

BBMS PTA News - May 30, 2019

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Important Dates (mark your calendar)

June 12- PTA Meeting, Staff Lounge

NOMINATING COMMITTEE- THE PTA NEEDS YOU!!

Each year the PTA establishes a nominating committee of 3 current PTA members to fill vacancies in the PTA for the upcoming school year. This year's nominating committee includes Gina McGuiness, Rich Pemberton, and Carol Ketterman.

There are many crucial positions that need to be filled. President, 1st Vice President, Secretary, and 1 PTACHC Representative on the executive board. WE NEED PEOPLE TO STEP UP AND FILL THESE POSITIONS for the PTA to be able to exist and support BBMS! We need to vote in any new members to the executive board at our next PTA meeting!!

PTA executive board members hold a 2 year term so there is turnover, EVERY year. Many chair positions looking to be filled for our incredible efforts to continue! We are looking for a Hospitality Chair and Staff Appreciation Week Chair for next school year.

We welcome anyone who wants to volunteer in any way for the PTA. **You do not have to attend a monthly PTA meeting to volunteer and play a part in making the school year amazing!** If you are looking to get involved, we have opportunities for everyone!!! If you are interested in filling a position for the 2019-2020 school year, please send an email to volunteers@bbmspta.org

Middle school is a short 3 year experience but one of the most important times for parents to be involved.

If you know of an incoming 6th grade family who is involved at their elementary school and looking to get involved next year, please forward this to them!!!

We are winding down the school year with less than a month left before summer!! Please consider filling a role of the PTA for next year!! If we don't have people fill these pertinent roles, there will not be a PTA, and many events will not happen for our students and our community.

LAST CHANCE SPIRIT WEAR SALE

We have a few shirts leftover from past spirit wear sales and a selling at a discounted price!!!

If you would like to purchase a shirt, click [here](#) to view what is available and how many of each size we have left! Then contact spiritwear@bbmspta.org to go about making the purchase. This is first come, first served. We can not order anymore if your style and size is unavailable. Our next spirit wear sale will be in September!!

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A BIG THANK YOU to Jeanene Reeves and Marisa Carothers for taking on Social Committee next year! They already have spent some time organizing and planning for lots of FUN EVENTS for our students!! Some things so amazing, you CAN'T NOT get involved!!! Thank you ladies for giving of your time for our students to socialize- that time is PRICELESS!!

A HUGE THANK YOU to Elvira McCullough who will be stepping into our website chair- which has been vacant for 3 years!!!! Not only has she volunteered to help keep it updated but she is revamping the entire outdated site we currently have!! DO YOU REALIZE HOW MUCH HER EFFORTS WILL INCREASE THE COMMUNICATION IN OUR PTA! A-MAZING! Our entire community thanks you for your generosity!!!

Thank you to the many parents who volunteered their time in Shark Shop for our Mother's Day Sale!

Students were able to use their shark bucks to purchase special items, such as jewelry, pampering items, beach towels, flip flops, picture frames and much more for the important women in their lives.

A special thank you to Zhiyong Yang, Terri Jones, Fran Koun, Amy Oakes, Beth Benoit, and Julie Wright. A heartfelt thank you to Tara Gorsky for running our Shark Shop the entire school year. She keeps it stocked with great items, organizes everything, manages the volunteers, and often personally works the lunch shifts each Friday!! Thank you Tara for giving of your time for our kids!!!! YOU ROCK!!!

Thank you to the awesome 37 BBMS families who participated in this year's STARS program! They anonymously provided treats each month to their BBMS staff member to let him/her know how much we appreciate all that they do for our kids! A big shout out to the following families...Choi, Pezzone, Sasso, Dheini/Dalal-Dheini, Nanni, Rumsey, Katkow, Silver, Feng, Holda, Henderson, Winters/Caputo, Pleitez/Diaz, Gosnell /Greisman, Peluso, Barrato/Watson-Barrato, Brown, Kreger, Cooper, Hernandez/Kelly, Green, Stanyard, Lawson, Mena, Myers, Striebich, Fowler, Islam/Wakil, Bedwell, Shupps, Wright, Sherman/Deekle, Markowitz, Smith, Sigalas, Smallwood/Hill and Maher. The staff truly appreciates this program!! We could not do it without the organizing efforts of Julie Bedwell, our fabulous STARS coordinator. She saw it through from beginning to end!! WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU, JULIE!! THANK YOU!!

Thank you to the following families for providing food for staff appreciation week-- Silver, DeGiulio, Duffy, Wood, Gallagher, Shupps, Markowitz, Cherian, Diltz, Gorsky, Deekle, Sherwood, Nam, Malik, Watson-Barrato, Henderson, Reese, Zwarich, Dirende, Flynn, Hudson, Benoit, O'Byrne, Murgolo, Magrin, Pugh, Green, Markey, Burke, Shooman, Gyawali, Loey, Williams, Katkow, Koun, Devamanohar, Bedwell, Grimes, Satyanandan, Brandon, Giannetti, Frankovic, Gajera, McGuinness, Dalal-Dheini, Holloway, Carothers, Mager, Mena, and Twigg. The staff thoroughly enjoyed all of the food. We were able to provide food for four days and we couldn't have done it without your support. Thanks again!

And a very special thank you to Lori Kelly!! She has filled this position for SIX of the last SEVEN YEARS!!

And her Staff Appreciation Weeks are nothing short of AMAZING!! Not only does she organize it, but when you see an open slot, she makes that food or shops for those items!! Sadly, she needs to pass her torch to someone else : (Very big shoes to fill...but so worth it to show the staff appreciation for the wonderful job they are doing with our kids!!! Thank you Lori for being so amazing the last SIX YEARS, you truly will be missed.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Host Families Sought for AFS Exchange Students:

Next school year, about eighteen AFS exchange students from around the world will come to Howard County for a life-changing year. Exchange students live in a family such as yours and attend your local high school. Host families volunteer to provide room and board for a student and get to know a great kid and learn more about a different part of our world. Students are available from countries around the world and you can pick kids who enjoy hobbies such as running, debate competitions, singing, playing soccer and tennis, baking, drawing, or playing violin. Students like these are available:

- Sara from Italy who has been dancing since she was 4;
- Natesawan from Thailand who loves to read, do cosplay, and do community service projects with her family;
- Annalena from Germany who is artistic and hoping to run cross country during her exchange year
- Florin from Moldova who is interested in psychology, likes playing board games with his family, and playing soccer.

If you would like to hear more about the process of becoming a host family or any other aspect of our program, please contact Christina McGarvey at (410) 997-7087 or AFSBaltimore@gmail.com.

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