



# BALTIMORE HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HOME OF THE BULLDOGS!

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## THE BALTIMORE HIGHLANDS 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.

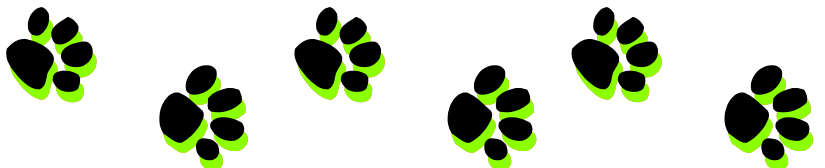
Our students will be responsible citizens and productive community members.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is hard to believe that we are in the month of February already. We are in the middle of the winter season; that means interruptions to school days are possible if we get snow or have icy conditions. As we work through this time of the year, I remind parents to please watch the news everyday to listen for school closings and delays.

I would like to remind parents of a few procedures that we have in place to ensure a safe and orderly learning environment. We have an automated message system that calls to inform you if your student is absent. You do not have to respond to this message. This is our way of keeping in communication with parents when students are not in school. In addition, please remember that if you need to pick up your child for early dismissal, they must be picked up before 2:50 pm. We appreciate your understanding.

We have been doing well with our attendance rate. On average for the month of January, we had about 94% attendance. We appreciate your support with making sure your students come to school each day ready to learn. Please remember that you will receive a letter to keep you informed of your child's attendance if they are in danger of unsatisfactory attendance. This also includes students that are late for school. We ask that you help ensure your child gets to school before the 8:40 bell each day.



If you are picking up your students as a car rider, please use the car loop system. If you need a new number car tag or would like to apply for a car tag, please notify the office and talk to Ms. Schwaab. We appreciate your patience with the car loop. We have 250 car riders, and we do our best to keep the flow of traffic moving and to make sure students get to their cars safely.

Parents, please take the time to complete the BCPS Stakeholder Survey. We want your input with how we are doing as a school system, so we can improve how we program for students. You can find the online survey on the BCPS website at [www.bcps.org](http://www.bcps.org) and the survey will be open from **Monday, January 27 – Sunday, March 1, 2020**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school!

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- February 3: Second Quarter Perfect Attendance Assembly
- **February 4: Schools Closed for Special Election Day**
- February 6: Report Cards go home
- February 17- President's Day- Schools will be open

### **BCPS PERCEPTION SURVEY**

Starting on Monday, January 27 until Sunday, March 1, 2020, the BCPS Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey will be available online for all BCPS stakeholders to offer their opinions about what the school system is doing well and areas for improvement. The goal is to double last year's historic participation of 80,000 responses. The survey may be completed on a smart phone, tablet, or computer, and takes only five minutes to complete, is confidential, and is available in several languages for parents/guardians and community members. Please refer to the BCPS homepage at [www.bcps.org](http://www.bcps.org) to complete the survey.

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

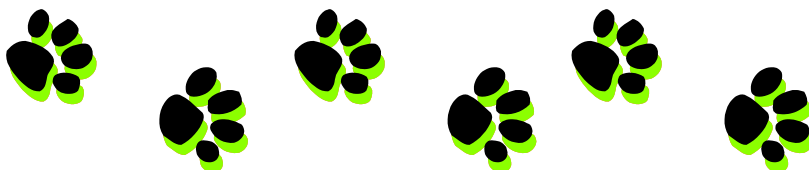
Ms. Frech and Mr. Capece would like to remind parents that when your child has PE class, they must wear appropriate shoes in order to participate. Since we are in the winter season, a lot of students are wearing boots to school due to weather conditions. Please remind your child to bring tennis shoes with them on their PE day, so they will be able to participate in class. If children do not have the appropriate shoes for PE, they will not be able to participate for safety reasons, and this could potentially affect their overall participation grade in PE. Thank you for your help.

### **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). and place money on your child's account.



Your support is a very important part to Baltimore Highlands Elementary School. The following are ways that you can support Baltimore Highlands Elementary School:

- Participate in the education of your child.
- Participate in parent education activities (parent/teacher conferences, etc).
- Communicate regularly with the school with your interests and/or concerns.
- Share your talents with our school.
- Offer suggestions for success.
- Continue to partner with our school for the good of all students.

A list of Parent Support Services is available on the district web site: <http://www.bcps.org/parents/>.

