

News from BBMS!

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Dear BBMS Families,

Happy Year of the Tiger! This past week marked two significant occasions that Bonnie Branch celebrated: the Lunar New Year and the beginning of Black History Month! Our students are lucky to attend a diverse school where they can learn much from one another and the customs that each celebrates. Our staff look for opportunities to highlight the diverse cultures of our student body and the community in which we live. Throughout this month, teachers will highlight Black History in classroom activities that help enrich their curriculum and teach students about the contributions of African Americans in all subject areas. Additionally, the Student Council has planned a speaker series and events to bring students together, amplify student voice in our school, while engaging in community service and leadership. It is exciting to see our students dive into topics that they find meaningful. Ask your student(s) about what they are learning in school; you will be impressed!

And talking about impressing, read below for updates about MCAP scores, report cards and honor rolls, as well as this year's Spelling Bee winners!

Lastly, please join us on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 for this month's PTA Meeting at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held virtually.

We hope to see you there!

Go Sharks!

Dr. Cockley, Principal

MCAP SCORE REPORTS:

On Friday, February 4, students in grades 6- 8 who participated in the fall 2021 Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) received score reports. Did you see those?

The reports show prior grade level understanding in math and English language arts. Sixth graders' reports also show prior grade level understanding for science. These assessments are just one measure of your child's performance and provide you with insight into your child's level of proficiency. Federal accountability requires that students assess annually in grades 3-8 and once in high school. The assessments delivered in early fall of 2021 were the postponed assessments from the 2020-2021 school year. Reports reflect proficiency in the previous year's grade level or course. These results never stand alone in assessing student growth, and will be used in combination with other assessments and class work to gauge overall student performance.

For more information, please visit the [early fall HCPSS FAQ](#).

We will test students again in May 2022 to assess their growth this year. Look for updates soon on when that testing will take place.

REPORT CARDS AND HONOR ROLL CELEBRATIONS:

And, while we are talking about academic performance, did you see your student's report card on January 31, 2022? Report Cards are available for your viewing in Synergy. Log in to see how your student did in quarter two. We have planned to celebrate those students who made straight A's and honor roll status on February 18, 2022. We plan to share details about a virtual option for parents to see this celebration. **Celebrations will take place at 2pm on Friday, February 18, 2022.**

SPELLING BEE WINNERS!

We are excited to announce the winners of this year's Spelling Bee! This year, two 6th grade students came out on top of a very tense competition. In first place was Laya Ramesh and the runner-up was Hemant Kantheti. Laya will represent Bonnie Branch at the county competition this year and Hemant will serve as the alternate if needed. There were many strong students who competed this year and we were proud of each student for their efforts.

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