Baltimore Highland’s Mission Statement:

The BHES community meets the individual needs of the whole child while providing a safe and nurturing learning 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:

We hope everyone has been enjoying the Fall season. The month of November is going to be a busy one at BHES. We will be getting ready for American Education Week. This is an important week for our school because it is an opportunity for parents to come and join us to see all of the exciting teaching and learning that is happening at our school. Look for a flyer to come home soon with the visitation dates and times for each grade level. Conference Day will be on Friday, November 22nd. Please make sure to sign up for a conference with your child’s teacher.

We would like to thank all of our parents for your help this quarter to make sure students get to school each and every day on time and ready to learn. For our first quarter of school, we had a 95% attendance rate. This is outstanding! We hope to continue that for the second quarter. Please continue to help us with making sure students arrive to school on time each day. Please remember that students are late for school after the 8:40 bell. The doors open by 8:20 each day, and we hope to have all students arrive to school each day on time and ready to learn.

The end of the first marking period will be Friday, November 8th. Schools will close at 12:10 for students. Report cards will go home on Friday, November 15th. For Quarter One, there will be no written comments. Students will only receive content grades. This is why it is important to set up a conference with your child’s teacher to receive feedback on how they are doing academically and socially in school.
MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Friday, November 8: Schools Close for students at 12:10pm
Friday, November 15: 1st Quarter Report Cards Go Home
Thursday, November 12: Report Cards Go Home/Pre-k Conference Day- no school for Pre-k students
Monday, November 18: First Quarter Attendance Assembly Primary 9:00am and Intermediate 10:00am
Monday, November 18 thru Friday, November 22: American Education Week
Thursday, November 21st- Reading Night 5:30pm The Book Fair will be open for students and parents
Friday, November 22nd: Conference Day- schools closed for students
Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th: Thanksgiving Holiday-Schools and Offices closed

STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION FORMS:
Have you returned the student contact information form and the Nurse form that was sent home with your child the first day of school? Many of you have sent these forms back, and we do appreciate your help in updating our records. If you have not completed these forms, please do so and return them as soon as possible. Thank you for your help with this matter.

VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS:
Baltimore County Public Schools require a volunteer application to be on file in order to participate in any activity with the school. This includes fieldtrips, class parties, and any other school activity. Please complete the application and return it to the school office in order to participate in upcoming trips. You must have an updated Volunteer Application and have received the mandatory training in order to volunteer for any school event or to help at school. The training can be complete online. If you do not have access to a computer, you may come to school and use one of our computers in the lobby. Ms. Marti will be available to assist.

Box Tops for Education:
We can earn cash for our school when we collect, clip and return the Box Tops from participation products. Happy collecting!

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK:
Please join us during the week of November 18th-21st to visit with your child and be involved with their education. A flyer will be coming home soon that will explain the details for American Education Week. We look forward to having you join us for this special week. Visitation times will be from 9:00am-11:00am. You must get a Visitor’s Pass before you go down to the classroom. Please bring your ID with you in order to get your pass.
**ATTENDANCE:**
Parents, please remember that we track student’s attendance daily. Students may enter the building starting at 8:20 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 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. If your child is out sick, please make sure to send in a parent note or doctor’s note. Our goal is to achieve 96% or better attendance each day.

**Parent Lending Library**
Don’t forget about our Parent Lending Library and Parent Resource Computers located in the front lobby of the school. The library is for your use and is filled with games and books that you may borrow and use at home with your children. The computers are available for you to use any day during school hours.
You can also find out useful information by checking out our website at www.bheselementary.org.