

BCMS Bulldog Bulletin

Bulldogs Lead

BCMS Calendar

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

Wed. June 19 Eighth Grade Picnic

Wed. June 19 Seventh Grade "Survival of the Fittest"

Wed. June 19 Last Day for Students (2 hour early dismissal)



Term 4 Report Cards will be mailed on July 2. They not be available for pick-up.

Families needing a sign language interpreter should contact Mrs. Gee at 240-236-5710 at least 10 days prior to the event.

School Office Hours

7:30 AM-3:30 PM

BCMS End of Year Events

Dear BCMS Parents,

As another busy school year comes to a close, it is time to announce the key dates for end of year events. Ballenger Creek Middle School has traditionally done an 8th grade formal dance to commemorate the three marvelous middle school years of being a BCMS Bulldog. The May 10 8th grade formal, "Hollywood- A Red Carpet Event," was coordinated by the SGA. Students picked the theme and SGA advisors created a wonderful experience. Many thanks to all the parent volunteers who helped make it a memorable evening.

Please mark your calendars with dates and times of additional end of year BCMS events.

(*Note the events are referral free opportunities. Students who receive a referral during Term 4 may not attend.)

[Click here to open the Schedule of Events.](#)

FCPS Calendar Handbook 2018-2019



Announcements from Principal Beck

June 17, 2019

End of Year Announcements

Parents, we will have an assembly during electives classes today. Officer Linehan, school resource officer will offer tips for students as we approach summer break on avoiding peer pressure and drug and safety awareness. We encourage you to speak to your students today about the topics that hear about during the assembly. We will also allow our winning acts that performed during our Lip Sync Battle to perform again. Our counselors also want to speak with students about our core values of empathy and reporting bullying they may encounter or witness.

We will announce changes in our school administration and counseling team. I recently accepted a position in the office of student services in central office. I am thrilled to be able to continue to support students in FCPS on a larger scale. However, I will truly miss the BCMS community and the relationships made over the last three years. We will host a visit from the new Principal, Mr. Jay Schill on Tuesday morning.

Mr. Fer, 6th grade Assistant Principal, will be promoted to Principal of Middletown Middle School as of July 1. He is also excited about this new opportunity and will also miss working in the BCMS community. Ms. Beth Ann Miller, will be a new Assistant Principal at BCMS starting July 1 as well.

Mrs. Megan Fitz-Maurice, 6th grade counselor, will moved to the Elementary level next year. We will miss her spirit and support of our 6th graders. She has enjoyed working with our 6th grade students and will miss the BCMS community.

Mrs. Jo Branham, Math Specialist has been promoted to Assistant Principal at Windsor Knolls Middle School. We have appreciated her leadership this year at BCMS.

Final Report Cards

Attention Parents:

Final Report cards will be mailed home the week of July 2nd. There will be no pick-up dates this year. Our building will be under construction at the start of summer to create a vestibule at our entrance to increase security. Please check your HAC account to verify that your mailing address is correct. Please contact our Registrar Mrs. Lotoya Gee immediately at Lotoya.Gee@fcps.org or 240-236-5710 with any questions. We want to assure that you will receive your students final report card and any important information sent by mail for the 2019-2020 school year.

Counseling Information

6th grade - Mrs. Megan Fitz-Marurice Megan.FitzMaurice@fcps.org

7th grade- Mrs. Rebecca Pierson Rebecca.Pierson@fcps.org

8th grade - Mr. David Ledyard David.Ledyard@fcps.org

The number to our counseling office is 301-236-6710 if you need to contact any of our counselors at any time. Additionally, please use their emails to contact them directly.

Keeping You Informed

Inclement Weather?

Here is how to Check School Status:

English: <https://fcps.ezcommunicator.net/edu/Frederick/GetFile.aspx?DocId=5581>

Spanish:

<https://fcps.ezcommunicator.net/edu/Frederick/GetFile.aspx?DocId=7817>



Late Bus? Use the link below link.

Did you know that FCPS has a transportation delay board. They can communicate with the public and schools when a bus is running 10 minutes or more late. The information may be accessed on the FCPS website at this link: <https://apps.fcps.org/transdelay/>

Chrome Book 1 to 1

FCPS issued chrome books, chargers and cases should be returned in to the Media Center.



BCMS Attendance

Good attendance leads to success and boosts graduation. Our school goal is 96%.

Please remember to alert the front office (BallengerCreek.MS@fcps.org) if your child is sick and to send a letter when the child returns. **Our goal is to have all students in school and on time.**

Attendance Percentages

Dates: June 3 to June 7

Monday

Grade 6 ----94.93%

Grade 7 --- -94.466%

Grade 8 ----95.05%

Total -----94.82%

Tuesday

Grade 6 ----92.39%

Grade 7 --- -95.20%

Grade 8 ----93.29%
Total -----93.61%
Wednesday
Grade 6 --- -97.46%
Grade 7 ----96.31%
Grade 8 ----95.05%
Total -----96.27%
Thursday
Grade 6 --- 95.29%
Grade 7 ----95.94%
Grade 8 --- 95.41%
Total -----95.54%
Friday
Grade 6 --- 93.12%
Grade 7 --- 92.62%
Grade 8 --- 93.99%
Total -----93.25%

Community Liaison Corner

Hello Families,

FCPS will be providing breakfast and lunch free to all children, under the age of 18, June 24th through August 21st at 8 different schools.

Breakfast will be available from 8:30 to 9a.m. and lunch will be available

from 11:30a.m. to 12:30p.m. Meals will be served Mon.-Thurs. except during the week of July 4th where meals will be served Mon-Wed. and on Fri. Lunch only will be served at C. Burr Artz Library,

Noon to 1p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, except on July 4th. Children **do not** have to be enrolled in a Frederick County public school to participate. For schools serving the meals, please visit the following site: www.fcpsnutrition.com/

If you have any questions, please call FCPS Food & Nutrition's office: 301-644-5061

Summer Resources:

Transit Summer Student and Kid Passes are now available. Summer student passes cost \$15 for unlimited rides June 1 through August 31. Kid passes are free when accompanied by an adult, June 1 through August 31. Please visit:

<https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/318870/Summer-Freedom-Pass-and-Kid-Pass-2019>

Frederick County Parks & Recreation offers discount tickets to several amusement parks in the region. Please visit their website for parks and details.

<https://www.recreator.com/564/Amusement-Park-Tickets>

Serving Frederick 2019, June 29th, Free Food distribution at Lincoln Elem & Waverley Elem, 10a.m. until all is food given out

Free Food Distribution, Open to everyone. Every second Saturday of every month. First Missionary Baptist Church, 6430 Jefferson Pike, Frederick. Call 301-662-3110 for times.

Free Food Distribution, Open to everyone. Second and Fourth Saturday of every month. Emmanuel Trinity Lutheran Church, 4004 Ballenger Creek Pike, Frederick, Open 10:00 to Noon

Harvest Market, 620 N. Market St., Bernard Brown Center/YMCA Training Kitchen, every Wednesday, 3:00-6:00 (\$7 for \$15 worth of fresh fruits and vegetables)

Mrs. Moss

Community Liaison for BCMS



Seventh Grade News

7th grade end of the year event "Survival of the fittests " is June 19th.

We want to thank all the parents that have supported 7th grade this year. We truly appreciated all your support .

Help Needed for 8th Grade Picnic

Attention Parents and Guardians of 8th Grade Students!!!

The 8th grade class is in need of your help to make their end of year picnic celebration as awesome as possible! Please follow the link below to sign-up to volunteer or donate needed items. The picnic will be held on the last day of school for students, Wednesday, June 19th. Please contact Chelby Vachon (ChelbyMay@msn.com), PTSA president, with questions regarding the sign-up or Erica French (Erica.French@FCPS.org), 8th Grade Math Teacher, with questions regarding the picnic plans. Thank you in advance for your support of our near-highschoolers!

Sign-Up Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b49abab2ca0f49-8thgrade1>

Language Arts

BCMS parents and students,

Teachers and literacy experts agree that children of all ages need to read (or be read to) and to talk about books over the summer. Summer reading and book discussions will help students maintain their reading skills, improve their reading fluency, and learn new vocabulary and concepts. Most importantly, when parents and children enjoy summer reading together, children develop a love of books and reading that lasts a lifetime.

Have a wonderful summer and please take time to read a good book together. Or, read a good book alone and share your thoughts about what you've read. Take some time to rest the devices and read. Visit my website for ideas: <http://education.fcps.org/bcms/katienorris>



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2019 Summer Reading Links for Elementary and Middle School Students



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2019 Summer Program Options for Elementary and Middle School Students



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HAC Home Access Center [Grades Online]

Please remember to check your student's grades using the HAC button above. The link can also be found on the FCPS and BCMS web sites.



HACTriFold.pdf

HAC Quick Reference Guide for Parents (Trifold)



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NJROTC Program



Are You Interested in gaining leadership skills?

Working in a Team environment?

The Naval Junior Reserves Officer Training Corps (NJROTC)

Program at Governor Thomas Johnson High School may be right for you.

Please visit <http://patriotnjrotc.com> to learn about
joining and applying to the NJROTC Program.

Returning cadets are encouraged to reapply for the upcoming school year.

Please contact Chief Rodrigues (Michael.Rodrigues@fcps.org)

or Commander Gillespie (Jeremy.Gillespie@fcps.org)

for additional information or any questions.

Boys and Girls Club at BCMS

"Need a plan for the summer!!!! Come to the Boys & Girls Club. The Middle School Camp at the Club is a cool exciting place for your child to spend time this summer. In collaboration with Frederick Community College Monroe Centers called "Kids & Teens on Campus," members will have a great time exploring many careers. Each session is a week long and there is 4 different sessions. In addition, your child will participate in swimming and fun field trips!!! Our summer program is an affordable way for kids to make friends, learn new things and just have fun. The total cost of The Club is a \$1,000. With payments of \$100 Deposit, and 3 separate payments of \$300. Included in the price is the sessions at FCC, going to the pool twice a week, lunch and snack everyday and field trips once a week. The dates are July 1st to August 16th.

Contact Suzanne to register 240-831-4330, 301-600-1875

Suzannes@bgcfc.org

If you have more questions about the summer program or the cost contact Suzanne.

Wayne Toms

Site Director BGCFC at BCMS

Welcome to the Ballenger Creek Middle School Health Room!

Frederick County Health Department / Frederick County Public Schools

Health room hours: 7:45am-3:15pm

Phone number: 240-236-5708

Registered Nurse: Rebbecca Montes, RN

Health Room Technician: Briony Hill, HRT

School Health Services in Frederick County Public Schools are delivered by the Frederick County Health Department, utilizing a cluster model of care. School nurses are Registered Nurses (RN) who serve as the leader of the school health team and oversee the health room in 2-3 schools. A dedicated Health Room Technician (HRT) is assigned to each school health room and carry out day to day operations.

Note to parents of student with food allergies -

Please assume at any school events, such as PBIS events and other celebrations, that food may be offered or consumed. Your child is welcome to bring their own snack to these events, if they do not feel comfortable, or are unable, to consume what is offered.

