball during lunch. Walk the halls. High five students when they arrive at school. Sit down and talk to students during lunches. We know that students thrive when have positive adult presence in their lives and we are looking for you to be an active part in that equation. Thank you in advance for donating your time to help be positive role models for students during the school day and during special school events throughout the year. Visit the PTA website for more information. Here is the link: <http://bbmspta.org/>

Please review the attached document for more news... and thank you for all your support:
[News 10-13-17.pdf](#)

GO SHARKS!

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