

Dear Bodkin families,

We have a lot of exciting and important events planned for December at Bodkin! The chorus performance and Santa Saturday add a festive touch to the month, providing both entertainment and opportunities for community engagement. The chorus performs under Mrs. Mignon's leadership on Tuesday, December 19 at 6:30pm. Thanks to our PTA for planning Santa Saturday – do not miss out on the opportunity to shop and support our school. It's tomorrow from 9-1. Our school community sure knows how to have fun!

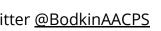
Staff will continue their growth as well this month. Tuesday, December 5 will be our second Unity Day (wear Orange for Unity!) and it is a 2-hour early dismissal day. Staff will participate in professional development in the afternoon and continue to focus on building relationships and implementing equitable practices in everyday instruction.

Many of our students will participate in district assessments upon return from winter break. Students in grades 3-5 will take science and math district assessments during the week of January 2. Students in grades 2-5 will take literacy district assessments during the week of January 8. Please continue to encourage your students to complete two lessons per week on i-Ready math and i-Ready reading.

If you have any specific questions or if there's anything you'd like advice on regarding these events or other school-related matters, feel free to ask myself or Mrs. Wenzel.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Principal Bonnie Myers









NEXT MONTH

1/15 Schools closed-Martin Luther King Jr. Day

1/16 Band & Strings Concert 6:30 @ CHS

1/16-1/18 OLC Winter Relief

1/17 & 1/18 2 Hour Early Dismissal & End of 2nd marking period

1/19 Schools closed

Office Hours M-F 7:15am-3:15pm







Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Gr. 5 Dancing Through the Decades 11:20am-12:20pm	Santa Saturday 9am-1pm
GOTR 5K @ UMBC 8:00am	4 Santa Saturday Shopping Night 5:30-7:30pm	5 2 Hour Early Dismissal Unity Day Wear orange	6 Waste Free Wednesday Gr. 3 Field Trip to BSO AVID Info Night @ CBMS 6:00-7:00pm	7 Fitness Thursday Hanukkah begins last session	8	9
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7	18 Candy Cane Dress Up Day	19 Wear Bodkin Spirit Attire	20 Waste Free Wednesday Snowman Dress Up Day Kindergarten Polar	21 Holiday Accessories Dress Up Day	22 Pajama Day	23
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12/5 Two Hour Early Dismissal 12/25-1/1 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

FVFRYDAY REMINDERS

- -Students must be in their seat at 8:00am when the bell rings. Please drop off your child no later than 7:55am so that there is time to unpack and be ready for instruction.
- -Please send your child to school with clothing that is appropriate for cold weather (coat, hat, gloves, etc.). Students will be going outside for recess as long as the temperature or wind chill is 32 degrees or above.
- -An extra set of clothing (to be kept in the locker) is recommended. Bathroom accidents, spills, slips, etc. can happen to any student.

CLASS PARTIES

Deck the halls, the winter holiday season has arrived! The classroom teacher and/or room parent will communicate to you any plans for holiday classroom activities. While there is a certain amount of fun planned for our students on December 22, we are still expecting children to use their best school behavior and be prepared for their regular classroom routines all day. This is also a reminder that Bodkin will be closed for the Winter Break from December 25 through January 1. School reopens for students and staff on Tuesday, January 2, 2023. Have a wonderfully special holiday season!

Click <u>HERE</u> to order your Yearbook





November Highlights



Congratulations to our Girls on the Run for finishing their practice 5K! We are proud of your hard work and perseverance!



Congratulations to our very own Mrs. Myers who was nominated for Principal of the Year!



Kindergarten made Stone Soup and enjoyed tricking Mrs. Wenzel into eating the stone!

Our Kindergarteners are making mandalas in EEE!



Third graders in Mrs. McQuinn's class cashed in their compliments for a Starbucks-themed reward day! These mini baristas had a SWEET day.





Dancing through the Decades was a hit with our fifth graders and their families!



Our Girls on the Run team worked on their community impact project this week - making lunches to help House of Hope. Wishing good luck to our GOTR who will complete the 5K this weekend!



Our GLOW ROOM is up and running - an amazing space for all kinds of glow mindset and math lessons!



Mrs. Jones helped our first graders explore their bones!

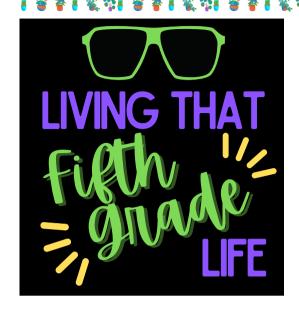


Thank you Himmel's for making our outdoor classroom space look beautiful and one step closer to learning!



Our Board Game Club launched and it was tons of fun!

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



FIFTH GRADE BAKE SALE

Our first fundraising event for 5th Grade Promotion Celebration will be taking place at the Bodkin PTA's Santa Saturday, on December 2 from 9am-1pm. We are looking for 5th Grade parent volunteers to sign up to work a portion of time at the 5th Grade Bake Sale table and/or donate baked goods to sell. Please sign up for a time slot to volunteer to work the Bake Sale or to commit to providing a donation, or BOTH! Please take a moment to view this link, where you can

sign up to help work this event, donate goods or both.

Thank you for your help and we hope to see you there! Our donation link is always available <u>here</u>. Our next committee meeting is Thursday, December 7 at 6pm in the media center. For additional information feel free to contact bodkingrade5@gmail.com.



Bodkin's Girls on the Run Team finishes up their season with a 5K run at UMBC on Sunday, December 3! Coaches Zeruto and Jarmer are so proud of the Bodkin GOTR team! Not only is this an amazing program, this is an amazing event full of positivity and girl power! Feel free to join in on the fun https://www.gotrchesapeake.org/5K GIRLS ON THE RUN IS SO MUCH FUN!

We believe that every girl can embrace who she is, can define who she wants to be, can rise to any challenge, can change the world. Can.

Dr. Beasley's math students created repeating or growing patterns. They designed and cut out their own shapes. Then they arranged the shapes into a pattern. Click

here to see their work.



Cameron M.



Ava M.



Brennan M.



Bailey O.



Alex P.



Duke S.

HARVEST FOR THE HUNGRY FOOD DRIVE

Thank you so much for all of your generous donations to our Harvest for the Hungry food drive this year! We collected \$238.00 in cash donations and 37 boxes of food. Your support helps Harvest for the Hungry to continue in their mission of providing meals for those in need.





HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Make Yourself an Elf! Bodkin's Toy Drive runs from mid-November through December 15! If you and your child(ren) wish to participate, just send in a new toy(s) with your child to drop off in the main lobby. Again this year, in addition to the items listed below, we are collecting sports equipment (i.e. basketballs, footballs,

soccer balls and other fun and sporty games), or items for the "older child."

Other Needed items: cool new toys; popular board games; handheld computer type games; Legos; nerf items; LOL dolls; items for older children are especially needed; just ask your child – they can tell you best. All toys will go to assist families in our community and families in Anne Arundel County during this holiday season through our partnership with The Sharing Foundation in Anne Arundel County. To donate online, please visit their site. Please contact Jenn Elsis with questions by email or phone: 410-437-0464.

MATH MINDSET

Thank you to those students who have participated in the first 5 weeks of our Math Mindset program. It will continue for another 5 weeks after the holiday break in December. Students who complete all 10 weeks of the program will be able to participate in an ice cream party.

OUR LADY OF THE CHESAPEAKE WINTER RELIEF

We are teaming up with Our Lady of the Chesapeake again this year to support their Winter Relief Program from January 16-18! Students will be helping to create or pack bagged lunches for needy members of our community. More details will be available later in the month.

MUSIC SHIRTS

Mrs. Mignon and Ms. Cox Forbes are in need of extra USED Green Music T-shirts! If you have an old shirt that is no longer needed, we are happy to rehome it!





Advancement Via Individual Determination

AVID Teachers - Mrs. Bean & Ms. Nicholson

FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT DECEMBER 6, 2023

Where: Chesapeake Bay Middle B-side Cafeteria 6:00-7:00 pm

Hear from current/former AVID students and parents of AVID students

What is AVID?

AVID is a national program offered in grades 6-12 in Anne Arundel County. This program prepares students in the academic middle for college and career readiness. The core component is the AVID elective, which supports students as they tackle the most rigorous classes. In the AVID elective, we teach academic and social skills not targeted in other classes, create a positive peer group for students, and develop a sense of hope and personal achievement through hard work and determination.

Join the AVID Family NOW!

COLLEGE FIELD TRIPS

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Who Should Attend?

All prospective AVID
students and parents are
welcome to attend this
event. You will have the
opportunity to meet the
AVID teachers in our school.
We will discuss the
program, its benefits, and
the recruitment timeline.
Time will also be allotted
for questions.











In October, Bodkin Elementary School collected 2,369.0 lbs. of clothing and shoes in our Clothing to Cash bin. That means our school received \$336.90 from your donations! We were the **first 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 December?

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

1st Place Bodkin Elementary School 2,369.0 lbs. \$100 Bonus Total Check \$336.90 2nd Place Belvedere Elementary School 2,258.0 lbs. \$50 Bonus Total Check \$275.80 3rd Place Seven Oaks Elementary School 1,432.0 lbs. \$25 Bonus Total Check \$168.20

Did you know that there a critical shortage of oyster shells for reef restoration in the Chesapeake Bay? To help reduce the shortage, we encourage you to recycle your oyster shells. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation's oyster restoration center will use your recycled shells in the construction of new oyster reefs, helping to create new habitat and cleaner water. Learn more here.





December 18-22

Candy Cane Day

Wear red and white.



All clothing must be school appropriate.



Bodkin Spirit Attire

Wear your Bodkin gear or a green shirt.

Wednesday

Snowman Day

Wear snowman clothing or winter wonderland clothing.





Holiday Accessories Day

Wear a holiday hat, necklace, socks, headband, etc.









Wear your pajamas.













Next PTA Meeting is Tuesday, December 12 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

SANTA SATURDAY

Santa Saturday will be on Saturday December 2 from 9am-1pm in the Bodkin gym and cafeteria. **BRING** REUSABLE BAGS! Join us for a Winter Wonderland of fun including:

- A a Secret Santa Shoppe with wrapping stations for your children to shop for their friends and family (BRING LIST AND CASH)
- If you can volunteer to help, please sign up here.
- The chance to visit with the Big Guy, Santa Claus, himself!
- 📏 Write a letter to Santa and your child will even receive a letter in return!
- 🎁 18 Amazing vendors with wonderful gifts for you to grab for your own holiday shopping including Spirit Wear and Spirit Sticks! (Some CASH ONLY)
- Grab a scrumptious snack at the 5thgrade Bake Sale! Sign up here to help.
- P Park at Bodkin, CBMS, or at designated spaces only at Our Lady of Chesapeake.

AMAZON WISHLISTS AND GETTING TO KNOW ME

With the holidays right around the corner, we have asked all our Bodkin Staff to keep their Amazon Wish Lists updated. Please check out the PTA Website. On the Home Page you can scroll down to find a link to all the teachers and staff that wanted to participate. Also, on the website under Bodkin Staff, we asked each staff member some questions to help our families learn a little more about them. These two places are great ways to give something they will love. Both lists will be up throughout the year so feel free to keep checking!

PTA MEMBERSHIPS

Please consider joining the PTA. This annual membership gives you exclusives like discounted tickets to Bodkin Boys Bowling event or Boots and Bling Girls Dance. Reminder - this is an annual membership and families must rejoin each year to get this benefit. To sign up please visit our Cheddar Up store here.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to dress up as our mascot Buddy the Bulldog for various events at school. This would be an easy job for a middle or high schooler. If you are interested in helping, please contact us at bodkinptapresident@gmail.com.

The PTA is prepping for the holidays and we are looking for food donations for our Annual Bodkin Staff Hot Chocolate and Breakfast Bar. The Staff and Bus Drivers look forward to this event each year and with the help of our AMAZING Bodkin families we can continue to give them something sweet before their holiday break! Please check out the link below if you would like to contribute. We are looking for Gluten and Dairy free items as well, so if you happen to have a yummy recipe you are able to make please make sure to label ingredients so the Staff can make sure it's safe for them to try! Any questions Heffernan contact Meagan at mheffernan21@gmail.com.

To sign up please follow this <u>link</u>.

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

Dec. 2-Santa Saturday

Dec. 4-Santa Saturday Evening Shopping

Jan. 20-Bodkin Boys Bowling Mar. 15-Bodkin's Girls Spring Formal

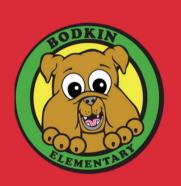
Apr. 12-Fun Run

May 4-Environmental Fair



Santa's Holiday Shopping for KIDS ONLY

Bring cash



Visits with Santa

Letters to Santa

Spirit Sticks & Spirit Wear

5th Grade Bake Sale

Vendors for Parents to Shop and much more!

Kids Shopping Night 12/4 5:30-7:30pm in the cafeteria



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TWO SESSIONS

@ SEVERNA PARK LANES

SATURDAY

JANUARY 20

3:00-5:00PM 5:30-7:30PM

ENTRY

\$34 COUPLE

\$17

EACH ADDITIONAL BODKIN BOY

INCLUDES

- 2 HOURS OF BOWLING
- **BOWLING SHOES**
- 1 PIZZA PER LANE
- 1 PITCHER OF SODA PER LANE

Buy tickets here.

Ticket sales will end on December 13 or when sold out.



FOR THE BOOTS & BLING

Bodkin's Girls Spring Formal

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024 6 PM-9 PM

QUESTIONS TO

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Dear Families,

Join us for a day filled with holiday magic! **Santa Saturday** will be held on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>December 2</u>, <u>2023</u> from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm in the multi-purpose room. We will also hold a "*Holiday Shopping Evening*" for the Kids Shopping Area only on <u>Monday</u>, <u>December 4</u>, <u>2023</u> from 5:30 – 7:30pm (last entry 7pm) in the cafeteria.

We need lots of volunteers for this AMAZING event!

Sign up using Sign Up Genius or contact us via email.

Thank you, Santa Saturday Committee

BodkinSantaSaturday@gmail.com

Please see the list of volunteer opportunities below and choose which one(s) work best for you. Use Sign Up Genius to select.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AAEA62CA0FFC70-40242928-santa

Friday 12/1/23 – Help us set up and decorate for the event
(No kids during this time please - we want them to be surprised when they walk in on Saturday)

1:15-2:30 2:30-3:30pm 3:30-4:30pm 4:30-5:30pm

Saturday 12/2/23 – Help with kids shopping and wrapping (Last session will help pack up)

8:30-10:00 10:00-11:00 11:00-12:00 12:00-1:00 1:00-2:00pm

Monday 12/4/23 – Help with kids shopping and wrapping (Last session will help pack up)

4:15-5:15(set up) 5:15-6:00pm 6:00-7:00pm 7:00-8:00pm 8:00 - 8:30pm

Wednesday 12/6- Wednesday 12/13 – Help get letters to and from the North Pole.

We need assistance with decorations – if you are crafty or have North-Pole-type decorations we can borrow for the day (inflatables), please let us know.

This year's event will be comprised of:

- 1. Kids Shopping Area (Cafeteria) KIDS ONLY Gifts will be priced from \$1 to \$10 very reasonable options for your children to purchase. CASH ONLY.
 - 2. Vendors Shopping (Gym) We'll have homemade and direct sales vendors
- most from the Bodkin community as well as Bodkin Spirit Wear & Sticks. This is great time to get a head start on your holiday shopping. Some vendors are cash only. Interested in being a vendor? Click here: https://my.cheddarup.com/c/santa-saturday-vendor-registration-copy?cart=fd6c94d1-d49e-4b73-a9bd-10ca3e152be8%21%2165020959
- 3<u>. "To Go" Bake Sale (Gym)</u> 5th grade Promotion Committee will have goodies for a grab and go treat.
- 4. <u>Santa</u>- Visit with Santa 9:30-12:30. Be sure to drop off your letters to Santa at the North Pole mailbox. Print the form letter below or email <u>BodkinSantaSaturday@gmail.com</u> if you need one sent home. Envelopes will be available at the event if you do not have one at home.



NOTE: Santa will write back to every child who attaches a self-addressed envelope to their letter (please staple or paperclip to letter, DO NOT fold and place inside). Siblings not at Bodkin can also receive a response with a self-addressed envelope. Anything you'd like Santa to know about can be added on the back of the letter.

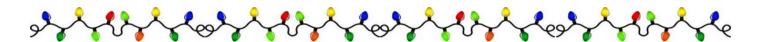
Please work with your children to make their list of who to shop for and how much to spend on each person. Remember —you will not be with them while they are shopping, so this step will help them stay within their budget, while getting something for everyone. This also helps our Shopping Elves assist children when shopping. Kids should come with a list, budget, and cash only (in envelope/wallet/sealable bag).

After they make their purchases, they will be able to wrap and label each gift and walk out completely finished with their holiday shopping! Pack reusable bags.

School aged children only in the Kids Shopping Area

ADDITIONAL KIDS SHOPPING MONDAY

We know not everyone can make it on December 2nd, so the Kids Shopping Area will be open Monday, December 4 from 5:30 – 7:30 in the cafeteria (last entry 7pm). Only the Kids Shopping Area will be open. Children should bring their envelopes with cash.



Dear Santa,

My name is	** NORTH *
I am years old. I am in grade ar	nd my teacher is
This yea	ır I have been:
Nice Naughty	A little bit of both
One gift I would love this year is	·
If your elves aren't too busy, I would also lik	(e:
Some books I would like to read:	
Something I would like to wear:	
One thing I did that was extra nice was	
I am very excited for your visit. I promise	to leave out some
for you to snack on. Please give my favorite is a huge hug for me!	reindeer
Your Pal,	Your Address:

Community News & Events

Nearby Library Events

Mountain Road Library

12/2 Lakeshore Plaza-Annual Holiday Event 10:30am-1:30pm (all ages)

The Mountain Road Branch is participating in the Annual Lakeshore Plaza Holiday Event! Come around for a craft, to see your library friends, and the other activities at the plaza!

Mountain Road Library

12/5 Homemade Holiday Cards During the Pasadena Tree Lighting 5:00pm-7:00pm (ages 6-10)

The Mountain Road Branch is having an event in the library on the night of the Pasadena Tree Lighting at Lakeshore Plaza. Stop by the library during the event for holiday card making!

Severna Park Library

12/6 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.

Mountain Road Library (offsite)

12/14 Marley Station Train Garden Storytime 11:00am-12:00pm (ages 0-5)

Join us at the Train Garden at Marley Station Mall (upstairs by Macy's) for a train themed storytime!

Severna Park Library

12/18 Movies at the Library: The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993) 6:30pm-8:00pm (all ages)

Severna Park Library welcomes you to a spooktacular holiday screening of the film The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993). Jack Skellington, king of Halloween Town, discovers Christmas Town, but his attempts to bring Christmas to his home causes confusion. Henry Selick directed this monumental achievement in stop motion animation that was nominated for the Oscar for "best effects, visual effects" in 1994.

Severna Park Library

12/20 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 invites you to come enjoy a special evening storytime with your little ones - just before bedtime! Pajamas are encouraged, and they can even bring their favorite stuffie. We will read books, sing songs, and have fun while learning.

SCOUT ME IN

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.







MORE INFO AT WW.ARTSYPARTSY.NET

Oct. 12, 2023 @ 6:30pm - Open House

Nov. 21, 2023 @ 9am Jan. 19, 2024 @ 9am Feb. 29, 2024 @ 6pm



Boulevard Park Improvement Association is hosting its annual Christmas event



Friday, December 8th 6:00-8:00

@ Boulevard Park Clubhouse

Snacks, games, s'mores and aoats!

> Please bring your own stick/skewer to roast marshmallows

Jenos Steak food truck will be there too

(Food truck will be there as early as 4:30 if you want some grub without coming to

Sunday, December 11th



NOVEMBER 30

Holiday Treats Cookie Decorating Class at

Courtney's Cake Creations



THE COMMUNITY PANTRY

SATURDAY 7PM

DECEMBER 2

SANTA RUNS 2023 Saturday Sunday December 17th

LAKE SHORE WFO

Winterfest of Lights Ocean City, MD

December 16th s Rd. Carol Rd. Oak ed Dr. & Loblotty Lane. 11.4M

Blossom Hills 12:30km Chelsea Beach, Woods Rd llon Dr & Luke Dr. 2 pu Lake Shore Drive 5:30 to

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For more information Please contact: lsvfcinfo@lsvfc.com

Old Mountain Rd. Hickory

nt. & Long Point 11 am

Ventnor Rd. 2:30 pt

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Drive 5:30pm

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FREE COMMUNITY TOY GIVEAWAY Friday, Dec. 1 st

WE ARE HIRING

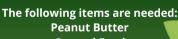
CAMP DIRECTORS. ASSISTANT DIRECTORS, **COUNSELORS**

Continuous Opening

Recreation & Parks is seeking applicants for 2024 Summer Camps! Starting June through August. Minimum Pay - \$15.00/hour

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