



## Important Dates

Date	Event	Event Info
Jan. 25	<b>School Closed</b>	
Jan. 27	PTA Meeting 6:00pm-8:00pm	<b>Guest Speaker: MD Governor O'Malley's Educational Policy Advisor Pat Foerster</b>
Jan. 28	"Pick a time" Opens	Go to <a href="http://www.bbes.hcpss.org">www.bbes.hcpss.org</a> and log in to "pick a time" to schedule a conference with your child's teacher!
Feb. 4	BINGO Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	BBES Cafeteria. Bring desserts to share! Costs only \$1 to play 8 games and win prizes!
Feb. 7	Last Day to schedule conferences through "Pick a Time"	If you haven't done so already, go to <a href="http://www.bbes.hcpss.org">www.bbes.hcpss.org</a> and log in to "pick a time" to schedule a conference with your child's teacher!
Feb. 10-11	Conferences	Conferences start at 12:40
Mar. 19	Silent Auction	Will be held at BBES. More info to come!

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### School News

• **News from the Health room**

**Free vaccine** clinic being offered for second dose H1N1 vaccination needs on Monday Jan 25th by Howard County Health Dept.

7:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M. and 12:30 -3:00 P.M at:

First Presbyterian Church of Howard County  
9325 Presbyterian Circle  
Columbia, MD 21045  
right off Rte 29 and exit 20A 175E

Only H1N1 vaccine---mist and injectable will be offered.

• **News from Guidance**

The recent devastating earthquake in Haiti has had a significant impact on many Howard County students, families, and staff members. The Office of Student Services has provided schools with resources for teachers and parents that include suggestions for helping all children cope with global disasters. Doing something positive provides students with a sense of empowerment, promotes compassion and builds a sense of community.

Maryland Public Schools, #1 in the Nation, has a record of being #1 in service and outreach to others. As we know that caring and learning go hand in hand. In 2005, students across Maryland collected over \$1.3 million dollars for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. We want to launch a similar campaign to assist Haiti.

The Maryland State Department of Education is planning a state-wide effort entitled the "**Maryland Kids Care Campaign – Operation Haiti: Collecting Coins (and more) for the Earthquake Victims.**" We plan to promote this campaign on the morning announcements here at BBES. **Containers for the coins (and more) will be placed in the center of each grade level pod and also in the foyer outside of the front office. This voluntary school wide effort will run through Tuesday, February 9, 2010.**

Collected funds will be sent to the American Red Cross for humanitarian aid. Thank you in advance for helping with the efforts to provide relief for the Haitians.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ms. Torbit, School Counselor at 410-880-5920 / [jtorbit@hcpss.org](mailto:jtorbit@hcpss.org)

### Volunteers Needed

- Bingo night is coming near and we are looking for volunteers to be a Bingo caller, help sell tickets at the door, clean up, check winning tickets etc. If you are interested please e-mail Tina Ferguson at [president@bbespta.net](mailto:president@bbespta.net)
- Volunteers are needed to help with the Beaver cart every Friday from 8:15-9:00am. Please contact Lisa Anderson at [beavercart@bbespta.net](mailto:beavercart@bbespta.net) for more information.
- The PTA Staff Appreciation Committee is hosting a dinner for the teachers during conferences on Wednesday Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. Volunteers are needed to help set up, clean up and serve. For more information, please contact Kathleen Smith at [staffapp@bbespta.net](mailto:staffapp@bbespta.net)
- The February coffee cart has been moved to Feb 18<sup>th</sup> due to conferences. Volunteers are needed to help push the cart from 8:45am-10:30am. Contact Kathleen Smith for more information at [staffapp@bbespta.net](mailto:staffapp@bbespta.net)

### Donations Needed

- 5<sup>th</sup> grade is in need of tissues and pencils! Please mark any donations "5<sup>th</sup> grade supplies".
- The Family Fun committee is in need of bottled water as well as new toys, games, movies, stickers etc to be used as prizes during Bingo night!
- PTA is hosting a dinner for the teachers during conferences on Wednesday Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. Food donations are needed for this. Please contact Kathleen Smith at [staffapp@bbespta.net](mailto:staffapp@bbespta.net) for more information.
- BBES annual Auction is coming near! We are still looking for donations to help fill baskets to auction off! Any type of donation is appreciated! Contact [auction@bbespta.net](mailto:auction@bbespta.net) for questions and/or info.
- Don't forget! If you do not want to participate in donating items or buying fundraisers, the PTA also accepts money donations in lieu of catalog orders etc! Make checks payable to BBES PTA

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