

BALTIMORE HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



HOME OF THE BULLDOGS!

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Baltimore Highland's Mission Statement:

The BHES community meets the individual needs of the whole child while providing a safe and nurturing environment. We establish high expectations to create a foundation that inspires students to become lifelong learners.

We believe: Collaboration among staff, parents, students and community members is necessary to achieve academic excellence.

All community members serve as role models and should be valued.

Students should be challenged academically and socially to achieve their personal best.

Differentiated instruction is essential for our diverse learners.

All community members should show respect for self and others.

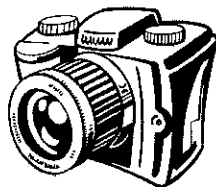
That teaching our students to think, dream, believe and achieve is vital to their future.

Our students will be responsible citizens and productive community members.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Spring is finally here and I know the boys and girls are looking forward to the Spring Break holiday. April is going to be a short month, but very busy, as we prepare to start our statewide testing for the PARCC assessment when we return from Spring Break. This assessment will be administered to students in Grades 3-5 and will start at the end of April and will be completed by the end of May. More information will be forthcoming. On April 4, we will have our spring concert and our performers will be students in Grades 2 and Ms. Holt and Ms. Morris's fourth grade classes. We will also have our Honor's Chorus that will be performing and the 5th Grade Band. We are looking forward to a wonderful spring concert. The end of the third marking period was on March 31, so report cards will be coming home on Thursday, April 20th. If you are interested in setting up an appointment for a conference with your child's teacher, please notify your child's teacher to set up a date and time.

We will have our Spring Picture day on April 20, 2017. Class pictures will be taken and only students that purchase a picture package will be individually photographed.



DATE: April
2017

The PTA will be sponsoring our second annual Talent Show. The try outs will be held the week before Spring Break and the Talent Show will be held at LHS on Friday, April 28th. More information will be forthcoming.

I would like to share an update about the Air Conditioning Project at BHES. So far, the work is on schedule and we are making progress. The crew is starting to install the duct work in the ceilings and in the gym. They have installed the air conditioning compressor outside on the side of the building by the parking lot. Over Spring Break, the crew will be working with BGE to start the electrical work that will be needed to transfer the electrical power to the air handling units. We appreciate our school community's patience and understanding as this work continues. We know that the final outcome will be great for our school, but a disruption to some of the programs and activities that we are able to provide this year. I will continue to provide updates about the progress.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of our school. If at any time you have a question or concern, please contact the office.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Monday, April 3-PTA meeting at 5:30 pm
- Tuesday, April 4- Spring Concert: grades 2 and 4 (Morris and Holt's classes)
- Spring Break: Starts at the end of the day on Friday, April 7th and schools reopen on Tuesday, April 18th
- April 20- Individual and Class pictures
- Thursday, April 20-Distribution of Report Cards
- Friday, April 28: Talent Show at LHS

A NOTE FROM THE CAFETERIA:

When a reminder is sent home with your student stating a balance is due on their lunch account, please submit the payment as soon as possible. If the balance due exceeds \$5.80, your child will receive cereal and milk until the balance is paid. Thank you for your attention to this matter. You now can also go on line at www.mylunchmoney.com and place money on your child's account.

ATTENDANCE:

Parents, please remember that we track student's attendance daily. Students may enter the building starting at 8:25 and are considered late after the 8:40 bell. Maryland has an attendance law that recognizes satisfactory attendance as missing no more than 12 days in a school year. That breaks down to 3 days a quarter. We meet monthly to review student attendance and tardiness and if your child is at the unsatisfactory rate for attendance and/or tardies, we will contact you by letter, telephone or through our Pupil Personnel Worker. It is important for students to attend school each day and to be on time. **Please remember that your child is considered late after the 8:40 bell.** If your child is sick, please make sure to send in a doctor's note. Without a note from the doctor or a parent, the attendance will be marked as unexcused.



Pre-Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 School Year:

We are now accepting Pre-K registration applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Please call the school office at (410)887-0919 or stop by the office to make an appointment for Pre-K roundup. **Enrolling students must have been born between September 2, 2012 and September 1, 2013.** The dates for our Pre-K roundup are listed below. **These dates are by appointment only:**

April 4, 2017

April 21, 2017

Kindergarten Registration for the 2017-2018 School Year:

We are now accepting Kindergarten registration applications for 2017-2018 school year. Students currently enrolled in Pre-K do not need to register for Kindergarten. Please call the office at (410)887-0919 to schedule an appointment. **Our office is open through the summer, please register early.** Children born between **September 2, 2011 and September 1, 2012 must attend Kindergarten.** The date for our Kindergarten roundup is May 9, 2017. This date is by appointment only.

Intramural Sports Program:

Baltimore Highlands will be starting an after-school intramural program this spring for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. This program will be held once a week on **Thursdays from 3:30-4:40.** The program will start on **Thursday, April 27th** and run until **Thursday, June 1st.** The sport for this spring session will be **kickball and capture the flag/football.** Students should be expected to play either game during this session. All games will take place on the baseball fields behind the school. **If you are interested in having your child participate, please return signed permission slip by Friday, April 7th.** Students will be notified on April 18th if they have been selected to participate. The students that are selected for the program, will have to sign a contract agreeing to have excellent behavior, with no Focus Room referrals or suspensions. If a student does not follow the school rules and gets a referral or suspension during the course of the program, they will no longer be able to attend the program. Our mission for this program is to involve students in a fun after school program that focuses on teamwork, good sportsmanship, exercise and fun completion. We look forward to kicking off our first intramural program with you.

