



# 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.

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

Our students will be responsible citizens and productive community members.

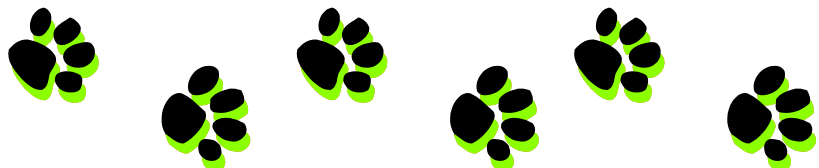
## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!! We hope everyone had a restful and relaxing holiday break!

As we move into the beginning of January, I would like to remind everyone that we only have three weeks until the end of the second quarter. The second quarter ends on **Friday, January 25th**. It's hard to believe that we have gone through half of the school year already. We are so proud of the progress our students are making both academically and socially and we are excited about the things that will be happening for our students and families during the second half of the year. Our teachers are working very hard to meet the needs of our students and to provide a rigorous academic program that will challenge our 21<sup>st</sup> Century learners. As a staff we are working to increase the time students are engaged in independent reading, providing more writing opportunities that focuses on the writing process and integrating the use of technology during instruction.

Parents, I am asking for your help to ensure your students get to school on time each day. We still have students that are coming in late, which causes them to miss valuable instructional time. Please remember that students need to be to school by **8:25**. Any student that arrives after the **8:40** bell will be marked tardy. In addition, our school is focusing on increasing our attendance rate. Currently, our goal is to have **96%** or better attendance each day.

I would like to remind parents of our early dismissal policy. If you plan to pick up your child early from school, you must do so before 2:50pm. Students will not be released after this time because we are preparing for our dismissal and it gets very busy in the office. We appreciate your understanding and support with this request.



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As we enter the winter season, please make sure to listen to the news reports each morning for any school closings or delays. If schools are on a 1 hour delay, BHES will open at 9:25. We will still serve breakfast to students. If schools are on a 2 hour delay, BHES will open at 10:25. We will not serve breakfast to students. In case of an early closing, BHES will close at 12:15 for a 3 hour early dismissal, 1:15 for a 2 hour early dismissal and 2:15 for a 1 hour early dismissal. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the office.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

- **Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Schools reopen
- **Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>:** **TEAM BCPS DAY**
- **Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>:** **Chipotle Night sponsored by the PTA**
- **Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>:** **Schools closed in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.**
- **Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>:** **2<sup>nd</sup> Marking period ends. School closes at 12:15 this day**

### **STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION FORMS:**

If any of your contact information has recently changed, please make sure to notify the front office in writing. We have to make sure that all information is current in our system, so we are able to contact you in case of an emergency.

### **Giant A+ School Rewards:**

This is a reminder that Baltimore Highlands Elementary School is participating in the Giant A+ Rewards Program. Please help our school by completing the information below so we will have the opportunity to earn cash for our school through the Giant A+ School Rewards program. **All you have to do is: Log on to [www.giantfood.com/aplus](http://www.giantfood.com/aplus) to register online or call 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone** (phone numbers cannot be accepted in place of GIANT CARD numbers).

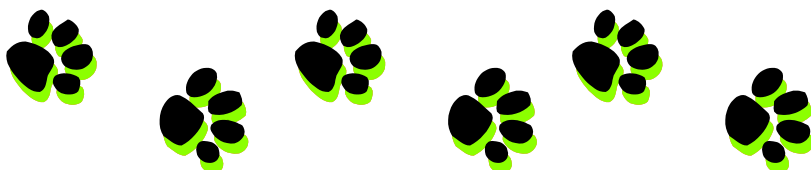
**Our ID # 01549 should be used.**

### **Box Tops for Education:**

We can earn cash for our school when we collect, clip and return the box tops from participating products. Happy Collecting!

### **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](http://www.mylunchmoney.com). to place money on your child's account.



## **A MESSAGE FROM THE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT LIAISON:**

Happy New Year! Just a reminder for parents, grandparents, guardians, friends of BHES to stop by the front lobby and check out our wonderful Parent Lending Library. The library is filled with many titles that help with continued parent learning and student achievement. Also, check out Parent University. In order to get to this go to [bcps.org](http://bcps.org) under the Parents Section to Parent University. Here you will find Homework Helper Tips and all kinds of resources to help you out. This site is full of wonderful information. Don't forget to also go under the Parents Section and do your volunteer training and fill out your application for volunteering. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Ms. Marti, Family Engagement Liaison at (410) 887-0919.

### **ATTENTION: 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE PARENTS:**

#### **CAVITIES ARE THE PITS: SEAL THEM OUT**

A dentist from the Baltimore County Department of Health will be coming to Baltimore Highlands Elementary School between January 28, 29, 30, 31 and Feb. 1st to place dental sealants in children in the second and third grades. Dental sealants help prevent tooth decay on the chewing surfaces of molar teeth, where most cavities are formed. Dental sealants protect these areas by sealing out plaque and food that cause tooth decay. Parental consent forms will be coming home with all second and third grade children on January 7th. **Students will not be able to participate without a signed parental consent form.** If you have any questions about the Dental Sealant Program, please call the Baltimore County Department of Health at (410) 887-2780 for more information.

Dental sealants are only one of the things that your children need to keep their teeth healthy. **Children who participate in the Dental Sealant Program at Baltimore Highlands should still see their own dentists regularly.** Your dentist will examine and clean your children's teeth. Your dentist will recommend a program of brushing, flossing, and other home treatments that you can teach your children and help them with. Children with untreated dental problems can experience pain and infections.

Regular dental visits and regular brushing and flossing, will give your children a lifetime of healthy teeth. If you need help finding a dentist, please contact the school nurse, at (410) 887-0919.

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