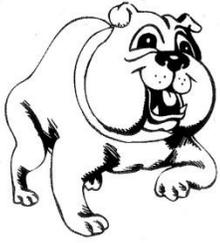


# BALTIMORE HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HOME OF THE BULLDOGS!

<http://baltimorehighlandses.bcps.org>



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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**

Another great school year has started at Baltimore Highlands Elementary. I want to welcome students, parents and all community members to the 2019-2020 school year. Attached is the complete Faculty Roster for the 2019-2020 school year. We have several new teachers that are joining our faculty this year. They are all great additions to our school and are committed along with the other teachers and staff members to provide your students with a high quality instructional program in a safe and orderly learning environment.

This school year we will be focused on our 21<sup>st</sup> Century learners to provide meaningful learning opportunities that will be aligned to Grade Level Standards. We will continue to offer technology opportunities within the classroom. All students will continue with one to one devices in Grades 3-5 and each classroom in Grades K-2 will have six computers to be used for small group instruction. Teachers will be using innovative ways to incorporate technology into teaching and learning.

Again, this year we will be providing a Parent Handbook. This Handbook is a reference for parents that include our procedures and expectations for BHES. Hopefully, this will be a helpful reference tool that will answer most of your questions about policy and procedures concerning our school.

We look forward to a productive and successful school year. Please feel free to stop by or call anytime with any questions or concerns. We are here to help and support.



## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**September 3rd: First day of school for students in Grades 1-5**

**September 5th: First full day for K students.**

**September 5<sup>th</sup>: All students must walk independently to class**

**September 9th: First day for Pre-k**

**September 10<sup>th</sup>: Back to School Night 6:00pm**

**September 12<sup>th</sup>: Bus transportation begins for Pre-k**

**September 12<sup>th</sup>: Registration for English Classes at BHES 6:00pm**

**September 30<sup>th</sup>: Schools closed for students. Professional Development Day for Teachers**

## **PTA**

I encourage all families to please join the PTA. We need your help to ensure that we can provide programs, materials, events and field trips for our students. I would like to recognize the following parents for their commitment to the PTA as our 2019-2020 Executive Board: **Justin Knott-President, Open Position- Vice President, Christy McClanahan -Treasurer, Lauren Wills- Secretary.** Please get involved and help. The PTA benefits both students and BHES. This year, our PTA meeting will be on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 in the Library. All are welcome to attend.

## **FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS:**

\* Baltimore County students who were eligible for free or reduced meals at the end of last school year are eligible to receive free or reduced price meals through October 6, 2016.

**\*A new application is required for the 2019-2020 school year!**

**By October 7, 2019 only students with a 2019-2020 approved application will be eligible for a free or reduced price meal.**

Parents, please return your application as soon as possible. Failure to return the application could cause your child to be charged full price for his/her meals. **Applications must be received by Monday, October 7th, 2019 in order to be processed in time.**

The National School Lunch Act provides free or reduced price meals to children whose family meets eligibility guidelines. Schools are selected to receive Title I funding based on the percentage of students receiving free or reduced price meals. Meal Prices: Breakfast and Lunch are served to students who wish to purchase these meals. Lunch menus will be sent home monthly.

**Universal Breakfast Program:** All students receive free breakfast in the classroom.

**Lunch Meal Prices:**

Paid ..... \$2.90

Bottled Water: \$.50

Ice Cream: \$.50

DATE: AUGUST/SEPTEMBER  
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Reduced Price Lunch . . . . . \$ .40

Milk: 60 cents

## **MODULAR CLASSROOMS**

In order to accommodate for classroom space due to our increase in enrollment, we will have three modular classrooms. Two of them will be used for Grade 5 classrooms and one will be used for our Community Schools Office.

### **“Opt-Out-Form”**

**The Opt-Out form should be completed and returned to the school.**

The Opt-Out form should be completed only if you **do not** permit BCPS to share your student’s directory information, do not want the student to use telecommunications, and/or do not want the student’s intellectual property published/produced or displayed anywhere

## **BEHAVIOR HANDBOOK UPDATES**

### **◆ Videotaping on School Property including School Buses**

BCPS possesses the ability to videotape students on school property and to videotape students (including audiotape) while on its school buses. At the direction of the superintendent, or his designee, videotapes may be used for disciplinary purposes.

### **◆ School Search**

The principal, the assistant principal, or the principal’s designee of a public school may conduct a search of the school , including students’ lockers.

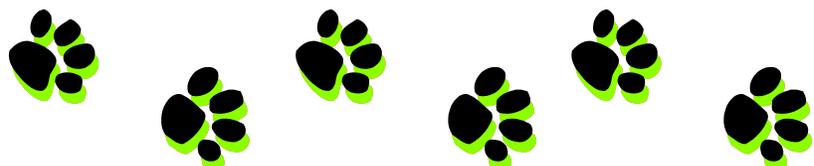
### **◆ Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation**

On July 1, 2008, the Maryland General Assembly directed the (**Maryland State**) Department of Education (MSDE), in consultation with the local school systems, to develop and adopt a model police prohibiting bullying, harassment, or intimidation in schools. The Maryland State Board of Education approved its model policy on February 24, 2009. As a result of MSDE’s model policy, the Board of Education of Baltimore County approved the new Board of Education Policy and Superintendent’s Rule 5580, “Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation,” which prohibits students from engaging in intentional conduct involving bullying, harassment, or intimidation, which can substantially interfere with a student’s educational opportunities, or any acts of retaliation against those who report instances of bullying, harassment, or intimidation.

The “Bullying, Harassment or Intimidation Reporting Form” is used to track alleged instances of bullying, harassment, or intimidation. The form is available at your local school or on the Baltimore County Public Schools” Website under the “Student” and “Parent” tabs. You may contact the school for additional information or assistance at any time.

## **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 events. In addition, once Volunteer applications are received, volunteers will be required to attend the mandatory training that will be offered once a month and before fieldtrips. You must have an updated Volunteer Application and have received the mandatory training in order to volunteer for any school events.



Parents may complete the Volunteer application and view the orientation online. In order to locate this information, please go to [www.bcps.org](http://www.bcps.org). Click on the orange button that says PARENTS, then click on PARENT RESOURCES and then you will find on the sidebar a link for the online application and one for the Volunteer Orientation. If you decide to complete both requirements online, please make sure to bring in your completed application and the certificate of completion for the orientation and then you will be set to volunteer for the year.

### **Safety and Security: RAPTOR**

The safety of all students and staff in Baltimore County Public Schools is of the utmost importance to all of us. Our school is utilizing a system for checking in all visitors. The system is called V-soft by RaptorWare or Raptor. When you visit our school for the first time, you will be asked to present a government-issued photo ID, or a driver's license to a staff member in the school office. The ID will be scanned and the following information will be collected: your photo, your name and your date of birth. This information will be utilized to check you in, create an ID badge, and compare your information against sexual offender databases throughout the country. If your name appears on any of the lists or you refuse to allow the school to scan your ID, you will not be allowed access to the school. The only alternative will be to allow the staff to see your ID, verify your first name, last name, and date of birth to be entered into the system manually. However, this method does not store the information and you must do this each time you visit the school. If you have your ID scanned, you will be asked to show your ID only on future visits, and your name will be selected from an existing list of previous visitors. You will also be asked to check out with the office staff upon leaving the school so that we know you are no longer in the building. **You will be required to check into the system even if you are only coming to school to pick up your child.** The information collected will not be shared outside of the school and is kept on a secure server. Your assistance in keeping our students and schools safe is appreciated.

### **Right to Know Letter:**

**Attached to this Newsletter is the Right to Know Letter from Dr. Williams, Superintendent. Every parent has the right to ask for and receive information about the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher. If you have any questions or need information, please see the administration.**

### **Future NEWSLETTERS:**

In an effort to save paper, we will no longer send home paper copies of the monthly newsletters. The newsletter will be posted each month on our school website: <http://baltimorehighlandshes.bcps.org> We will provide the newsletter in both English and Spanish. However, if you do not have access to the internet, paper copies will be available and located in our Parent Information kiosk for your information.



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