

News from BBMS

Dear BBMS Families,

We are in the last week of the second marking period and we hope you are pleased with your child's progress so far this year. We have seen students grow in many ways and we are thrilled at some of the improvements we've seen!

This past week, all students participated in a midyear goal setting exercise as we took time to reflect on where students should be considering the school year is about half finished. We reminded students about school rules related to cell phones, headphones, behaviors in class, and focus on school work. One area that we hope to see improve is how hard students are working on their assignments. Are students doing their very best work everyday? Are students able to persevere when faced with a challenge? Please take some time to talk with your student about their goals - we gave a copy of goals to students and we will review these with students again at the end of the third quarter.

As a way to show students that we appreciate their hard work, we are planning to have a "Fun 55" day on Monday. The one criteria that we put in place for students was that they needed to earn their way to this event. Students who earn enough Shark Bucks and don't get any office referrals are able to participate. Students have done a great job with this and we hope students have a great time celebrating the end of quarter two!

On the horizon is MAP testing. This will take place from February 19-21 (ELA) and February 25-27 (Math). The MAP results help us see how much progress a student is making in their ELA and Math courses this year compared to their fall scores. We also look at scores from year to year to make sure students are making gains to get ready for high school. Scores come back immediately - so look for those at the end of testing.

We have some big events in February and March (see dates below) and we hope to see you there!

Go Sharks!

Drew Cockley
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 5 - No School (professional work day for teachers)

February 6 - Report Card Distribution

February 6 - The Sharks Recital @ 7pm

February 8 - Yearbook Group Photos

February 13 - PTA Meeting @ 7pm

February 14 - Straight A's Celebration (during school)

February 20 - Poetry Slam @ 6pm

February 19-21: MAP Testing - ELA

February 25-27: MAP Testing - Math

March 13 - PTA Meeting @ 7pm

March 15 - International Night for our Community @ 6:30pm

News From HC Drugfree:

Registration Open: Howard County's 2019 Evidence-Based Parenting Classes

Howard County parents/guardians of 9 to 14 year olds are invited to join HC DrugFree and the Howard County State's Attorney's Office for our next Guiding Good Choices parenting 4-week program.

Participants will learn the skills to reduced the risk that their children will use drugs.

After completing the program, families will be able to: influence their children to help prevent drug use and other risky behaviors; develop clear family guidelines and expectations about drug use; and teach children how to stay out of trouble, keep their friends and still have a good time.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19 and 26. Adults are expected to attend all 4 sessions. Unless otherwise notified, all meetings will be held at the Elkridge Branch of the Howard County Library from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

More information will be shared in future newsletters, but the flier and updated information can be found on HC DrugFree's website at <http://www.hcdrugfree.org/events/>. Registration is now open.

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