

Principal's Message - BBMS Shark Bites!

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Hello BBMS Families,

It is great to be back at Bonnie Branch! As you know, I returned to BBMS this week and it was fantastic seeing all of our staff and students! I can't tell you how much I've missed being here and interacting with everyone. Each week I will send a message out to our community to give you a chance to learn more about what is happening at BBMS, as well as provide you with a list of upcoming events. Our hope is to see participation increase in school activities this year as we welcome the return of many of our traditions that help make Bonnie Branch a special place.

Go SHARKS!

Dr. Cockley

Bullying Awareness Month

October is National Bullying Awareness Month. Students participated in a lesson (during Homeroom) on Tuesday, October 12 which shed light on being kind, saying no to bullying, and preparing students for Unity Day which will occur October 20. They will make a kindness pledge and wear orange on this day to support the no bullying commitment. **Remind students to WEAR ORANGE on Wednesday, October 20!**

1. PTA Updates

We are fortunate to have a strong PTA at BBMS and I want to thank our officers and parents who attended the meeting this week. **As a reminder, the PTA meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 7-8:00pm.** Meetings are held virtually using ZOOM and links are sent each month to help you gain access. Right now we could really use your help in filling a few vacant committees. If you have a few extra hours that you could help the PTA we would greatly appreciate it. Here is a link to the PTA's website: <https://www.bbmspta.org/> **We hope to share with you a date in December for a WINTER DANCE for students - stay tuned! The dance will be open to all grades 6-8. This is a great chance to be involved as a volunteer too!**

BECOME A MEMBER: <https://www.bbmspta.org/become-a-member> join today for \$10 (per person) and maybe consider adding a donation too. You may also click the "DONATE NOW" button at the top right hand corner to donate directly to the PTA.

Thank you for being an active part of your child's school and for helping support your PTA!

2. PBIS at BBMS

PBIS is back at BBMS! Students have been learning about the 3 Rs: *Respect, Responsibility, and Readiness* in their SEL (Homeroom) periods each Tuesday. Our PBIS campaign kickoff will be October 26 with our first school store opening on Wednesday, November 3 during lunches. Students can earn "Shark Bucks" from staff (including bus drivers) for demonstrating any of the 3 R's in and around school. This wonderful addition to our school is sponsored by our PTSA.

3. Parent Teacher Conferences

The window to sign up for fall parent conferences will be open November 8-18. Parents/Guardians can request conferences to be virtual or in-person at BBMS. Information about Google Meets and how to request a conference will be shared with you shortly.

4. After School Activities

After school activities are now available to ALL STUDENTS. Many have brought home permission slips to participate in our Beyond School Hours and/or Intramural programs. Our program will be held on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 3:00-4:30pm with a variety of options including: Academic Support, Student Council, the School Musical (Shrek), Jazz Band, Step Team, Woodworking, Art Club, Yearbook, and Karate.

These are all free of charge, designed to help raise your child's confidence, peak their interest in new things and improve academic performance in reading writing, and math foundational skills. Please return all permission slips to Ms. Anna Gannon.

There is limited bus transportation available.

If you have questions, please contact, Anna_Gannon@hcpss.org, After School Program Coordinator.

UPCOMING EVENTS / DATES:

- October 18-19-20: MAP Testing in ELA Classes
- October 20 - UNITY DAY! Wear Orange to support anti-bullying!
- October 25-26-27: MAP Testing in Math Classes

- October 25 to 29: Spirit Week!
- October 28: Flu Clinic at BBMS
- November 2: Student Council Elections
- November 3: End of the 1st Marking Period
- November 10: PTA Meeting @ 7:00pm
- November 15: American Education Week begins!
- November 16: Chorus Concert at Howard HS @ 7:00pm
- November 17: Orchestra Concert at Howard HS @ 7:00pm
- November 18: Band Concert at Howard HS @ 7:00pm
- November 22-23-24: Parent/Teacher Conferences

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