

Weekly Updates from BBMS

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Weekly News from BBMS

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Dear BBMS Families:

We hope this note finds you well, especially as we take time to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. This weekend I had the privilege of attending the Howard County MLK Holiday Commission awards program where Bonnie Branch 7th Grade Student Emeline DeGiulio came in 1st Place in the middle school essay contest. Congratulations Emeline - we are very proud of you!

Last week we welcomed over 250 families to BBMS at our 5th Grade Parent Orientation meeting.

One of the areas highlighted for parents was our PTA ~ and we are thrilled that many parents expressed interest in getting involved. We will need new officers in the PTA next year and hope you will consider serving in one of those positions. Our PTA does amazing work and we hope to see that continue next year. Please reach out to the PTA about ways you can help!

This month at BBMS, students are finishing the second quarter, getting ready for MAP testing, and our 8th grade students selected courses for next year. It is an important time to stay focused. MAP testing is only 3 weeks away - please talk to your students about this important test to gauge readiness for high school courses. For students who are not meeting progress, we will begin conversations about summer school and possible retention. We will meet individually with students and parents to discuss this as needed.

And please mark your calendars for these upcoming events - we hope to see all of our BBMS families there!

Let's Go Sharks!

Drew Cockley
Principal

MAP TESTING:

Reading MAP Test: February 5, 6, 7, 8

Math MAP Test: February 12, 13, 14, 15

Upcoming Events:

Jan 26 - End of the 2nd Quarter

Jan 30 - Howard County Drug Free Presentation - Howard High School. 7:00pm. You won't want to miss this!

Feb 1 - G/T Code Slam at Oakland Mills High School.

Feb 7 - PTA meeting; 7pm.

Feb 7 - BBMS Music Recital; 7pm.

Feb 9 - History Day at BBMS

Feb 9 - Straight A's Celebration.

Feb 21 - Poetry Slam. 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Feb 23 - G/T Film Institute - American University.

Feb 23 - PTA Sponsored Snow Ball Dance

March 16 - International Night. We hope to see the entire BBMS Community here!

April 21 - BBMS 5K and Community Service Day. Save the date!

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