

## BBMS PTA News - 11-6-19

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## November 6, 2019

### Important Dates (mark your calendars)

November 6- Restaurant Night at Chick fil A

November 13 – PTA Meeting in Staff Lounge

November 15 – Luau Fall Dance 7-9 p.m.

November 25 – Lunch/Dinner for Staff

December 6 – High Five Friday with F.B.I

### Restaurant Night!!!

Please come out and join us tonight for restaurant night!! This an opportunity to support Bonnie Branch Middle School PTA!

Chick-fil-A at Executive Park Drive & Route 100

4905 Executive Park Drive

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 – 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

To support our school: Present the flyer to the cashier and our school will receive 20% of all food sales generated by Bonnie Branch Middle School families.

You can place orders online, however\*\*\* **you must bring in the flyer\*\*\*** for the Bonnie Branch to receive credit. If you don't have a paper copy the

[flyer](#) will be uploaded on the [PTA website](#) and our fb page Bonnie Branch Middle School PTA

### **2019 Luau Fall Dance!!!**

The BBMS PTA is hosting a Luau Fall Dance on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 9pm in the gym/cafe. The dance will feature a live DJ, FREE photo booth, refreshments, and prizes. Concessions will cost \$.50 to \$2.00. This dance is only for BBMS students. Tickets will be sold for \$10 starting November 13<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> during all lunch periods. Signed permission slips are required to purchase a ticket. Permission slips will be issued to students during lunch periods on November 11th and 12th. Students are welcome to wear tropical or floral attire! All students who arrive at the dance with their tickets, can enter a random drawing for a prize. We're seeking volunteers to distribute flyers & permission slips and to be chaperones the night of the dance.

Want to volunteer for the dance? Please sign up at the links below!

### **BBMS Luau Fall Dance Flyers and Permission Slip Volunteers Sign-Up**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090444ADAF22A64-bbms3>

### **BBMS Luau Fall Dance Sign-Up Genius Ticket Sales**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090444ADAF22A64-bbms1>

### **BBMS Luau Fall Dance Volunteers/Chaperones Sign-Up Genius**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090444ADAF22A64-bbms2>

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### **Lunch/Dinner Appreciation for Staff!!**

On November 25th, the PTA will be serving a lunch/dinner to the amazing teachers at BBMS! Please see the attached signup and help us thank our kids' teachers for all their hard work by providing them with a meal during a long day of parent conferences. As you'll notice, this signup is a little different than past signups- we are hoping to have some of the food and beverages donated (as usual), but for those who feel they don't have time to prepare food or drop food off at the school, there is an option to donate funds via PayPal that will be used to buy the main dish and any other food that isn't donated. If you decide to support the teachers by donating funds rather than food, please send your donation on PayPal to treasurer.bbmspta@gmail.com with HOSPITALITY-STAFF DINNER in the subject line.

All donations should be taken to the school by 8am on the 25th. (If you are making a salad and want to drop off closer to the time of the meal, salads need to arrive by 2:30.) PayPal Donations need to be made by November 22nd.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/5080b4ea9aa28a0f85-november>

Thank you for your support!

Elizabeth DeGiulio

### **HC Drugfree Thank You!!!**

A special thank you to **Gina McGuinness** for a job well done!! Standing together on National Drug Take Back Day to keep Howard County safe: On

Saturday, October 26, HC Drugfree and the Howard County Police Department were joined by elected officials, the Drug Enforcement Administration, community partners, and volunteers of all ages. A special thanks goes to the **Bonnie Branch Middle School families** that volunteered at this event to make it a great success!!

Once again, the community overwhelmingly responded to our request to bring unwanted and expired prescription and over-the-counter medication and sharps (needles, syringes and EpiPen's) to HC DrugFree's convenient drive-thru location in the Wilde Lake Village Center...and our team of 80 volunteers was ready! Together, the community and HC DrugFree's entire team of volunteers set a new record at HC DrugFree's location - 1,262 lbs. of medication were collected for proper disposal. In 4 hours, these drugs were permanently removed from homes, community and water.

### **F.B.I!!**

Fellow FBI members please check your email for the invitation to the FBI GroupMe group chat. Some have already joined but we need everyone to join. The invitation link was sent out from the chairman Jeff Johnson, please take the time to check your email for the link.

For those who have already signed up look for news about activities including the invitation call for chaperones for the school dance on Nov. 15th. The GroupMe account will be the communication for FBI going forward!

Please sign up for both the GroupMe and the dance. The FBI needs your support!

Thanks to **Steve** and **Chris** for helping with "High Five Friday" on November 1st! We had an awesome time! Please come out for the next "High Five Friday" on December 6th! If you have any questions or you would like to join the F.B.I please contact Jeff Johnson at [jjjohnhcps1@gmail.com](mailto:jjjohnhcps1@gmail.com)

### **PTA Reflections Art Program!!!**

Calling all the talented writers, dancers, musicians, poets and artists at BBMS!!! Please take advantage of this opportunity to display your talents!!

Does your child enjoy art, music and dance or have an interest in writing, producing films and taking photos? Discover their inner artist with PTA Reflections program.

This year's theme, "Look Within", can be their own unique interpretation.

No experience required.

Entries must be original.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Pick up submission guidelines and an entry form from the Media Center and return by Friday, November 15th, in the office.

We have had students winning at the county level and representing BBMS at state level for past 3 years so let's keep the momentum going :)

For more information about the program at BBMS:

[reflectionsbbms@gmail.com](mailto:reflectionsbbms@gmail.com)

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### **Shark Shop!!**

As the holidays are approaching, we would like to transform the Shark Shop into a Holiday Shop for the month of December. The students love buying gifts for their family and friends! We need your help to make this a success. We are looking for home decor items, i.e. candles and picture frames, fashion items such as scarves, hats, purses. Games, books, and stuffed animals are also popular with the shoppers. We will also be offering complimentary gift wrapping. If you have any holiday wrap, tissue paper, or tape it would be much appreciated! Please drop your donations off in the front office. Thanks for helping make this fun for the students. If you have any questions, please reach out to the shark shop coordinator Tara Gorsky.

### **PTACHC**

Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC) is strongly encouraging middle school students to attend the meetings held the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at Homewood School. The next meeting is November 13. Meetings are planned and administered by students with new business, BOE policy input, leadership training, guest speakers, and/or student forums where students can come together to share best practices and discuss current school and community issues. The HCASC is also responsible for coordinating the election of the student member on the BOE and is recruiting delegates to participate at the election convention. Please see <https://hcasc.hcpss.org/> or <https://www.instagram.com/hcasc/> for additional information about the association.

The boundary adjustment (i.e., redistricting) process is entering its final phase. There are numerous proposed changes happening at the working sessions, including revisions to proposed changes at the elementary

school, middle school, and high school level. If you would like to see some of the most recent proposals by BOE members, you should visit <https://www.hcpss.org/school-planning/boundary-review/>. There are three more working sessions:

- Thursday, November 7, 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, November 14, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, November 18, 6:30 p.m. *Preliminary decision*

The BOE will make its final decision on November 21. BOE member Jen Mallo stated at PTACHC that there will be a final redistricting decision. The state of Maryland will not provide funding for High School #13 if the county does not show a good faith effort to redistrict existing schools to balance capacity.

The Board of Education will take action on the 2020-2021 academic calendar on Thursday, November 7. The BOE will decide between two proposed calendars. Calendar option #1 starts school for students on August 25, 2020 with the last official school day on June 10, 2021. Calendar option #2 provides for a student start date of August 31, 2020, and a final day of school on June 15, 2021. Both options provide for a full spring break week in April and include six inclement weather make up days at the end of the school year.

The next meeting of the Howard County Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee (SECAC) is on November 13, 2019. There will be a special guest presentation on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Special Education with Dr. Kevin Gilbert. Please consider joining SECAC and attending the upcoming meetings. More information can be found at <https://howardcountysecac.com/>

Maryland PTA is part of a coalition hosting community forums across the state focused on turning the Kirwan recommendations and new funding formulas into a reality. The Kirwan Commission recommends policies and funding that aid in providing the best public education possible to the youth of Maryland. Your voice is needed for this critical conversation and you should consider attending the nearest forum and bringing others along with you. The Howard County forum will be held at Lake Elkhorn Middle School on November 6, 2019 at 5:30 pm. Please RSVP and learn more at

[www.Marylandblueprint.org](http://www.Marylandblueprint.org). Other times and locations around the state are listed on the website.

### **PTA Social Committee Survey**

Thank you all for taking the time to fill out the survey for social committee events! We appreciate your suggestions and we look forward to making those events happen! Please keep in mind all events require volunteers so please if you have the opportunity come out and join us to make these events a success!! Don't forget to check out our website

<https://www.bbmspta.org/> and our fb page Bonnie Branch Middle School PTA for the most current information.

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