

News from BBMS!

Bonnie Branch Middle School <dnr@hcpss.org>

Thu 10/1/2020 6:24 PM

To: Claire Striebich <Claire_Striebich@hcpss.org>

News from BBMS

October 1

- **Next PTA Meeting: Wednesday, October 14 @ 7pm OPEN TO ALL PARENTS!**
- **HCPSS is looking for students to join an SRO Focus Group:**
 - Howard County Government and the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) are sponsoring a series of engagements designed to hear from as many stakeholders as possible on the School Resource Officer (SRO) program in HCPSS. **The first of these engagements is a virtual focus group for middle school students, high school students, and their families in schools with SROs.** They feel it is important to hear from the young people who interact with SRO's on a daily basis while at school. **The date of the virtual focus group will October 5, 2020.**
 - A focus group is a demographically diverse group of people who participate in a guided discussion on a topic or subject. **Interested participants should fill out this [application](#) no later than today, Thursday, October 1, 2020.** Please make sure to answer all required fields. After the deadline, a randomly selected group of people will be chosen to participate in the focus group, divided equally among those who support SROs, are opposed to SROs, and have no position on SROs. The number of participants will be a representative sample of the number of applicants who submit. Information on the number of completed applications and the percentage selected to participate will be made public; however, the names of the participants will not be identified to protect the validity of the data collected.
 - To participate, students need parent or legal guardian approval to attend, and one parent or guardian willing to attend the virtual focus group with the student.
 - Those selected will receive an email containing log in information for the focus group. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Kevin Gilbert at kevin_gilbert@hcpss.org or Stephanie Wall at swall@howardcountymd.gov
 - Please note, those not chosen to participate in this focus group will have an opportunity to give their feedback on SROs as part of a virtual town hall if desired. The town hall is scheduled on November 12, 2020.

- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScuHorV3NSHmDUhfxny56D2Ph39jqEQ8dszV5K4iDVP3VEhJA/viewform>
- **Evening Tutoring/Support**
 - Available (virtually) from 6-8:00pm
 - 30 minute time blocks
 - ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies
 - Intended for students who need extra help in current classes
 - Limited space available - please email Dr. Cockley at andrew_cockley@hcpss.org if interested.
- **Student Council Elections - October 26 during Homeroom!**
 - If your student wants to join the BBMS Student Council, there are great opportunities for leadership.
 - Encourage students to run for an officer position.
 - Elections will be held on Monday, October 26 during the Homeroom period.
- **Hispanic Heritage Month Writing Contest**
 - Flocabulary is hosting a Hispanic Heritage Month writing contest and BBMS can get in on the action.
 - Students are tasked to do research on a person, event, tradition, or identity celebrating Latinx culture.
 - They must then create a rap that is at least 12 lines and utilizes rhyme, rhythm and figurative language.
 - Mrs. Verlich provided students with the Nearpod lesson from Flocabulary that takes them through the content and then the how to of writing a rap.
 - Mrs. Verlich created a page and assignment where students can enter their rap that is linked below.
 - The page has multiple resources students can use for their research as well as the Flocabulary lesson.
 - Thanks for your support!
 - <https://hcpss.instructure.com/courses/34464/pages/hispanic-heritage-month>

Howard County Public Schools would like to continue connecting with you via email. If you prefer to be removed from our list, please contact Howard County Public Schools directly. To stop receiving all email messages distributed through our SchoolMessenger service, follow this link and confirm: [Unsubscribe](#)

SchoolMessenger is a notification service used by the nation's leading school systems to connect with parents, students and staff through voice, SMS text, email, and social media.