

Location: 4th Grade Hallway

Our students and staff are leaving 2022 with so many blessings. Our students are working hard, and their accomplishments do not go unnoticed. Our staff goes above and beyond for our students each day, and we are grateful for our Bodkin families. Our PTA-sponsored staff breakfast had so many options that we ate for 2 days and sent many goodies home with staff. Our monogrammed Bodkin umbrella will come in handy on all those rainy arrivals and dismissals. Our community partnerships only make us stronger.

January marks the last month before the end of the marking period. We have quarterly assessments for grades 2-5 in reading & math and Reading level assessments (F&P) for our kindergarten students scheduled for January. We are revisiting our DIBELS assessments to check in on student growth in all primary grades, and i-Ready continues to be a platform for students to have a layer of differentiation. We are also going to have a friendly i-Ready competition with Lake Shore Elementary. I say friendly, but Bodkin is “Better than the rest” like our school song says. Look out Lake Shore, here we come! Stay tuned for the details.

We will be kicking off the month with our Winter Relief experience at Our Lady of the Chesapeake. Thanks to Mrs. Elsis for planning this memory for our students. Helping others is a value we believe in at Bodkin.

As we venture in a new snow day plan, some important information is embedded in the newsletter including Bodkin's synchronous schedule. Your child's teacher will also be sending information on where to log in for live virtual instruction. Please reach out if you have any questions. We will work together to make this a smooth transition. Thanks for your patience as it is new for all of us.

Bodkin sure is a “Treasure by the Bay!” Happy New Year! 2023 here we come!

Mrs. Bonnie Myers, Principal

NEXT MONTH

2/3-Report Cards emailed home

2/8-Two Hour Early Dismissal & wear orange for Unity Day

2/15-PTA Meeting
7pm @ Bodkin

2/20-Schools
closed

2/28-Club Pictures & 5th Grade Panoramic

Office Hours
7:15am-3:15pm



Bodkin, a treasure by the bay



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Office 410-437-0464

Health Room 410-437-1418



JANUARY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Kwanzaa ends	2 Wear Bodkin gear & jeans 	3 Grs. 1, 2 & 4 Walking trip to OLC	4	5 Fitness Thursday 	6	7
8	9 	10	11	12 CHS Chorus Feeder Concert @ 7pm 	13 CHS Chorus Feeder Concert snow date	14
15	16 Schools Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17	18 Dance Recital @ CHS 7:00pm	19 	20 CHS Band & Strings Feeder Concert @ 7pm	21
22	23 2 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL	24 2 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL 2nd Marking Period ends	25 Schools Closed for students	26 Mo Gaba Day Wear kindness or sports clothing 3rd Marking Period begins 	27 PBIS Celebration Wear your party hats CHS Band & Strings Feeder Concert snow date	28 Mother Son Bowling
29	30 	31 Rumor Meal Fundraiser for dance 4-9pm				



Clubs

Dance
M & Th 2:45-4:00
24 Math Club
Th 2:45-3:45
Board Game Club
Th 2:45-3:45







DECEMBER Highlights



Metamorphosis!

Our kindergartners can tell you what that word means. They loved participating in the awesome presentation on the life cycle of crabs by Mrs. Aiken of ClearShark H2O. They know they can protect crabs by taking care of the Bay.



Our 1st graders are amazing builders and structural engineers. They built strong houses with modern amenities that even the big bad wolf (or hairdryer) can't puff down.



Bravo! Our students and staff enjoyed amazing Orchestra and Band performances by our instrumentalists, who were directed by Mrs. Cox Forbes. We can't wait to showcase their talent at our evening performance for families!

Our Chorus Concert was fantastic! The students sang holiday favorites along with some new tunes.



Students and staff enjoyed our Spirit Week.



SWEATER DAY



CANDY CANE DAY



SNOWMAN DAY



ACCESSORY DAY



PAJAMA DAY



On Polar Express Day, our Kindergarten students enjoyed hot chocolate, made crafts, and watched The Polar Express in their pajamas. This Bodkin tradition is always a hit.

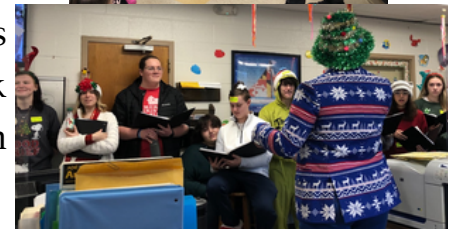


Thank you to the Camhi family for visiting some of our classrooms and sharing traditions of Hanukkah. They read the story Shmelf the Hanukkah Elf.



Our fifth graders created gingerbread houses using graham crackers, icing, and other candy. They looked great!

The CHS chorus showed off their talent by singing for the students and staff. Their rendition of Deck the Halls was outstanding. Thank you for sharing them with us Mr. Napoli!



Who's going to win – parent or child? Parents joined their children in playing a variety of fact fluency games with cards at Family Math Night. Students also loved playing the board games! While having fun, they are also building their problem solving skills and perseverance.



Reminders

JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

[AACPS](#)
[Calendar](#)
[link](#)

1/16 Schools Closed for MLK Jr. Day
1/23 & 1/24 Two Hour Early dismissal
1/25 Schools closed for students



Not Getting Texts???

To resubscribe to AACPS text messages, text "Subscribe AACPS" to the following numbers:

23177

63079

53291

82932



Pay Online

Bodkin Elementary accepts



You can pay for items such as lost or damaged library books, field trips or even donate for class supplies. Click [here](#) and select Bodkin Elementary. You will need your student's ID number for transactions.

CAR RIDER LINE

Please remember to keep the morning car rider line moving. If you prefer to get out with your child, feel free to park and walk your child over to the entrance. In case you were not aware, our afternoon car rider line is behind Bodkin in the CBMS lower lot. If someone else will be picking up your child (grandparents, aunt/uncle, etc.), please let them know where the car rider line is. We will also need a note any time someone other than the parent/guardian is picking up your child. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping Bodkin's students safe.

OLC PARKING LOT

We appreciate the kindness of Our Lady of the Chesapeake church for allowing parents to use their parking lot if it is not already in use. However, please only park in the designated spots and not in their grass. Thank you for understanding.

RECESS

Please remember that students will have outdoor recess if the temperature is 32 degrees or above. Coats, hats, and gloves are recommended on the extra cold days.



NO PARKING IN FIRE LANE AT ANY TIME

Parking in designated fire lanes and/or bus loops is prohibited. This prohibition extends to staff, students, visitors, spectators at athletic events, day care vans, and after school activity vans such as karate centers, clubs, etc. Any vehicle parked in a fire lane or obstructing a fire hydrant must be moved to an authorized parking space.

Maryland Motor Vehicle Law §21-101.1(b)2,3 states,

A person may not drive a motor vehicle in violation of any provision of this title on any property that is owned by or under the control of this State or any of its political subdivisions, county boards of education, or community colleges and that is open to vehicular traffic and used by the public in general. Any person who violates any provision of this subsection is in violation of the law to the same extent and is subject to the same penalty as if the motor vehicle were driven on a highway.

As you know, in a critical emergency, the loss of every minute caused by vehicles blocking fire and police department access can become critical.

If you have any questions, please contact Terri Whitehead, Supervisor of Transportation at 410-923-7890.

OFFICE NEWS

ABSENCES

As we start the new year, this is a friendly reminder that when your student is absent, you will receive an automated call that your child was out and a reminder to send in an absence note when they return. Please remember to include a reason for the absence so we can excuse it. Without a reason, it remains as “truant.” We have included absence notes below for your convenience.

ABSENCE NOTES

Here are some easy to use sheets when your student is absent.

Bodkin Elementary School Absentee Form	
My son/daughter _____	
was absent from school on _____	
(dates of absences)	
Following reason(s): check one below	
<input type="checkbox"/> Illness of the child	<input type="checkbox"/> Doctor/Dentist Appointment
<input type="checkbox"/> Death in Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain) _____
Signature: _____	
Parent/Guardian	
Doctor's note is required if absence exceeds five days or in rare instances if you have been notified in writing by Bodkin that Doctor notes are required for all absences because of student's excessive absences.	

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VIRTUAL SNOW DAY INFORMATION

With the potential of upcoming inclement weather, here is some information regarding virtual snow days.

- Students are reminded to always take devices home and keep them charged
- Virtual asynchronous lessons are created for students and will be posted to Brightspace



With regard to communications, please know the following:

- If there is no message, everything is on time.
- A **Code Red** means all schools and offices are closed and there is **no virtual instruction**
- A **two-hour delay** means schools open two hours later than normal
- A call for virtual instruction means all buildings are closed but virtual instruction will proceed in one of the following manners

-SCHOOLS CLOSED, VIRTUAL SYNCHRONOUS LEARNING

Students will engage in real-time virtual instruction with their teachers. Schools will begin instruction at 9 or 9:15 a.m., as listed on schedules that can be found at www.aacps.org/studentschedules. Students must log in and participate in classes to be counted present. Students will receive a subsequent message following the countywide message sent by Communications with more specific instructions from their school. Click [here](#) for Bodkin's Synchronous Schedule.

-SCHOOLS CLOSED, VIRTUAL ASYNCHRONOUS LEARNING

Students will independently engage in posted virtual lessons at a time of their choosing. Students should access lessons in their Brightspace accounts and must log in by 2 p.m. to be counted present for the day.

AACPS VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

Families with students in Grades 3-5 are invited to request enrollment in a four-session Virtual Book Club hosted January 30 through February 27, 2023. Four synchronous sessions, led by an AAACPS instructor, will include an accompanying book for students to read, discuss, analyze, and think about text.

The book club selection includes the following:

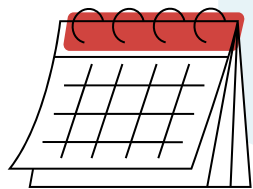
Grade 3: Masterpiece by Elise Broach

Grade 4: The School Story by Andrew Clements

Grade 5: Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin



Interested families must complete the enrollment request through this [link](#) by January 11, 2023. If requests exceed 45 students per school, lottery selection will determine enrollment for available spaces. Student selection and meeting details will be communicated via email on Friday, January 13, 2023. Selected students will be assigned to a virtual meeting session hosted at 6:00-6:45PM or 7:00-7:45PM on the following dates: January 30, February 6, February 13, and February 27. All meetings will be hosted via Google Meet, links for the meetings will be communicated by email by January 13, 2023. There is no cost to participate in this program.



What's Going On?



23-24 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The Board of Education followed the recommendations of the school system's Calendar Committee, adopting a 2023-2024 school year calendar that calls for classes to begin for students on Monday, August 28, 2023, and end on Thursday, June 13, 2024. The calendar maintains the holiday closings contained in the current school year calendar as well as a three-day Thanksgiving break and the weeklong Easter/Spring break. It also contains closings for Yom Kippur and Eid al-Fitr and builds in three days to be used in the case of inclement weather. The calendar also contains four two-hour early dismissals to allow for staff to engage in professional development related to equity and two two-hour early dismissals at the end of each of the four marking periods. The Board also agreed to begin developing calendars two years in advance to afford more time for families to plan, though it did not set a date to begin doing so. Next year's calendar can be found [here](#).

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

We would like to thank all of the people who have helped Bodkin and our families these last few months. We collected donations of non-perishable food and cash for the Harvest for the Hungry drive in October; toys for our toy drive to help The Sharing Foundation in November and December; donations for the Senior Dog Sanctuary led by our Girls on the Run team; and gifts for class gift exchanges. We appreciate your support.

GIRLS ON THE RUN 5K

Congratulations to our Girls on the Run! They have worked so hard this year. The girls ran a 5K at Druid Hill Park last month and have accomplished so much. Teamwork, perseverance, girl empowerment, increased self-confidence and improved strength are some of the new skills the students have achieved these last few months. Our team also collected 4 boxes of supplies for the Senior Dog Sanctuary. We are all so proud of them. We would also like to thank Coaches Corine, Kim, and Kelly for a wonderful season.



CHS FEEDER CONCERTS



Bodkin Chorus

January 12 7:00pm
snow date 1/13

Bodkin Band & Strings

January 20 7:00pm
snow date 1/27

at Chesapeake High School

CLOTHING TO CASH

In November, Bodkin Elementary School collected 2,175 lbs. of clothing and shoes in our Clothing to Cash bin. That means our school received \$317.50 from your donations! That's \$212 more than our October pickup!

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 January?



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

1st Place	Bodkin Elementary School	2,175.0 lbs.	\$100 Bonus	Total Check \$317.50
2nd Place	Belvedere Elementary School	2,119.0 lbs.	\$50 Bonus	Total Check \$261.90
3rd Place	Odenton Elementary School	1,608.0 lbs.	\$25 Bonus	Total Check \$185.80

LEGOS

We are collecting any used Legos that your children no longer play with. We will also be collecting shoeboxes. We are excited to have Legos inspire us in our writing. Thanks for sending these in to our reading team.

BODKIN DANCE COMPANY RECITAL

PERFORMANCE STARTS AT
7:00PM

JANUARY 18, 2023
@ CHS

RUMOR MEAL FUNDRAISER NIGHT

You're invited to support Bodkin's Dance Company by presenting a rumor mentioning Bodkin! For Dine in or take out!

JOIN US
RUMOR

RESCHEDULE

January 31
4-9pm



BODKIN
dance
COMPANY

Counselor's Corner

Jennifer Elsis
School Counselor
jelsis@aaps.org



THANK YOU FOR DONATING

Thank you for your continued support of our school community as we reach out to the community. Our Toy Drive was a HUGE success and will benefit families all across Anne Arundel County through the work of the Sharing Foundation. Many families, organizations, businesses, and students joined in the effort – thanks!

Additionally, we wish to thank our community for stepping in to share some holiday cheer – our anonymous elves have rocked it AGAIN! Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers and anonymous elves who created magic for our community — Thank you!!!

Just a reminder, we provide assistance to families during the “back to school” time, Thanksgiving, & Christmas. If your family could benefit from assistance or wish to help with our giving efforts, please contact Jenn Elsis (jelsis@aacps.org).

Attention 5th Grade Parents

Has your child considered the AVID program for Middle School?

January is quickly approaching and before you know it, your child will be selecting their courses for Chesapeake Bay Middle School! At CMBS we offer AVID, a program designed to provide academic instruction and support to students in the “middle to upper middle” to prepare them for eligibility to four-year colleges and universities. We are looking for students who have the potential for honors, AP, and IB work in high school, but need academic and emotional support paired with rigor. In order to take the AVID elective course, students must apply, interview, and be accepted into the AVID program. Look for information in January. If you have questions about AVID, visit the AACPS website <https://www.aacps.org/avid>.



We are currently gearing up to start the middle school course selection process for the 2023-2024 school year.

- **Date TBD** -CBMS's incoming 6th grade school counselor will be visiting Bodkin and talking to 5th graders about the course selection process. The counselor will walk students through what CBMS has to offer and how to select their middle school encore classes. This visit is for students only.

More information along with directions to sign-up will be sent after our Winter Break.

BODKIN HELPING OLC WINTER RELIEF

Bodkin students are invited to take part in a volunteer opportunity to provide bagged lunches for homeless individuals. Once again, as a part of the Winter Relief Shelter Program in Anne Arundel County, shelter will be made available to homeless individuals by Our Lady of the Chesapeake Church during the week of January 2-8, 2023. Our school community is excited to provide lunches for individuals staying at the shelter each day of their stay. Students and staff will take part in meaningful fun and shared kindness by collecting lunch items, decorating bags, making cards, making sandwiches, and volunteering. We want each child to have a part in the lunch preparation. A walk will be organized (by grade) to the church to assemble the lunches during the school day and to tour the temporary shelter. There is no cost for this opportunity. Individuals receiving shelter will not be present during our visit. In the case of inclement weather, the walk will take place on the next available day, if possible. Food items will be collected each morning on Monday, January 2 and Tuesday, January 3. We are asking each grade to send in the following:

Pre-K & Kindergarten: 1 package of prepackaged snacks (chips, pretzels, cookies)

First Grade: Individually wrapped sandwich cheese

Second Grade: Individual drinks (juice/water bottles)

Third Grade: Packaged fruit or a small bag of fruit (pears, apples, oranges packaged fruit cup)

Fourth Grade and Fifth Grade: Prepackaged lunch meat

Grades 1, 2, & 4 will participate on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Grades Pre-K, K, 3 & 5 will participate on Thursday, January 5, 2023.

Only food items will be collected by Bodkin Elementary

OLC SHELTER WEEK 2023

Our Lady of Chesapeake will be hosting 25 men from the House of Hope for the first week of January. They set up the shelter in our Gathering Space and provide hot meals, warm beds, clothing and many other services during the week. You can view their schedule for the week and sign up for volunteer spots [here](#) or by contacting Lisa Wolfe at lwolfe3006@gmail.com or 410 530 5664. They are also in need of some donations for the guests and shelter. At the request of the House of Hope they are asked to limit their collection to the following items:

Men's blue jeans and t-shirts	Men's warm long sleeve shirts and sweatshirts
Men's coats	Men's socks (tube and wool)
Men's long underwear	Men's slippers
Twin size blankets and sheets	Zippered pillow covers
New pillows	Suitcases and other bags
Travel sized deodorant and toiletries	Disposable razors and shaving cream
Individually wrapped chocolate/candy	Small denomination gift cards (fast food, phone card)

All of the above donations are being collected at Our Lady of the Chesapeake Church (not Bodkin Elementary).

PTA News



Next PTA Meeting is Wednesday,

February 15th, 2022 at 7:00pm

@ Bodkin Elementary



PTA WEBSITE - www.bodkinpta.weebly.com

FACEBOOK - facebook/BODKIN ELEMENTARY PTA

UPCOMING EVENTS

1/28-Mother Son Bowling
3/17-Grandparents Day
3/24-Daddy Daughter Dance
4/28-Fun Run
5/6-Environmental Fair

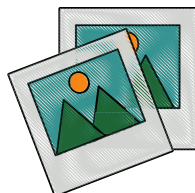
PTA MEMBERSHIPS

If you haven't had a chance to sign up for the PTA it's not too late. Visit the Cheddar Up Store to become a member and help support all of the fun events!

<https://bodkin-pta-2022-2023.cheddarup.com>

SHARING PHOTOS FOR THE YEARBOOK

If you attended a Bodkin event and would like to share your photos with the yearbook, we would LOVE to have them! Please send all photos to BodkinYearbook@gmail.com, and please put the name of the event in the subject line.



MOTHER SON BOWLING

Tickets include 2 hours of bowling, shoe rentals, and each lane gets one (1) cheese pizza and a drink pitcher! The event will be held on January 28, 2023, 3:00 PM-5:00 PM OR 5:30 PM- 7:30 PM. Choose from Duckpin or Tenpin Bowling. Please note that payment is for attendance, not participation. Tickets are \$15 per person (PTA members get a discount!), and an email has already been sent to all PTA members with the discount code. If you did not receive an email with your discount code, please email Amanda Thompson at akenn725@gmail.com to receive a code. Sign-ups closed on December 26th.

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!

Amazon Smiles

If you shop at Amazon simply go to smile.amazon.com on your web browser or activate AmazonSmile on your Amazon Shopping app on your iOS or Android phone (found under settings on your app). On your browser, you may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile. When you're using the app, always check for the "AmazonSmile" logo to ensure you're activated for AmazonSmile. Select Bodkin Elementary PTA.

Box Tops/Coke Rewards

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. Each time you scan a receipt, Bodkin can be entered in a drawing to win \$500.

Don't forget to send in those Coke Codes too! Contact Jenna Burns at Bodkinboxtops@gmail.com.

LET'S GO BOWLING !

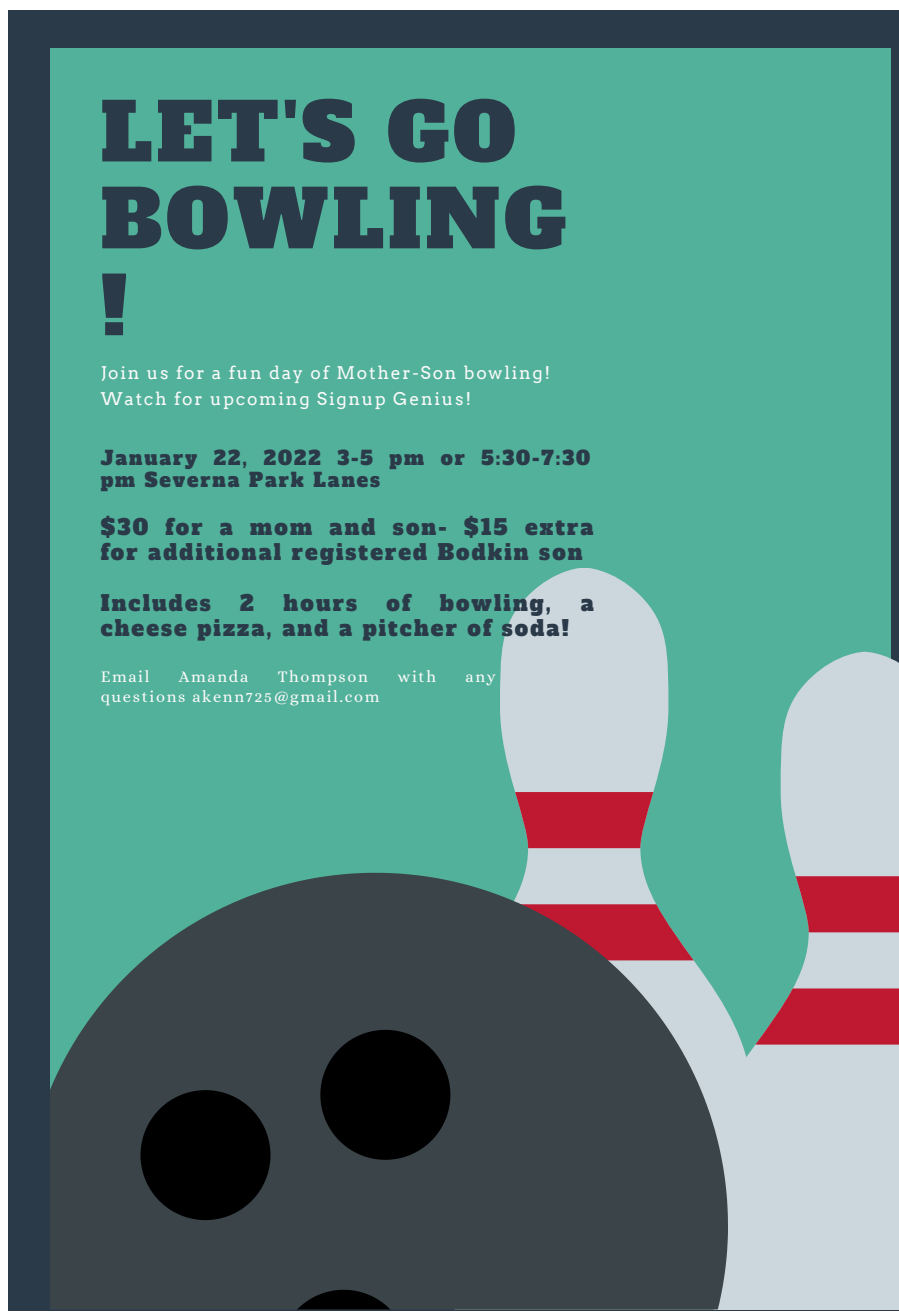
Join us for a fun day of Mother-Son bowling!
Watch for upcoming Signup Genius!

January 22, 2022 3-5 pm or 5:30-7:30 pm Severna Park Lanes

\$30 for a mom and son- \$15 extra for additional registered Bodkin son

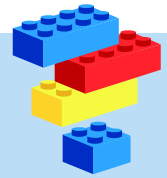
Includes 2 hours of bowling, a cheese pizza, and a pitcher of soda!

Email Amanda Thompson with any questions akenn725@gmail.com



Community News & Events

Library Events



Riviera Beach Library

1/14 Lego Create Challenge 11:30am-12:30pm

Test your creative problem solving skills by solving our monthly challenges. Have the chance to have your finished work displayed at the Riviera Beach branch!

Mountain Road Library

1/20 American Red Cross Blood Drive

Basic requirements for donating blood: general good health; 17 to 75 years of age (16 with written parental consent); and a weight of at least 110 pounds. Walk-in or call the American Red Cross at 1.800.733.2767 to schedule an appointment.



Mountain Road Library

1/23 Pokemon Days 3:30-4:30pm

Calling all Pokémon trainers! Come to the Mountain Road library to show off your Pokémon cards and chat with other trainers! Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Mountain Road Library

1/25 Legos in the Library 3:00-4:00pm

Join us at the Mountain Road Branch to build with your imagination! Other creative building materials will be available.

We are Apply here Hiring!

Music Teachers
Zumba Instructors
Tater Tots Social Club Instructors
Child Care Aides
Child Care Assistants
Child Care Teachers
Child Care Directors
and more...

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RECREATION AND PARKS
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January Edition
Downs Park Campfire Social + Night Hike

Ever wonder what the park is like after dark? Join us for a cozy fire and a fun night hike!

Games, s'mores, and hot cocoa will be provided. All ages are welcome, fun for the whole family!

\$5 per person, children age 3 and under free.

Times and Location
Saturday January 7th 5:00pm - 6:30pm
Downs Park: West Side Camping Area

RSVP
rprigg22@adacounty.org

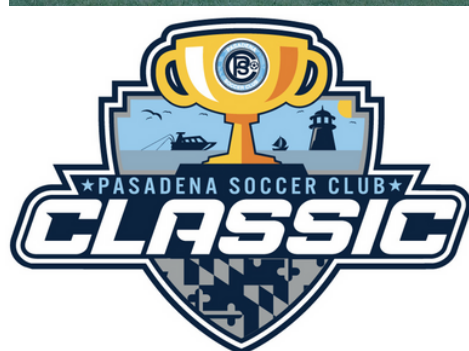
Donation drop offs on Mondays from 5-6 pm

Fill-A-Bag Friday

Friday Jan. 6 & 20
6:00-8:00 pm

ID IS REQUIRED
8513 Ft. Smallwood Rd
Pasadena 21122

aring UPboard #fillingthecupboardfillsheheart **aring UPboard** baby pantry



Pasadena Soccer Club spring registration [here](#)

HUFFARD ANIMAL HOSPITAL
BLANKET & TOWEL DRIVE

WE NEED GENTLY USED FULL-SIZE BATH TOWELS & BLANKETS, FREE OF HOLES!

STOP IN AND DROP THEM OFF TODAY!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

CHS SWIM
DONATION DRIVE!

BRING BLANKETS AND TOWELS TO THE MEET AT AOSC ON JANUARY 6TH TO DONATE TO THE SPCA!

PANTHERS
LACROSSE

Ends 1/15

SPRING 2023
REGISTRATION
IS
OPEN
[Register here](#)