

News from BBMS

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Hello BBMS Families:

We hope you are ready for the first snow fall of the year! It is definitely exciting times in school when snow is announced. Please make sure you are signed up to get alerts about school closings and weather-related announcements. Did you get a chance to go to the Chorus Concert this past Tuesday held at Howard High School? It was truly amazing to see and hear our students. **We are so proud of Mr. Fox and our music department for all they do to encourage and train our students.** In fact, we had to split our chorus sections this week because of increased enrollment (class sizes are too big to fit into the chorus room anymore!). Students impacted by this change were notified this week. **We are excited to see the arts doing so well at BBMS!**

Today, our 7th grade went on a class field trip to Medieval Times. We are so proud of the way our students behaved - they represented Bonnie Branch well. Our own **Ms. Sneller (math teacher)** was even crowned the queen! For photos of the event, see our Twitter page: https://twitter.com/hcpss_bbms

The next grade to go on a class trip will be our 8th grade students. We are excited to announce that **Ms. O'Meara (social studies teacher)** was able to get tickets for all of our students to go to the African American History Museum in Washington, DC on March 14, 2018. This should be a great learning experience for everyone who attends.

We were excited to host a packed cafeteria last night for a JumpStart presentation. Our students are lucky to have so many opportunities! To learn more about JumpStart, follow this link: <http://www.hcpss.org/jumpstart/>

On Monday, December 11, the Council of Elders in Howard County will recognize all African American students in grades 4-9 who earned A's or B's for all four quarters in mathematics and English Language Arts during the 2016-2017 school year. We are proud to announce that Bonnie Branch will have 52 students recognized at this event held at River Hill High School at 7:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

And thanks goes out to our PTA - we are thrilled to see so many parents in and around BBMS each day. On Fridays, we have dads giving "high fives" to students as

they arrive at school, parents helping in the cafeteria, and by opening the Shark Shop every week. We can't do it without you! Please come out to the next PTA on Wednesday, December 13 at 7pm.

Another area that is really taking shape at BBMS is our Student Council. You should see them in action! We will share more details with you, but they have great plans underway for fundraisers, school spirit events, an International Night, and they want to investigate whether BBMS should move to using bells during the day. Also new this year is how students will elect the Student Member to the Board of Education. **Each middle school will send three (3) delegates to a countywide convention. BBMS needs one student from each grade to serve as a delegate. Interested students should see Dr. Cockley for details. All interested students will need two teacher recommendations and they will be interviewed as a part of the application process. Students should see Dr. Cockley by Friday, December 15.**

And lastly, be on the lookout for interim reports. They will be distributed to students on Wednesday, December 20 - just in time for a nice winter break.

Have fun in the snow - go Sharks!

Dr. Cockley
Principal

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