

Dear Bodkin families

As we are fast approaching the 100th day of school, we reflect on a month filled with remarkable achievements, acts of kindness, and exciting events. Here's a glimpse of our highlights from January and a sneak peek at what's in store for February.

Kindness in Action: In the spirit of kindness, our students and staff demonstrated tremendous support for Our Lady of the Chesapeake's homeless shelter. Your generosity has made a significant impact, showcasing the power of a caring community. Additionally, we celebrated Mo Gaba Day, emphasizing kindness and the importance of helping others. It's heartwarming to witness our school coming together for such noble causes. Our students are currently making cards for a local hospital to give them a smile.

Musical Success: I would like to give a standing ovation to our talented students who put on stellar performances at the band and strings concert and both the of the CHS Cluster events. Their hard work and dedication shone brightly, making us all immensely proud. The harmony they created resonated throughout the school, leaving a lasting impression. I'm sure everyone watching was proud and heard the hard work from all! Did you see our staff perform at Reading Night? At Bodkin we love performing and making books come to life. Thanks for reading nightly and making your books at home come to life!

PTA Memories: Our PTA continues to create lasting memories for our students. The boys' bowling event was a success, and we look forward to celebrating our daughters in March. Don't forget to show your support for our 5th-grade promotion by purchasing a Smiley Gram – a delightful way to contribute to these special moments.

Academic Updates: As we've just completed mid-year quarterlies in reading and math, we are utilizing the data to reteach and extend learning opportunities. Report cards for this quarter will be emailed today. We encourage you to take the time to review your child's progress and set goals for the upcoming marking period. Consistent completion of nightly homework plays a crucial role in reinforcing the skills learned in class. Many of our students lost responsibility grades for not completing homework. Thanks for your support in checking parent portal weekly to see what assignments are still needed and making sure homework is done nightly.

Family Partnerships: We deeply value our partnership with families. Your involvement is vital to the success of our students. If there are specific ways we can support each other or if you have suggestions on how we can enhance our collaborative efforts, please let us know. Together, we can create an enriching and supportive learning environment for all.

As we embark on the adventures February has in store, let's continue to foster a culture of kindness, achievement, and collaboration. Please mark your calendars for all the upcoming events. Thank you for being a part of the Bodkin Elementary community. Mrs. Wenzel and I thank you for everything you do at home to support your student's academic success.

Bonnie Myers, Principal



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NEXT MONTH 3/7 Class Pictures & Gr. 5 Panoramic

3/10 Daylight Savings Spring Forward

3/12 PTA Meeting

3/15 Bodkin Girls' Spring Formal

3/19 Two-Hour Early **Dismissal & Unity Day**

3/20 Vision & Hearing Testing

3/22 Grandparents' Day

3/25-4/1 Schools Closed-Spring Break



FEBRUARY

			Girls Spring Dance Committee Meeting 6:00-7:00pm	2 😹	Math Mindset week 10	
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				Report Cards emailed home	Kids Heart Challenge Kick Off 8:20am Gr. 3-5	<
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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Lick here for calendar

2/6 Two Hour Early Dismissal 2/19 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

CANDY WRAPPERS

Please save your Valentines candy wrappers. We have another Trash or Treasure box in the lobby where we can recycle them. This helps prevent the candy wrappers from going into a landfill and they can be reused.

VOLUNTEERING

To be eligible to volunteer for a club, to help in a classroom, to make copies, or to help at an event, you must have a current background check through AACPS. Background checks expire every 2 years. Being fingerprinted is required if you will be working one on one with students or for specific field trips (Arlington Echo or Drownproofing), but this does not expire. Please make sure your background check is up to date before volunteering. To find out the status of your background check, email Mrs. Burns in the office at jmburns1@aacps.org or call the school office. To complete a background check, click on Apply for Background Check at the bottom of this <u>link</u>.

Click <u>HERE</u> to order your Yearbook Keely Dziuban @ <u>kdziuban@phillipsfoods.com</u>

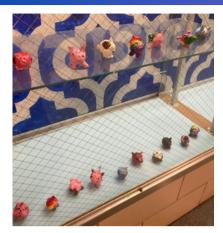








January Highlights





First graders made shapes with shapes!



On Mo Gaba Day, 3rd graders used recess equipment to spell out MO.

Grade 3 art on display - colorful Chanchitos! Do you know the history of these charms?



5th graders worked on an assembly line to build their own cars while on their field trip to the Baltimore Museum of Industry!



Our winter concerts were spectacular! We are so proud of our students' hard work and dedication.



If you look closely at these snowflakes, you may see our fourth graders' hands!



Our fifth graders participated in a postcard exchange with one class from each state in the country! They are excited to get letters back!



Our Literacy Night was "SNOW" fun!





Please support the 5th Grade Promotion by purchasing a Smiley Gram here! Paper order forms are available at school. They can be purchased for your own student, for another student, or even for a Bodkin staff member. They are only \$2 each and delivery dates are February 2 and 9. Volunteers are needed to help prepare Smiley Grams. Sign up here to help. Our donation link is always available here if you are able to help

financially. Can we reach 100% family participation? Our next committee meeting is Thursday, February 1 at 6pm in the media center. We will also be preparing Smiley Grams on this date. additional information feel free to For contact bodkingrade5@gmail.com.





Benefits Fifth Grade Promotion Celebration

Due Wednesday for a Friday Delivery Delivery Dates: 1/26, 2/2, 2/9

\$2.00 per SMILEY GRAM

Spirit Stick

Checks written to Bodkin PTA

FOR MULTIPLE STUDENT DELIVERIES, PLEASE USE BACK OF SHEET OR ATTACH ANOTHER SHEET CLARIFYING DELIVERY STUDENT, CLASSROOM & TREAT TO EACH

Deliver To: (first & last name)

Deliver to Teacher/Grade:

From:

Phone No:

(in case there are questions)

delivered.

Total\$

Please choose your treat & quantity to be

Valentine Squishy Skittles Hershey Bar



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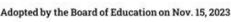
REDISTRICTING



Phase 1 Redistricting Plan



The upcoming redistricting **DOES NOT** affect Bodkin families. Students who live in the Bodkin district will stay in the Bodkin district.





February is Heart Awareness Month and we will be starting our traditional Kids Heart Challenge Fundraiser. During PE, our students will be learning about heart health, and grades 3-5 will have the opportunity to raise funds to protect all hearts-especially other kids! Our goal is to raise \$16,000 for the American Heart Association. All students will be participating in many jump-rope challenges as well as other heart healthy activities. Please see below with how to register online. Thank you for your support and making a difference.

The American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge kicks off on February 2 and donations are due on February 23. Please register today, under our school, at <u>heart.org/schools</u>.

Mrs. Corey is asking for your help in reaching our goal of 100% of our families learning the lifesaving skill of Hands-Only CPR. Please take a moment to watch this <u>video</u> of 5-year-old Phil and his mother, Megan. Last year, they saved a life because they completed Finn's Mission where they learned the critical steps.

Get started early and be the first at our school to complete Finn's Mission! Register: <u>heart.org/schools</u> or download the free "AHA Schools" app

Complete Finn's Mission: Complete all 7 steps and be entered to win two Super Bowl tickets!

Donations due February 23



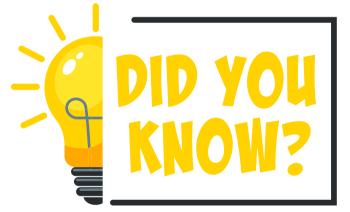
CLOTHING TO CASH

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In December, Bodkin Elementary School collected 2,147.0 lbs. of clothing and shoes in our Clothing to Cash bin. That means our school received \$286.17 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 PlaceBroadneck Elementary School2,721.0 lbs.2nd PlaceBodkin Elementary School2,147.0 lbs.3rd PlaceBelvedere Elementary School1,707.0 lbs.



2,721.0 lbs. \$100 Bonus Total Check \$399.31 2,147.0 lbs. \$50 Bonus Total Check \$286.17 1,707.0 lbs. \$25 Bonus Total Check \$212.77

In an effort to be mindful about wellness, we have Fitness Thursday the first Thursday of each month. We do something fun with the students (ask them about it) and wear our fitness clothes. Every week on Wednesday, it is Waste Free Wednesday. On Wednesdays, we encourage students to bring a lunch without trash and use reusable containers. Students can also wear

green. Bodkin has been a Green School since 2007. This program provides students with educational opportunities that empower them to make changes to reduce environmental impact, practice environmental stewardship, encourage sustainability, increase awareness of how our relationship with the environment ultimately impacts public health and society and fosters environmental literacy.



Let's show Mrs. Elsis some love this month! February 5-9 is National School Counseling Week. Send in a note or card to show her how thankful you are to have her as your school counselor.





FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

Please be sure your student has a weather-appropriate change of clothing in his/her book bag/locker.

Non-medicated ChapStick can be sent with your child to school for his/her desk/locker.

Non-medicated throat drops can be sent in with your student as needed in small quantities. Cough drops containing any menthol or other medications will need to be accompanied by a medication request form from your doctor and brought and kept in the health room by an adult.

Please feel free to contact the health room as needed with any questions/concerns.

Students are in the middle of their Art To Remember Fundraiser Project. They are working hard to create something beautiful to show off. If you aren't familiar with Art to Remember, take a look at this <u>video</u>. More details to follow soon! As always, thanks for all of your support!

Global Studies and Art are in need of a few recyclables you might have lying around. We need newspaper, tissue paper, magazines, and scrap-booking paper for projects we will be working on for Green School. If you have any, please send it our way! Thanks so much!

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OFFICE NEWS OUT-OF-AREA TRANSFERS

Out-of-Area requests should be submitted to Mrs. Myers **between March 1 and May 1**. After May 1, they must be sent directly to Central Office with a valid reason for being late. An out-of-area transfer is a request for a student residing in Anne Arundel County to attend a school within the county other than the assigned boundary school (often referred to as a student's home school). If a child already attends Bodkin as an out-of-area approved student, the application must be completed and submitted each school year. The continuation of a previous year's out-of-area is not automatic, and the application must be submitted to the school during the out-of-area application window. Please visit <u>https://www.aacps.org/outofarea</u> for more information.

MATH MINDSET

Round two of Math Mindset starts in February. For those of you who are new to the program, it is an extra-curricular math program available to all Bodkin students in Kindergarten-5th Grade. Students have a full week to complete each worksheet. Participation is entirely voluntary. The problems are meant to be challenging, but not overwhelming. Family members are encouraged to participate/help in the solving. Feel free to contact Mrs. Zeruto if you have any questions at clwieland935@gmail.com. Students who have completed all 10 weeks will be able to have an ice cream party to celebrate.



Dr. Beasley's students researched a variety of people who made an impact on the world around them. Then the students incorporated information from articles to showcase how the person impacted others. One person who was researched was Malala Yousafzai. Click <u>here</u> to see the students' work.







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CHESAPEAKE BAY MIDDLE



INCOMING 6TH GRADE FAMILY INFO NIGHT

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024 5:30-6:30 PM CBMS CAFETERIA

Join us for an information session to learn about the middle school schedule, 6th grade courses and how to help your incoming 6th grader select their course requests for the 2024-2025 school year.

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WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Next PTA Meeting is Tuesday, February 13 at

6:00pm @ Bodkin Elementary

PTA WEBSITE - www.bodkinpta.weebly.com FACEBOOK – <u>facebook/BODKIN ELEMENTARY PTA</u>

GIRLS' SPRING FORMAL

Bodkin Girls' Spring Formal tickets will be on sale until Friday, February 16 or until they sell out. Get yours here. Tickets will be \$40 per couple and \$10 for each additional Bodkin girl. PTA members will receive a \$15 discount. Tickets include dinner, drinks, dessert, and 1 professional photo.



Planning for the Environmental & Local Culture Fair is underway. This event is on Saturday, May 4 from 10am - 1pm. One of the initiatives will be 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. Candy wrapper season isn't over yet! With Valentine's Day coming up, please hold onto those empty candy wrappers and bring them into Bodkin to be placed in the Rubicon Trash or Treasure[™] box in the lobby! All other items, start collecting & hold onto until spring. Thanks for doing your part!

Also, as Jen & Nichole head into their 2nd to last year of planning this event, we'd love to bring in a 3rd Co-Chair to start learning the ropes in hopes of helping with the '24 & '25 Fairs & then taking it over Fall 2025. Reach out to Jen if you're interested!

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

Mar. 15-Bodkin's Girls' Spring Formal



Apr. 12-Fun Run

May 4-Environmental Fair

Lena Kaba President

Corinne Zeruto Vice President I

Nikki Allender Vice President II



Amanda Camhi Treasurer



Nikki Baker

IT'S A COWGIRL THING!

DER NOW

BODKIN GIRLS & THEIR ADULT GUEST

Bodkin's Spring Formal

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024

TICKETS

\$40- PER COUPLE \$10-EACH ADDITIONAL BODKIN DAUGHTER PTA MEMBERS RECEIVE \$15 DISCOUNT

Tickets include dinner, drinks, and dessert for all Bodkin girls and special guests, and 1 professional couple/family photo

> RSVP BY: 2/16/2024 QUESTIONS TO MANDI LUSBY AT MANDILUSBY5@GMAIL.COM





Bodkin Elementary PTA

To order DISCOUNT tickets for 2024, complete this form with payment and return to school, ATTN: Hershey Park Tickets by: March 15, 2024

Please submit with check payable to: Bodkin PTA or via CheddarUp https://hersheypark-2024-tickets.cheddarup.com (Returned checks will not receive tickets until payment received)

PARENT NAME:	РНО	NE:	
EMAIL:			
CHILD'S NAME:	TEACHER:		GRADE:

Ticket orders and	Туре	Gate Price	YOUR Price	Quantity	TOTAL			
money must be received by 3/15/2024.	Hersheypark Admission All Year (Valid thru 1/1/25) (ages 3 & up)	\$87.80	\$46.50		\$			
	Parking Pass	\$30.00	\$25.00		\$			
Ticket pickup will be communicated via email at a later date.	Meal Ticket (one entrée, one side and a beverage)		\$19.06					
Tickets <u>WILL NOT</u> be sent home with students due to value.	Make checks payable to Bodkin PTA Order and Pay Online – GRAND TOTAL							
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2024-25 student	between April 1, 2024 and January 1, 2025							
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Contact: Amanda Camhi aecamhi@gmail.com

Clean Out Your Closet & Help Our School Raise Money!

Clothing To Cash® Collection Program

OUR SCHOOL WILL BE PAID FOR EVERY POUND WE COLLECT. All items will be Re-worn, Repurposed or finally Recycled.

Look for the large white collection bin in the school parking lot. The goal is to FILL our collection bin WEEKLY with as many PLASTIC BAGS of clothing, shoes and other textiles as possible!



Help Support Our School & Save The Environment One Bag At A Time.



WE ACCEPT NEW & GENTLY USED:

Clothing (Women's, Men's & Children's, Clothing, Coats. Etc.)

Footwear (Shoes, Sneakers, Boots, Cleats, Etc.)

Textiles (Bedding, Sheets, Blankets, Towels)

Accessories (Handbags, Backpacks, Gloves, Scarves, Jewelry, Wallets)

ACCEPTED ITEMS MUST BE CLEAN, DRY, IN BAGS and TIED CLOSED



WE DO NOT ACCEPT

Mattresses, Furniture, Food, Cushions, Plastic / Glass Items, Carpet, TV's, Electronics, Books, Toys or anything too large to fit inside the bin.

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Nearby Library Events

Severna Park Library 2/1 Movies at the Library: Groundhog Day 6:30pm-8:30pm (ages 11+)

Severna Park Library welcomes you to a singular screening of Groundhog Day (1993). A narcissistic, self-centered weatherman finds himself in a time loop on Groundhog Day. Director Harold Ramis and lead actor Bill Murray reunited to create this modern comedy classic with a plot that continues to inspire other works of fiction to this day.

Severna Park Library 2/5 Pajama Family Storytime 6:00pm-7:00pm (ages 0-10)

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.

Mountain Road Library 2/7 Paint Like...Jean-Michel Basquiat 6:30pm (ages 6-10)

Learn about the artist Jean-Michel Basquiat and create art in his style. Supplies are limited. <u>Registration</u> required. Kids in grades K-5 only.

Mountain Road Library 2/8 BYOD Family Movie Night-The Little Mermaid 6:00pm-8:00pm (all ages)

Grab dinner from a local restaurant or from home and come enjoy a family friendly movie at the library.

Mountain Road Library 2/14 Valentine's Day Chocolate Bingo 6:30pm-7:30pm (all ages)

Enjoy playing Bingo with family and friends and win prizes!

Severna Park Library 2/21 Lego Challenge 4:00pm-4:45pm (ages 6+)

Take the Lego Challenge and build a masterpiece! Lego creations will be displayed.



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: <u>recruiter@mdpack412.org</u>.

💋 Join Girl Scouts 觷

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



