

BCMS Bulldog Bulletin

Bulldogs Lead

BCMS Calendar

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

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

FCPS Calendar Handbook 2018-2019



Farewell from Principal Beck

June 27, 2019

Happy Summer BCMS Families! This will be my final message to our community as Principal of Ballenger Creek Middle School. This is a bittersweet moment for me after my three years of service as Principal. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to serve in this community and look forward to supporting BCMS and other middle schools in my new position in Student Services.

As I reflect on the work that we have done as a community during my tenure, I acknowledge my lens of both a FCPS leader and a FCPS parent. I have placed emphasis on valuing students first, supporting staff and parent/community involvement. I have focused on including all stakeholders in the journey to make continued progress with students in the BCMS community. As a result of the core values

mentioned, I have focused on leading BCMS with the following mission and vision at heart at all times:

Vision: BCMS staff will establish positive relationships with each student in order to provide relevant and rigorous instruction in a supportive and structured learning environment.

Mission: BCMS will develop well-rounded students who are global minded, respectful and life-long learners. BCMS students will achieve success as a result of the opportunities provided while attending middle school in our rigorous, supportive, structured and student-centered learning environment.

Celebrations

Here are a few of the notable celebrations that I am proud of over the last three years:

- an increase in the access to and the number of students enrolled in honors courses through strategic work with our specialist team
- improvement in the academic achievement and engagement of our students in our core classes through the use of structured data monitoring and engaging , student-centered based lessons using technology
- implementation of the 1-1 Chromebook program through fundraising and county funding
- an increase in our therapeutic services offered to students in our community through hiring of skilled staff and training of all staff
- a focus on teaching and modeling respect through implementation of structured lessons designed by our leadership team
- increased use of Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) incentive and activities led by our leadership team
- implementation of restorative practices to improve culture and climate as well as support relationships between students, staff and parents in our community as well as improving options to promote a positive change in student behavior
- a strategic focus on building empathy, leadership as we built relationships amongst all stakeholders through increased school-wide activities, community events, appreciation events and celebration of our diversity
- an increased recognition of students and staff through collaboration and support from our outstanding PTSA
- an increase in parent engagement through electronic communication, social media and community events and support of our community liaisons
- an increase in the extracurricular opportunities during the day and after school through collaboration with community partners like Boys and Girls Club and recruitment of staff volunteers

- an increase in resources for students and parents through collaboration with stakeholders in FCPS and solicitation of grants from staff
- an increase in our electives class offering and staffing through the recruitment and hiring of highly qualified staff as well as strategic planning of our master schedule with the specialist team
- recognition of our campus from FCPS for "curb appeal" as a result of the work of our phenomenal building services team
- implementation of mentoring programs through staff who volunteered with Girls with Pearls and Guys with Ties
- piloting a STEM program "Project Lead the Way" through the grant writing of our Advanced Academic Specialist
- Student lead community events sponsored by our Student Government Association (SGA)
- fundraising for charity during our fun runs under the leadership of our new staff in our PE department and 8th grade student leaders
- increased enrollment in our music programs and state recognition of our music students as a result of the leadership in our music department
- an increase in our THS Feeder collaboration through events planned to build community and support articulation
- improved performance from our scholars in various areas on county benchmarks and state assessments in Math and ELA as a result of our alignment of resources with a strategic focus on data, planning and professional learning for staff

Thank You

I want to thank every member of the BCMS community for your feedback, contributions and support over the years! I want to say a special thank you to the different administrators, counselors and leadership teams I have worked with over the three years. After nineteen years in education, there is no greater memory than having the opportunity of serving as the PROUD PRINCIPAL of Ballenger Creek Middle School. I appreciate the students who have led and embodied "LEAD" (leadership, empathy, achievement and determination). I also valued the parents who have been instrumental in supporting our mission and vision.

I ask that you please share this message with your scholars. I have enjoyed cheering on our Bulldogs as they excelled academically, achieved recognition for their involvement in academics, music, sports and many other activities. I look forward to seeing each of them continuing to LEAD in the Frederick community for years to come. I have been thoroughly engaged and sometimes amused by the amazing spirit of our students. I sincerely appreciate their feedback, hard work and relationships built as I worked with our Bulldogs.

Future Plans

This summer I plan to enjoy time with family and friends as well as making progress on my personal journey as a life-long learner. I will be writing my proposal for researching the impact of Restorative Practices as doctoral student at George Washington University. Follow me on Twitter @JeneenBeck. Have a great summer! I am confident that I will stay connected to TEAM BCMS and continue to be one of the biggest cheerleaders for our school community. I look forward to seeing many of your families as I celebrate in 2020 as my daughter graduates from THS and my son finishes 1st grade :).

Best Wishes to all the Bulldogs below who are transitioning to new locations:

Beck, Jeneen - Principal

Central Office
Transfer to Student Services

Bonn, Anne - Intervention

Retirement
Retiring from FCPS

Booher, Bruce - Intervention

Retirement
Retiring from FCPS

Branham, Jo - Math Specialist

WKMS
Promotion to Asst. Principal

Fer, Paul - Assistant Principal

MMS
Promotion to Principal

Fitzmaurice, Megan - 6th grade Counselor

MES
Transfer

Forney, Sheree - ELA teacher

WKMS
Transfer

French, Erica - ELA teacher

BMS
Transfer

Haugh, Cary - SEIA

THS
Transfer

Hubbard, Travis - PE

MoMS
Transfer

Krauss, Cortney - ELA

CMS
Transfer

Martin, Janet - Science

Retirement
Retiring from FCPS

McClennen, Emily -World Languages

outside of FCPS

McTyre, Michelle – Pyramid Teacher

outside of FCPS

Mossy, Amelia – Math Teacher

outside of FCPS

Musselman, Joan - Math

outside of FCPS

O'Hara, Kelly- Speech Pathologist

outside of FCPS

O'Hara, Lawrence - Science

GTJHS
Transfer

Sedillo, Susan- Special Education

GVES
Transfer

Tadese, Gabrieline - Art

Outside of FCPS
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WELCOME TO TEAM BCMS

Katz, Nicholas (Math)

New FCPS hire

Phelps, Kelly (Math)

Transfer from WES

Pennington, Denise (Art)

Returning from leave

Velnosky, Andrew (LA)

New FCPS hire

Worthington, Melvin (LA)

New FCPS hire

Webber, Johnny (Counselor)

New FCPS hire

Jackson, Mary (Math)
Transfer from WFMS

Woodward, Zachary (PE)
New FCPS hire

Meredith, Micah (PE)
New FCPS hire

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.

HUGE Thank You to Volunteers from our BCMS PTSA

To all of the constant volunteers we've counted on this year for fundraising support, supplies, and time, THANK YOU from me and the rest of the PTSA board.

We've never once asked for volunteers and not had the help we needed.

Our PTSA and the school couldn't hold the number of events we do without the strong school community support at BCMS. Our kids are better because of it.

Thank you thank you!

Chelby Vachon"

Counseling Information

2018-19 6th grade - Mrs. Megan Fitz-Marurice Megan.FitzMaurice@fcps.org

2018-19 7th grade- Mrs. Rebecca Pierson Rebecca.Pierson@fcps.org

2018-19 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 have been 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 10 to June 18

Monday

Grade 6 ----93.12%

Grade 7 --- -95.20%

Grade 8 ----93.99%

Total -----94.10%

Tuesday

Grade 6 ----93.84%

Grade 7 --- -97.42%

Grade 8 ----94.35%

Total -----95.18%

Wednesday

Grade 6 --- -95.29%

Grade 7 ----95.94%

Grade 8 ----96.47%

Total -----95.90%

Thursday

Grade 6 --- 94.20%

Grade 7 ----97.05%

Grade 8 --- 95.41%

Total -----95.54%

Friday

Grade 6 --- 91.30%

Grade 7 --- 95.57%

Grade 8 --- 92.23%

Total -----93.01%

Monday**Grade 6** ---87.68%**Grade 7** ---90.77%**Grade 8** ----88.69%**Total** -----89.04%**Tuesday****Grade 6** ----88.04%**Grade 7** ---90.41%**Grade 8** ----91.17%**Total** -----89.88%

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

Frederick Community Action Agency will be providing a free lunch, Mon.-Fri., except on July 4th, at various parks, the FCAA*, the Brunswick Library and the Discovery Community Center. Lunch will be served beginning June 20th through August 30th at the park locations and FCAA. Lunches at the Brunswick Library and Discovery Center will begin June 24th. Please call 301-600-3927 for all park locations and lunch serving times. *Lunch served M-W-F.

**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)

Have a wonderful summer!
Mrs. Moss
Community Liaison for BCMS

Seventh Grade News

7th grade staff would like to thank all the parents for their support. Have a great summer.

Math Summer Practice

Students who practice problem solving, computation, and math facts will maintain and strengthen his or her mathematical skills. Click on the links below to open the google document. Use the links found in the google document for the grade level your student will be entering fall 2019 to have your student practice skills over the summer..

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ev_1ApU7WAIG_6-oKvbVtd7iFgnDCwRW3jirLJ1vnNE/edit?usp=sharing

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>



2019-Summer-Reading-Programs.pdf


2019 Summer Reading Links for Elementary and Middle School Students

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2019-Summer-Programs.pdf

2019 Summer Program Options for Elementary and Middle School Students

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221.8 KB

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)

Download
657.6 KB

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 (during the school year): 7:45 am - 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.

