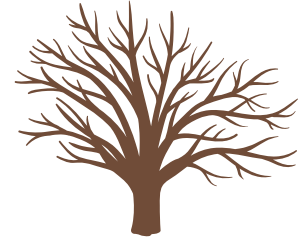




APRIL
2024



NEXT MONTH

**Pre-K Four Applications
begin (date TBA)**

5/3 Gr. 2 Great
American Showcase &
Science Fair Project
Viewing

5/4 Environmental Fair
10-1

5/14 Schools closed
Election Day

5/15 PTA Meeting 6pm

5/17 Field Day

5/16 Math Night

5/20 Band & Strings
Concert

5/23 & 5/24 Pre-K &
Kindergarten
Conferences

5/27 Schools closed
Memorial Day

5/29 Chorus Concert

5/31 Field Day rain date

Office Hours

M-F

7:15am-3:15pm



Lunch Menu

Dear Bodkin Families,

Welcome back from Spring Break! We hope you had a wonderful time making memories with your family and friends. As we embark on the final stretch of the school year, with the beginning of the 4th marking period on April 8th, we want to ensure you're well-informed about the upcoming events and changes.

Please take a moment to review the April calendar, as there are a few adjustments, including the commencement of state testing for our intermediate grades in reading and math. With spring upon us, we understand that this time of year can be busy, so mark those calendars and stay focused as we strive to finish the year strong.

We're immensely proud of our 5th-grade students for their outstanding performance in the Science MISA, and our Math Team continues to inspire through our after-school math club, where students are seeing how math is all around us. I can't wait to see their work in our new outdoor classroom. Seaperch and 24 clubs are currently engaging our students in learning. The Bodkin Girls Dance was a tremendous success, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our PTA for their unwavering support. March truly was an amazing month for us all!

As a reminder, on April 4th and 5th, we will close 2 hours early to allow teachers time to finalize grades and prepare report cards. We encourage you to use this time to reflect on your child's report card and set goals for the 4th marking period. With the changing weather, we understand that maintaining focus may be challenging, but let's remind our children of their daily pledge: "I am a Bodkin Student. I am respectful, responsible, and ready to learn."

Your partnership and support are invaluable to us, and if you need any assistance or have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Wenzel and I. Together, let's make April another memorable and successful month at Bodkin School.

Bonnie Myers, Principal




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Office 410-437-0464
Health Room 410-437-1418

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Schools Closed	2  Spring Individual, Class Pictures & Gr. 5 Panoramic	3 Waste Free Wednesday Kindergarten Registration begins	4 Fitness Thursday Gr. 5 Committee Meeting 6:00-7:00pm 2 Hour Early Dismissal	5 Vision & Hearing Recheck End of 3rd marking period	6
7	8 4th marking period begins Gr. 5 MCAP Testing	9 Gr. 5 MCAP Testing PTA Meeting 6:00-7:00pm	10 Schools closed Eid-al-Fitr	11 Gr. 1 Field Trip to Science Center Gr. 5 MCAP Testing	12 Color Run	13 Gr. 5 Chorus sings at Lake Shore Softball opening day
14	15 Gr. 5 MCAP Testing	16	17 Waste Free Wednesday Gr. 1 Terrapin release Field Trip to Poplar Island Gr. 4 MCAP Testing	18 Girls Night Out with Mrs. Elsis & Nurse Kim 6:00pm Gr. 4 MCAP Testing	19 Color Run rain date Hanging basket orders due Gr. 4 MCAP Testing	20
21	22 Earth Day	23 McBodkin Night 4:30-7:00pm	24 Waste Free Wednesday	25 Pre-K Field Trip to Clark's Elioak Farm Math Mindset Ice Cream Party	26 Arbor Day Gr. 4 MCAP Testing	27
28	29	30 Mad About Math Field Trip to Playseum	1 Waste Free Wednesday	2	3 Gr. 2 Great American Showcase Science Fair Project Viewing	

HELLO
spring

Clubs

*last session

Seaperch
M 2:30-4:00



24 Club
Th 2:45-3:45



Gr. 4 Reading Club
M-W 2:30-3:15



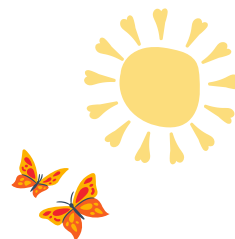
Mad About Math
Th 2:45-3:45



Striders
W 2:30-3:30



Gr. 5 Math Club
M/W & Tu/Th 2:30-3:15



Reminders

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER



[Click here for calendar](#)

4/1 Schools Closed

4/4 & 4/5 Two Hour Early Dismissal

4/10 Schools Closed

- Morning arrival is 7:40-8:00 am
- Instruction begins promptly at 8:00 am
- Students who arrive to class after 8:00 am will be marked late
- Dismissal begins at 2:25 pm

DISMISSAL

“My kid went where with whom?!” So that we NEVER have that scenario, we ALWAYS need a signed note from the parent/guardian when someone else is to pick up a student. Listing someone on an emergency card **does not** give them free access to pick up your student whenever. Without a note, we have no idea if you are aware of this early dismissal. So what IS the purpose of additional names on an emergency card?! Here is the inside scoop! The ONLY purpose for listing additional names on the emergency cards is if your student is sick or school closes unexpectedly (ie, loss of power/water, etc) and we are UNABLE to get in touch with you, who may we contact to pick up your student? It’s that simple. With a note, we know that you know!

Click [HERE](#) to order your Yearbook



\$25

BuyTheYearbook.com



**TIME TO
ORDER
YOUR YEARBOOK!**

March Highlights



Our Second Graders had the best time making goods and selling them at their Market day!



Our Mad About Math Club mathematicians working hard to measure for our outdoor planter boxes!



Our first grade team had some luck on their side.



Second grade enjoyed a performance from New Moon Theater!



Thank you to our amazing PTA for the storage shed for Pre-K! They love being able to access their outdoor equipment!



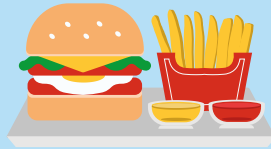
Our reading buddies had a blast with one another!

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



McBodkin Night is Back!

Join our Bodkin Community at the newly renovated Lake Shore McDonald's!



Tuesday, April 23

4:30-7:00 pm

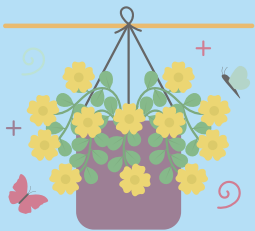


Don't forget to visit our Custom Ink fundraiser page [here](#) to order some new spirit wear swag to wear at McBodkin Night!

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Bodkin 5th Grade Promotion to support our amazing school!



Our donation link is always available [here](#) if you are able to help. For additional information feel free to contact Meagan at bodkingrade5@gmail.com.



Spring Hanging Baskets from Himmel's Fundraiser



Bodkin Elementary is partnering with Himmel's Landscape and Garden Center to raise funds for the 5th Grade Promotion. We are helping our neighbors build a better, healthier, and more beautiful world.

Get your 10" hanging basket filled with lovely spring flowers and Himmel's will donate a portion of the proceeds to Bodkin!

Don't forget ~ This would make a beautiful Mother's Day Gift!!!

\$30 each

Orders will be accepted until Friday, April 19th

Basket distribution will occur at Bodkin on Friday May 3rd from 3-5pm and Saturday, May 4th during the Environmental Fair from 10am-1pm

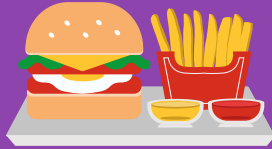
Order [here](#)

SAVE THE DATE

McBodkin Night

April 23

4:30-7:00pm



Girls Night Out

Join Mrs. Elsis and Nurse Kim as they share changes that come with becoming a young lady.



SECOND GRADE'S FAMOUS AMERICAN CHANGEMAKER SHOWCASE

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024



OFFICE NEWS

OUT-OF-AREA TRANSFERS

According to AACPS, Bodkin is a closed school and will not be accepting NEW applications for out-of-area transfers for the 2024-2025 school year. Current out of area students who attend Bodkin and wish to apply for the 2024-2025 school year are still able to apply. The application window runs March 1 to May 1. Please contact the Bodkin office with any questions. Please visit <https://www.aacps.org/outofarea> for more information.

COMING
SOON

KINDERGARTEN & PRE-K FOUR REGISTRATION

Registration is for incoming kindergarten students who will be five years old by September 1, 2024. The online Registration Portal opens for Kindergarten on Wednesday April 3. Required documents for registration are: birth certificate, immunization records, and two proofs of residency. Please call Bodkin with questions or if you need assistance.

Pre-K Four applications will be starting soon as well (possibly in May). Those students will need to be four years old by September 1, 2024. For more information, please visit the [AACPS Early Childhood site](#) or call Bodkin.

MCAP TESTING

Our third, fourth, and fifth graders will be completing the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) in the coming weeks. This assessment will focus on the ability to demonstrate essential knowledge and understanding in Science (MISA-Grade 5 only), English Language Arts, and Mathematics. Students will use their Chromebooks for this assessment. It is imperative that your child charges his/her Chromebook fully at home each night and brings it to school. Please also encourage your child to bring the charger and his/her headphones to school each day. The planned primary testing dates can be found below. Please note, students may test on additional or alternate dates to accommodate for absences, IEP/504/EL accommodations, and schedule changes.

Grade 5	April 8, 9, 11, 15
Grade 4	April 17-19, 26
Grade 3	May 2, 6, 7, 9

Counselor's Corner

Jennifer Elsis
School Counselor
jelsis@aacps.org



CAREER DAY VOLUNTEERS

Are you passionate about your career and eager to inspire young minds? Bodkin is organizing a Career Day event, and we're looking for enthusiastic parents who would like to share their professional experiences with our students. Whether you're a doctor, engineer, artist, entrepreneur, or work in any field, your insight and expertise could make a significant impact on our students' understanding of different career paths. If you're interested in volunteering to speak at Career Day, please reach out to our school counselor, Mrs. Elsis. Let's ignite curiosity and broaden horizons together!



Green School

CLOTHING TO CASH

In January, Bodkin Elementary School collected 2,139.0 lbs. of clothing and shoes in our Clothing to Cash bin. That means our school received \$285.29 from your donations! We were the **second place winners!!** Thank you for your donations! The donation bin is located to the left of the school (when looking at the school) near the track. It's an easy stop when leaving the parking lot. Can we collect the most in February?

Congratulations to the following AACPS schools for the month of December!

1st Place	Broadneck Elementary School	2,304.0 lbs.	\$100 Bonus	Total Check \$353.44
2nd Place	Bodkin Elementary School	2,139.0 lbs.	\$50 Bonus	Total Check \$285.29
3rd Place	Seven Oaks Elementary School	2,018.0 lbs.	\$25 Bonus	Total Check \$246.98



**AND WE WANT
YOU TO BE A
PART OF IT!**

**May 4, 2024
7 pm - CHS Gym**

CHS PTSA IS FACILITATING THIS

CHESAPEAKE CLUSTER COMMUNITY EVENT

WETA 

**Calling
All
Young
Writers!**

2024 WETA PBS KIDS Writers Contest

Open to all students
in grades K-4

Deadline for entry:
April 8, 2024

For more details visit:
weta.org/write



PTA News



**Next PTA Meeting is Tuesday, April 9 at 6:00pm
@ Bodkin Elementary**

PTA WEBSITE - www.bodkinpta.weebly.com

FACEBOOK – facebook/BODKIN_ELEMENTARY_PTA



Lena Kaba
President



Corinne Zeruto
Vice President I



Nikki Allender
Vice President II



Amanda Camhi
Treasurer



Nikki Baker
Secretary

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Spring has Sprung, which means that Bodkin's Environmental & Local Culture Fair is around the corner! This highly anticipated and well attended event is at Bodkin on Saturday, May 4th from 10am-1pm (rain or shine). The Fair will have over 30 unique vendors. Items and attractions range from live animals, crafts, plants, local artisan vendors, environmental organizations, bake sale, live music and more. Be sure to mark your calendar and join us!

We need your help! Please help us fill our online auction baskets. Each grade has been assigned a theme-you may choose items from your student(s) grade or pick any theme you are drawn to. Items can be dropped at school. Please drop items by Wednesday, 4/17. Online auction link will go LIVE and be shared on 4/18. Please BID to support the PTA!

- K - Crabbing & Fishing
- 1st - Dog Lovers
- 2nd - Snack Attack
- 3rd - Take Me to the Beach
- 4th - Outdoor Oasis
- 5th - Sports

We need volunteers to assist with this event. Even if you only have an hour to spare, we'd love your help! Please sign up [HERE](#)

One of the Fair initiatives is to collect "hard to recycle" items to be properly recycled or disposed of to keep them out of landfills. Please hold onto old batteries (tape both ends), corks, bread tags, candy wrappers, unused/extra craft materials. Collection boxes will be in the lobby in April & there will be a collection area at the Fair.

REMINDER - We are in need of a NEW Co-Chair(s) for the Environmental & Local Culture Fair. Next year will be the final year for Jen & Nichole because it is their last year at Bodkin. Reach out to Jen if you are interested. We would love to see this event continue on!



ONGOING WAYS TO HELP



Harris Teeter

When you shop at Harris Teeter, let them know you support Bodkin. Go to the customer service desk with your VIP card and have them put Bodkin PTA on your card. We'll earn \$ every time you purchase HT brand items.

Box Tops

Box Tops is digital! Please make sure to download the boxtops4education app for a super easy way to earn \$ for the PTA. Simply sign up for Bodkin, scan your store receipts, and you're done! No clipping or sending them in to school.

Upcoming PTA Events

Apr. 12-Fun Run

May 4-Environmental Fair



15TH ANNUAL
BODKIN
ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR

SATURDAY, MAY 4
10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Click Here →

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EAEA62CA7F94-48498035-environmental>

The poster features a black background with various illustrations: a globe held by two hands, a green leafy branch, a red heart, and a group of diverse hands raised in the air. The text is in a mix of bold, sans-serif and script fonts.



15TH ANNUAL
BODKIN
ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR



SATURDAY, MAY 4
10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

Online Silent Auction

HELP US FILL A BASKET BY DONATING AN ITEM
RELATED TO THE THEMES BELOW

K: CRABBING & FISHING

1ST: DOG LOVERS

2ND: SNACK ATTACK

3RD: TAKE ME TO THE

BEACH 4TH: OUTDOOR OASIS

5TH: SPORTS



Reminder →



PLEASE DROP YOUR DONATION BY APRIL 17



Online Silent Auction



TIPS FOR FILLING OUR BASKETS

CHOOSE THE GRADE LEVEL OF YOUR STUDENT(S)

K: CRABBING & FISHING

Fishing & Crabbing Gear

1ST: DOG LOVERS

Toys, Treats, Grooming Items, Blanket, Trinkets

2ND: SNACK ATTACK

Think 7-11/Movie Night, Chips, Candy, Treats, Drinks

3RD: TAKE ME TO THE BEACH

Toys, Towels, Sunscreen, Sunglasses

4TH: OUTDOOR OASIS

BBQ Items, Birding & Gardening Items

5TH: SPORTS

Baseball, Soccer, Football, Basketbal, Lax, Etc.

Reminder →

PLEASE DROP YOUR DONATION BY APRIL 17

15TH ANNUAL
BODKIN
ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR

SATURDAY, MAY 4
10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM



SUPPORT LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS
ENJOY LOCAL CULTURE
MAKE AN ECO-CRAFT
INTERACT WITH LIVE ANIMALS
ONLINE SILENT AUCTION
LIVE BAND



PURCHASE
5TH GRADE BAKE SALE
BODKIN SPIRIT WEAR
ECO-FRIENDLY ITEMS
ARTISAN MADE PRODUCTS
FLOWERS
PLANTS AND MORE!

Community News & Events

Nearby Library Events

Severna Park Library

4/1 Pajama Family Storytime 6:00pm-7:00pm (ages 0-10)

Families with young children enjoy a variety of stories, songs, rhymes and movement activities while building early literacy skills.

Severna Park Library

4/3 Lego Challenge 4:00pm-4:45pm (ages 6+)

Take the LEGO Challenge and build a masterpiece! LEGO creations will be displayed after program.

Severna Park Library

4/3 Board Game Night 6:30pm-8:30pm (ages 6+)

Use our space to play board games with friends or make new ones. Bring your favorite game or choose from our selection including everything from chess to checkers to modern classics.

Severna Park Library

4/13 Community Service Crafternoon 2:00pm-4:00pm (ages 11+)

Earn service hours while making a craft to serve a community need. Project will be announced.

Severna Park Library

4/18 Movies at the Library: Back to the Future (1985) 6:15pm-8:30pm (ages 11+)

Severna Park Library presents a heavy screening of Back to the Future (1985). Marty McFly, a 17-year-old high school student, is accidentally sent 30 years into the past in a time-traveling DeLorean invented by his close friend, the maverick scientist Doc Brown. In 1986 this film was nominated for 4 academy awards and won the Oscar for Best Effects/Sound Effects Editing.

Severna Park Library

4/20 Malikat Al Dabke Performance 11:00am-12:00pm (all ages)

Join us for an awe-inspiring performance of Malikat Al Dabke that transcends borders and connects communities through the universal language of dance! From the energetic footwork to the synchronized movements, each dance tells a story steeped in cultural heritage. Malikat Al Dabke (Queens of Dabke) is the first all-female dabke troupe in the DC, Maryland and Virginia (DMV) area, specializing in unique Arab-American and traditional dabke!

Mountain Road Library

4/25 Nature Storytime and Hike at Lake Waterford Park 11:00am-12:00pm (all ages)

Join us at the pavilion by the playground for nature stories followed by a hike with the ranger.

Join Cub Scouts

All children in grades K through 5 are welcome to join. We meet on Mondays at OLC, across the street from Bodkin! Do you like fishing, camping, rockets, STEM and more? Contact us today at: recruiter@mdpack412.org.



Join Girl Scouts

Troop 04278 has just started and is looking for Brownies (2, 3) to join. For information, contact Anne Pokrifka at girlscouttroop04278@gmail.com or 412-952-7466



For youth who are 11 to 17 years old. Please Contact us if you'd be like to arrange a visit! All are welcome.

WEEKLY MEETINGS
7:30pm-9:00pm on Thursdays
Magothy United Methodist Church
3703 Mountain Rd

PasadenaTroop1788.weebly.com
[Facebook.com/Troop1788](https://www.facebook.com/Troop1788)

CHESAPEAKE BAY SPORTS CAMPS

SPEED AND AGILITY TRAINING THIS SUMMER AT CHESAPEAKE HIGH SCHOOL

What Type of Training? Ladder Agility Drills, Sled Pushing, Battling Ropes, Plyometric Box Jumping, Speed Chutes, Speed Harnesses, Agility hurdles, Medicine ball training, Overspeed Training, Tire Flipping, running hills and more!

Where: Chesapeake High School: Turf Field (Monday's) and Tennis Courts (Wednesday's). Tuesdays and Thursdays are reserved for rain dates.

When: Monday and Wednesday mornings 7:30am-9am starting June 19, 2024 and running 14 sessions through August 5th.

What grades? Current 1st-9th graders. Athletes are grouped by age with differentiated instruction for all levels.

How do I find out more information and register?

Go to: www.ChesapeakeBaySportsCamps.com

Early Bird and Sibling Discounts are currently available. This camp typically fills up fast, so reserve your spot today. The camp is run by experienced coaches to help improve young athlete's speed, strength, power and running technique.

CHS CLASS OF 2025 FRIENDS AND FAMILY BINGO

16 GAMES OF BINGO
50/50 RAFFLE
THEMED BASKETS
3 SPECIALS



APRIL 13, 2024
DOORS OPEN AT 12:30 PM
BINGO STARTS AT 2:00 PM



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DOWN'S PARK CLEAN-UP



Join us for a day of community camaraderie and environmental stewardship at our Park Clean-Up Event! Let's unite for a cleaner, greener environment!



OPEN
FOR
PUBLIC!



**SUNDAY
4/21/2024**
From 1:00-2:00pm

DOWN'S PARK
8311 John Down's Loop
Pasadena, MD 21122

Register to Attend:
rjpurc22@aacounty.org

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SCAN ME



VIRTUAL TEACHER-ONLY JOB FAIR

Virtually (Brazen) | Thursday, March 21st | 3:00-5:00PM

SECONDARY SCHOOL-BASED POSITIONS

Crofton High School | Thursday, April 3rd | 5:00-7:00PM

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-BASED POSITIONS

Southern High School | Thursday, April 11th | 5:00-7:00PM

TITLE I SCHOOL-BASED POSITIONS

Meade Middle School | Thursday, April 18th | 5:00-7:00PM

SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL-BASED POSITIONS

Annapolis High School | Thursday, April 25th | 5:00-7:00PM

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-BASED POSITIONS

Glen Burnie High School | Thursday, May 2nd | 5:00-7:00PM

CAN'T SCAN THE QR CODE? REGISTER HERE:

<https://bit.ly/3IHACKP>



Panthers Athletic Club

PanthersAthleticClub.com

Football \$75 Ages 4-5yrs \$225 Ages 6-14yrs Includes Uniform Fredmartin2288@gmail.com	Cheerleading \$75 Ages 3-4yrs \$150 Ages 5-14yrs Includes T-Shirt & Bow Coachlisa06@yahoo.com
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Facebook @ Panthers Athletic Club

SAVE THE DATE



6/1/24

**9-2
REGISTRATION
OPENS AT 7:30**

Chesapeake Bay Middle School
4798 Mountain Road
Pasadena, MD

**REGISTRATION - \$20
PRE-REGISTRATION - \$15 (UNTIL 5/15/24)
CHSPTSA@YAHOO.COM**

- Trophies
- Dash Plaques for first 100 registered
- DJ
- Food Trucks
- Vendors/Community Partners
- Canned food drive for The Caring Cupboard
- Event benefits Chesapeake High School PTA to fund scholarships and teacher grants

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APRIL 6TH, 2024

6-10PM

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