



Important Dates

Date	Event	Event Info
March 9 & 10	MSA Reading Test (3 rd , 4 th and 5 th grades)	Remember to have your child gets good quality sleep and a nutritious breakfast in the morning!
March 16 & 17	MSA Math Test (3 rd , 4 th and 5 th grades)	
March 12	Last collection day for Class Baskets	If you have not done so already, please be sure to bring your class basket donations in by today!
March 19	Silent Auction and Family Game Night!	Will be held at BBES beginning at 6:00pm in the cafeteria, media center, and gym!
March 30	PTA Meeting 6-7pm	-BBES Media Center
	Guest Speaker 7-8pm	-Guest Speaker: Ashley Harig, PVMS 6 th Grade Counselor. Topic: “Transition to Middle School”

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School News

A reminder to families:
Our third, fourth and fifth grade students will participate in the statewide Maryland School Assessment (MSA) next week. The MSA tests are measures of student achievement in Reading and Math.

Reading testing dates are March 9, 10 and Math testing will take place on March 16, 17. Our testing times are 8:45-11:30am on each of those days. Parents are asked to respect the testing process and do your best to ensure that your child is on time to school and has had adequate rest and nutrition both prior to and the day of the test.

We ask families to take time to reiterate to their child the importance of doing their best and putting forth their best efforts on the test. Parents are encouraged to not over emphasize the test but rather to focus on the same skills and motivation that they foster in their child all school year.

BBES staff has worked hard to foster a culture that values excellence. This will continue prior to and after the MSA exams. We thank you for your support and look forward to getting our results in June.

PTA News

- **Fiddler on the Roof, Jr.**
There is only one week left to sign up for the school play/musical, "Fiddler on the Roof, Jr.!" The registration deadline is Friday, March 12th. The play is open to 2nd through 5th graders. Some partial scholarships are available. See registration form on the back for more details.
- **Scouting for Food**
Please fill bags with canned food and leave it on your doorstep. Boy Scouts will be by Saturday, March 6th after 9am in the morning to pick up the bags and take them to the Howard County Food Bank!
- **Silent Auction/Family Game Night**
Don't forget to fill your class baskets up with donations! Remember, you are not limited to donating to your class baskets; you can donate to any basket you like! For more info, please contact Doug Spicher at doug_spicher@hcpss.org
- **Volunteers Needed**
We are looking to start a "co-op before school care". If you are interested in finding out how you can help, please contact Tina Ferguson at president@bbespta.net



It's time to order your **Memory Book!!!** If you pre-order before March 1st, the price is \$22 per book. After March 1st the price will increase to \$23 per book. Please fill in the information below and put it in an envelope with your check made out to **BBES PTA**. Write "MEMORY BOOK" on the front of your envelope and send it into school with your child. **DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR MEMORIES!! ORDER TODAY!!**

Student's Name: _____

Please reserve _____ copies

Phone: _____

I have enclosed:

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

_____ check in full for \$ _____

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REMEMBER, MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BBES PTA.

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