

News from BBMS!

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Hello BBMS Families,

We hope you are safe and sound after this weekend of high winds that created a lot of damage in our community. It is hard to predict how events like this might impact each of us and we hope that your neighborhood was not hit too hard.

Here are some updates from BBMS that we wanted to share with you:

1. MAP Testing - results are in! Did you see them? If not, please contact your student's ELA or Math teacher. We are in the process of reviewing our school's data and we will share that with you once it is summarized. We use MAP data when we make instructional decisions on the school level, teachers use this information in their classes to help inform their instruction, and students and parents can use this data to help make decisions about what courses to take in middle and high school. We look to see if students made growth from the fall and whether they met their grade level benchmark. If you have any questions about your child's score, please talk with our teachers, counselors, or administrators. We are here to help all students achieve their full potential and this is one indicator (not the only one) that helps us provide students with the supports they need.

2. International Night - March 16. Our Student Council, the PTA, and teachers have been busy organizing a fun and informing event for everyone in our community. International Night will take place from 6:30pm to 8:30pm on March 16 at BBMS. We will have food, performances, and cultural displays designed to celebrate the rich diversity of our community. We would love to have you help us by sharing some of your family's culture and traditions. Please bring your students and ask them to show you around. Have them ask you questions about your background too - we know how important it is for our students to learn about other cultures and your role modeling this for them can make a big difference. Please consider taking 30 minutes out of your hectic schedule and stop by. We hope to see you!

3. 8th Grade Field Trip - March 14. We are excited that our 8th grade - yes, the entire grade - is going to the Museum of African American History and Culture on March 14. Thank you parents for offering to chaperone too - your help is greatly appreciated! We are sorry that we won't be able to accept all of the helpful offers that

we receive, however, due to the limited number of tickets that we were given by the museum. This is a great opportunity for our students and we hope that they share the experience with you!

4. Kindness Week at BBMS - March 19 to 23. BBMS is going to highlight the importance of being kind to each other (and to eliminate bullying) during the week of March 19-23. Each day we will have different events and activities to help students realize why this is so important and not something to take for granted. One special day to note is March 21 - "Rock Your Socks Day". This is a national day designed to raise awareness for those with Down's Syndrome and to show our love, support and awareness. **I can't wait to see all of the crazy socks that day - and to help kick it off we will have Dr. Martirano, Superintendent, at BBMS too!**

Have a great week BBMS - we will see you soon!

Go Sharks!

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