



# PINE BOUGH

## Pine Grove Middle School



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### APRIL/MAY EDITION 2017

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE MS. TINA NELSON

Greetings Pine Grove Middle School Parents, Staff, and Students!

We had several mild months, and then winter weather appeared in mid-March. As a result of the unconventional season, we only used two snow days. As soon as the county has decided how to adjust the calendar for the end of the year, we will inform families. We know how important it is to help you make plans, and will keep you apprised.

Despite the cooler weather, spring is here! Spring Break starts on April 8<sup>th</sup>, and students return to school on April 18<sup>th</sup>. The third quarter draws to a close on March 31<sup>st</sup> and report cards will be distributed on April 20<sup>th</sup>. We encourage you to continue to use BCPS One to keep abreast of your child's progress.

The window to administer the PARCC exam opens on April 24<sup>th</sup> and closes on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Please help your student perform to the best of his or her ability by ensuring that they are in school on time during testing and preparing them with a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast each day.

As the weather warms and end-of-the-year activities draw near, please help your student to remain vigilant about attending school on a daily basis, completing home and class work assignments, and coming to school prepared for learning! Continue to strive for excellence as we finish out an amazing school year.

With the warmer weather comes the time to remind everyone that students are expected to wear appropriate attire. Refer to "Appropriate Dress Reminder" in this edition for clarification.

We look forward to the rest of the year, and all it will bring.

Yours in Education,

Tina Nelson

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## A LOOK AHEAD

Thursday, March 30	PBIS Candy Bar Fundraiser begins
Thursday, April 6	PTSA 6:00p.m. Library
April 10-17	Spring Break
Tuesday, April 18	School Reopens
Thursday, April 20	Distribution of Report Cards
Monday, April 24	PARCC Assessment Window Opens (through June 5)
Thursday, May 4	PTSA 6:00p.m. Library <i>Anything Goes</i> , Spring Musical, 7:00 p.m.
Friday, May 5	<i>Anything Goes</i> , Spring Musical, 7:00 p.m. PBIS Candy Bar Fundraiser ends
Saturday, May 6	<i>Anything Goes</i> , Spring Musical, Matinee Show, 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 10	5 <sup>th</sup> grade Parent Orientation Night 6:00p.m.
Thursday, May 11	Interims distributed
May 11-19	Book Fair in Library
Friday, May 19	Cougar Activity Night, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 24	Orchestra Concerts 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> grade 6:00p.m. Orchestra Concert 8 <sup>th</sup> grade 7:00p.m.
Thursday, May 25	Inclusion Play Day
Friday, May 26	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Sports Day
Monday, May 29	Schools Closed, Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 31	Spring Band Concerts 6 <sup>th</sup> grade- 6:00p.m., 7 <sup>th</sup> grade-7:00p.m., 8 <sup>th</sup> grade- 8:00p.m.
Wednesday, June 7	Spring Choral Concerts 6 <sup>th</sup> grade- 6:00p.m., 7 <sup>th</sup> grade-7:00p.m., 8 <sup>th</sup> grade- 8:00p.m.
Wednesday, June 14	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Farewell, 5:00p.m.- Perry Hall High School (Farewell date subject to change, based on the end of year calendar)

# PINE GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL HERSHEY'S CHOCOLATE \$2.00 BAR SALE 2017

**GOAL:** At least 2 boxes per student

**PURPOSE:** To raise funds for PBIS to fund materials, rewards, and prizes

**DATES:** March 30<sup>th</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup> 2017

**PROCEDURE:**

We are encouraging each student to sell at least 1 box of Hershey's \$2.00 Variety Pack. Our students will take the chocolate home on Thursday, March 30th. Each box contains 8 Hershey Milk Chocolate with Almonds, 8 Reese's Cups, 8 Kit Kat and 6 Twizzlers. All Candy bars sell for \$2.00 x 30 = \$60.00 Value!

**PRIZE INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

**1 boxes** – Ticket to a DANCE PARTY w/DJ Popcorn, Drinks, Snowballs, Cotton Candy Games, Prizes and Free Giveaways. DRAWINGS for 5LB Hershey Bars.

**2 boxes** – add your choice of **Screaming Flying Critters + Yard Stick of Gum**  
+ Chance to shoot your Critter in Basket to earn Extra Cash!

**3 boxes** – **Jump For Dollars** – as shown at kickoff!

**4 boxes** – + Trip to **Cash Basketball** for **BIG BUCKS!** Win cash for making Foul Shots plus win a prize even when you miss!

**5 boxes** – + **Racing Pig** (you keep) then onto the PGMS PIG Race with the winner of race going in the money machine for 30 seconds!

**6 boxes-- +Win a 5 LB HERSHEY BAR**

**8 boxes** – + “**Trip to the Cash Wheel**” **UP to \$100.00 CASH**

**10 boxes** – +Trip to the **Money Machine** for 30 Seconds of FUN!!!

**Please be advised that we DO NOT endorse students selling items door-to-door.**

**Participants are not allowed to sell items on school property before, during, or until 45 minutes after the school day ends (3:30 PM).**

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**REQUEST FOR CHOCOLATE**

I understand that I am responsible for the boxes of chocolate I have requested below. I am aware that each box holds a \$60 value. I acknowledge that I must return the corresponding monetary amount according to how many boxes I have requested (ex: 1 - \$60, 2 - \$120) by May 5, 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student's Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Homeroom Teacher**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent's Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent Signature**

**John M. Bowman, Assistant Principal**

**Pine Grove Middle School**

**410-887- 5270**

**REQUESTING 1 BOX \_\_\_\_\_ 2 BOXES \_\_\_\_\_**

If you need more box(es) of chocolate, you can pick up extra boxes on any day upon returning the money from the sale of the previous box(es).

As you read this edition of the Pine Bough, spring has arrived, and the end of the school year is fast approaching.

The Seventh Grade enjoyed their trip to Medieval Times as they made connections to their World Cultures' curriculum. They enjoyed the food, fun, and friends. We would like to thank parents for supporting this worthwhile day out of the building.

Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, will be our Annual Pine Grove Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> grade Sports Day. This is tentatively scheduled from 9:45 – 2:00 pm. In the event of bad weather, the rain date is Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. At the conclusion of our festivities, representatives from our local high schools will be sharing information about fall sports programs and eligibility. Students who do not meet set expectations will not be invited to participate in Sports Day. Questions about eligibility should be directed to Mrs. Farmer. Students not attending Sports Day will attend classes during the day instead of going outside.

On June 14, 2017, pending BCPS's last day of school announcement, we will be holding our annual 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell Assembly at 5:00 pm in the auditorium of Perry Hall High School. Due to seating capacity at the high school, each student will be eligible to receive two guest tickets for the program. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive a letter from Ms. Nelson outlining proof of residency requirements to move from middle school to high school. Tickets will be issued to students after proof of residency has been completed as outlined in that letter. However, please do not contact Mrs. Sipes regarding this process prior to receiving this letter. We ask that any parents who are not planning to use their tickets to please notify Ms. Roberts, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade guidance counselor, or Ms. Sipes, our guidance secretary, so that we may ensure all available seats are utilized.

It is our hope to create a dignified event which honors all of our students. Faculty and students will be seated separately from parents and guests. Please note that students will not be crossing the stage or coming to the podium. We ask that parents and guests conduct themselves in an appropriate manner and clap for all students equally and at the appropriate time. Please also note that there is no formal reception being coordinated by the school.

More detailed information will be sent home via students in May. Please be on the lookout for this important letter.

Attire will be business casual:               Boys: slacks and shirt  
   Girls: appropriate school dress or slacks and shirt

Thanks for your continued support.

Ryan Sigmon, Josh Carbin, and Betsy Cummings  
Grade Level Team Leaders

## Health News from the Nurse

A few reminders about whether or not to send your child to school.

Students must wait at least 24 hours after a fever - temperature greater than 100°F without any medication, to return to school.

Due to the epidemic proportions of vomiting and diarrhea in BCPS, the department of health recommends that students stay home from school for 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting and or diarrhea.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Remember the BEST way to stop the spread of infectious disease is to WASH YOUR HANDS ☺

## **ATTENTION 6th GRADE PARENTS:**

All 6<sup>th</sup> graders must have a meningococcal (MCV4) vaccine and a Tdap vaccine **before** the beginning of 7<sup>th</sup> grade (2016 – 2017 school year). If you have not already done so and your child has already had the vaccines please request an updated vaccine record from your child's pediatrician and forward them to Betsy Rudolf, RN in the health suite, or you can also fax to the health suite at 410-668-5237. If your child has an upcoming appointment please make sure to ask his/her doctor about these important vaccines. Those students who do NOT have the required vaccines received a letter the week of March 13th. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please call Nurse Rudolf 410-668-5741 if you have any questions

## PBIS Committee News

Our Character Education Program has a new name.....TEN MINUTE TUESDAY! The PBIS committee creates lessons based on a particular character trait, timely event, or perceived need in our school. The most recent Ten Minute Tuesday topics have included *Common Courtesy*, *Respect in Non-Classroom Environments* and *When is Bullying Not Bullying*. Lessons are taught on Tuesday mornings during homeroom and are a way for students and teachers to connect about topics other than curriculum.

Got TRACS? Students have been using TRACS for a variety of reasons at PGMS. In addition to purchasing items in the school store and sitting at the TRAC table at lunch, TRACS can be used for special drawings which take place monthly. Our most recent prizes have been 8 seats for free at a special table in the cafeteria and an Echo Dot. Our next drawing will be for a JBL speaker. All students can enter to win the speaker during lunch shifts.

Special incentives are also given to 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Our annual Spring Fling will take place during mods 9 and 10 on April 21. Eighth grade students can pay 75 TRACS in order to attend. There will be other TRAC-worthy prizes during Spring Fling as well. Watch for a very special 8<sup>th</sup> grade only prize drawing that will be announced in May.

Our annual candy sale will begin in late March. Please consider selling candy to support our PBIS program. All funds generated go to pay for the PBIS prizes, school store items and supporting Cougar Activity Night. There will be a special party in late May for those who participate in the candy sale. Look for more information coming home with your child.



### **Appropriate Dress Reminder**

Students are expected to wear appropriate attire. The following are not considered appropriate:

- Hats
- Bandanas
- Halters or bare midriffs
- Low-cut tops
- Short-shorts or short skirts
- Flip-Flops

Skirts/dresses/shorts must be the length of the wearer's arm (to the bottom of the middle finger-tip when arm is at side) pants are to be worn appropriately at waist; pants should not be excessively long as to pose a safety concern for self or others, nor have slits/slashes that expose skin

Clothing/accessories with reference to sex, profanity, drugs, alcohol, violence, or tobacco are not permitted. Clothing/accessories may not convey messages that express hate, racial slurs, or sexual harassment. All students should wear shoes that allow for safe movement while in school. NO undergarments may be visible at any time. The final say on inappropriate dress will be determined by the administration.

### **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Inclusion Play Day** **Thursday, May 25, 2017**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Inclusion Play Day will take place on Thursday, May 25, 2017. The purpose of the Inclusion Play Day is for students to experience activities and situations that promote cooperation, social skills development, and increased self-esteem, while also promoting, awareness and acceptance of the diversity among people. Students who have participated in the past have expressed a great deal of satisfaction in having been involved in activities that increased their awareness and acceptance of people with a variety of disabilities. This meets the need of teaching general education students how to more fully appreciate their peers who have physical and cognitive disabilities.

Students from Perry Hall Middle, Cockeysville Middle, and Parkville High School, as well as our very own Pine Grove Middle School will be participating in the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Inclusion Play Day. This day also serves as a time for students in self-contained learning environments to enjoy adapted physical activities and experience positive interactions with non-disabled peers.

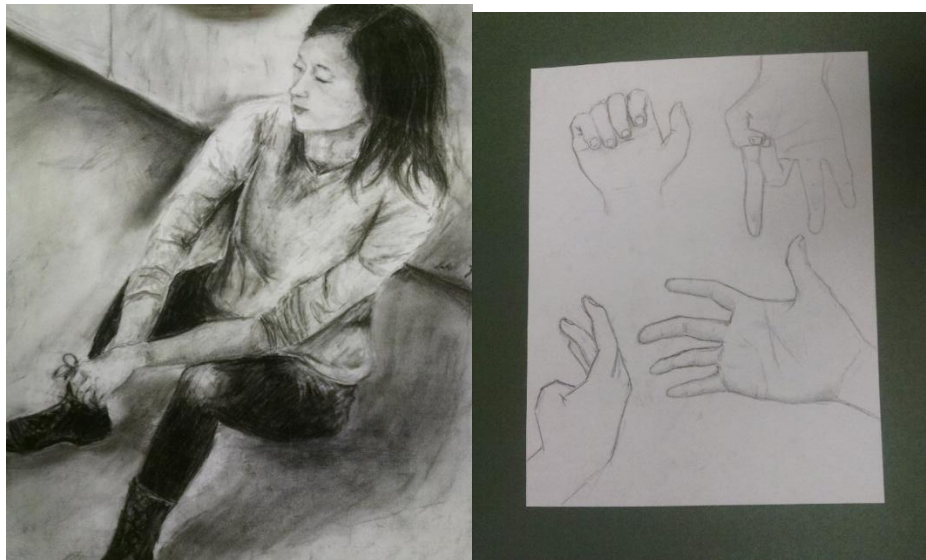
# News from the Visual Arts Team



## CELEBRATING YOUTH ART MONTH in MARCH – CELEBRATING CREATIVITY

*Mr. Gibison, Ms. Knauer, and Mr. Fains*

The Walters Art Museum celebrated the creativity of Baltimore County students with its annual exhibit Sunday, March, 12th. **Hilkiah A., Carter B., Alyssa S., Zenate L., Isabelle Z., and Geneva F.** displayed their artworks in the exhibition. Congratulations young artists!



## Love Your Tree Exhibit and Awards Ceremony

The art team wants to honor the many students whose work was on display at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Love Your Tree Exhibit and Awards ceremony at the Sheppard Pratt Center for Eating Disorders on February 28th. The posters celebrated diversity and healthy body images. **Geneva F.** was awarded the **Overall Grand Prize** for her powerful poster celebrate individual beauty. Also, **Ethan P.** was awarded Honorable Mention for his outstanding poster.



## BCPS Middle School Juried Exhibition and Award Ceremony



Please follow the following directions to order your 2016-2017 Pine Grove Middle School Yearbook! Don't miss out!





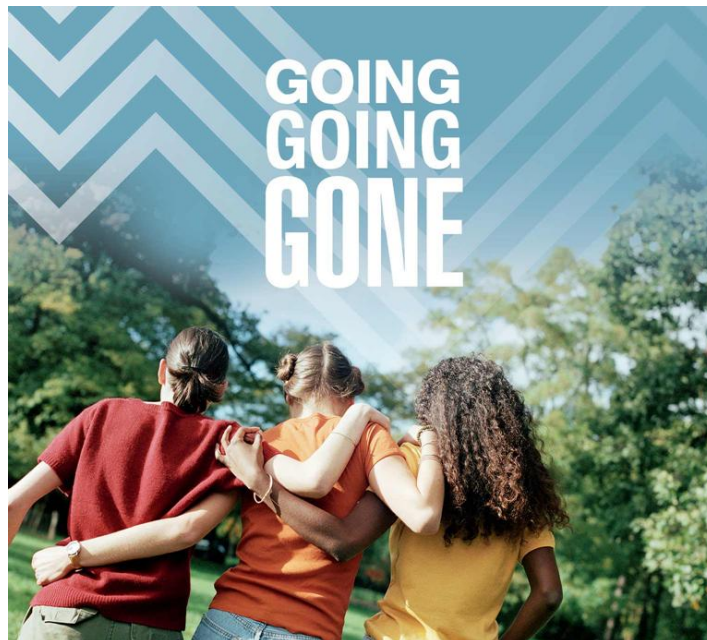
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