



November 20, 2009
Edition 3

Important Dates

Date	Event	Event Info
Nov. 23	Book Fair 6:00pm-8:00pm	BBES Media Center. Last day for the book Fair!
Nov. 23-24	Parent/Teacher Conferences	Early Dismissal. School will let out at 12:05pm
Nov. 25	Conferences	School Closed
Nov. 26-27	Thanksgiving	School Closed
Dec. 10	Strings Concert 7:00pm	Grades 3,4 and 5
Dec. 15	Band Concert 7:00pm	Grades 4 & 5
Jan. 7	School Planning Mtg. 6:30pm	School planning (redistricting) meeting
Jan. 20	Coffee with the Principal 8:45am	Come talk and share your thoughts while having complimentary coffee with Mr. Davis
Feb. 4	BINGO Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	BBES Cafeteria. Costs only \$1 to play 8 games and win prizes!

School News

~Note from the Principal
We'd like to thank the parents that attended our American Education Week celebration. We had over 250 parents visit this week. It was great to see so many parents seeing the wonderful work our students do each day. Conferences are next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. If you have not scheduled a conference please contact the Dee McCleary in the front office to schedule a conference with your child's teacher. As of Thursday evening we were still missing about 75 families who have not scheduled a time. Our goal is to have a conference about each student who attends Bollman Bridge. Please help us reach our goal. If you are unable to attend your scheduled conference time, please notify the front office, we will try and find a time that works for you. Thank you for all of your support during the first quarter! -Jonathan Davis

~ Please join us for the Fall Book Fair's Finale on Monday, November 23rd from 6 - 8 p.m. Enjoy Family Night at the Book Fair in the Media Center & browse many new and exciting titles from Scholastic!

~ H1N1 Vaccine update from the Health Room
Bollman Bridge has **NOT** yet received any word of availability of vaccine for our students. The Howard County Health Department has lately been receiving **ONLY** injectable H1N1 vaccine that is used **ONLY** in the middle and high schools. There will be **NO** offering of injectable H1N1 vaccine at Bollman Bridge.

We have **NOT** yet received a date for a BBES clinic. Supplies have been delivered from the vaccine manufacturers to the counties in an erratic fashion. The decision about what school in the HCPSS is determined on the type of vaccine (injectable OR FluMist) AND the number of vaccines received. The typical range of participation by HCPSS students in any one school has been about 50%. So, for example, if the HCHD receives only 400 injectables, then they will look at the size of the schools that can provide a 50% participation.

Forms will be sent home with students as soon as we receive them from the HCHD. The letter attached to the form will provide specific instructions. **WE WILL SEND NOTICE WHEN THOSE FORMS ARE RECEIVED AND WHEN WE EXPECT COMPLETED FORMS BACK.**

Please continue to stay patient with the process. Updates are posted frequently on the HCHD web page (see below). Continue to speak to your health care provider if your child is unable to receive the FluMist
http://www.co.ho.md.us/health/healthmain/health_homepage.htm

PTA News

~ Special thanks go out to MD State Delegate Shane Pendergrass and Board of Education rep Ellen Flynn Giles for coming to the PTA meeting on Wednesday!

~ With the holidays around the corner, the PTA has posted "teacher favorites" at the school during conferences to help you get your teacher exactly what they wanted!

~ The PTA budget has been revised and posted on the BBES PTA website www.bbespta.net

~ On Saturday, Nov 21 at 9 AM Howard County will open the new Huntington Playground (in the County park between Clocktower & Vollmerhausen). County Exec Ken Ullman & Councilperson Jen Terrasa will be in attendance for the ceremony.

Donations Needed

~ Soup Donations
We are still in **critical need of soup donations** for the teacher dinner on Monday, November 23, 2009! Please contact Kathleen Smith at timkaths@verizon.net for more information.

~ PTA Art Contest
Calling all students from RECC and Kindergarten thru 5th grade: The BBES PTA is having an art contest! The theme is "School". For example, you could draw a picture of Bollman Bridge Elementary School, Wendel the Beaver, the Bollman Truss Bridge, your favorite class or any other picture related to school. Younger children could also draw fun at recess. Please create the picture using crayons, markers, paint or colored pencils on a 8.5 x 11 in. piece of white paper. Please do not glue, staple or attach any items such as feathers, pom-poms, etc. There will be 3 winners chosen **per class**. The winners will have an image of their artwork shown in the BBES Memory Book this year. The Grand Prize winner will have his/her artwork used as our Memory Book/Yearbook Cover!!! Please write your name, your teacher's name and your grade on the back of your artwork. The **deadline is Friday Dec. 4th**. Bring your artwork to school and ask your teacher to send it to the PTA mailbox bin. We will try to return artwork to students, but cannot be held responsible if lost at school. Please send any questions to memorybook@bbespta.net. Have fun!!

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School News (continued)

ESOL

Thank you for your support by attending the PTA meeting on November 18. It was a pleasure meeting you and speaking about our ELL (English Language Learners) families in our Bollman Bridge community. Philip Hrengling, our Burmese interpreter and the families that attended the PTA meeting were enthused about meeting the families in the community and learning about the additional resources to help their children excel academically in their new homeland.

Presently Bollman Bridge has approximately 611 students. 11% are ELLs. Almost 1/2 of the 11% of our ELLs are from Burma.

There are many ways we can reach out to our new families by connecting to their interests and hobbies: farming, planting, hosting a cooking/baking session, hosting read alouds with parents and children, English conversational partners (many parents are taking English classes at the local community college), sharing family photo albums, hiking, birding, fishing, camping, baseball, football, soccer, volleyball, day trips to Maryland's historical sites, family picnics, deer hunting, playing cards and board games. Parents that are school volunteers could ask the parent to come and help with Friday folders and school functions.

If you have any additional questions and/or want to contact our new families, please email me at Laurel.Conran@hcpss.org and I will contact our interpreter to make an appointment. Many of our families are learning English and are ready to have English-speaking partners!

Have a wonderful Holiday season with family and friends!

Laurel Conran
ESOL Team Leader
http://web.hcpss.org/~LAUREL_CONRAN/

Volunteers Needed

~ We are looking for bi-lingual individuals fluent in English and Burmese who would like to volunteer with the PTA. Please contact Tina Ferguson at president@bbspta.net for more information.

~ Please contact Kathleen Smith at timkaths@verizon.com if you are able to help with the staff dinner on Monday, November 23rd. Kathleen will have more information on what is needed.