



JANUARY  
2024



## NEXT MONTH

**2/1** Wear Red-Kids Heart Challenge Kick Off

**2/6** Two Hour Early Dismissal & Unity Day

**2/9** PTA Assembly

**2/13** PTA Meeting 6pm

**2/19** Schools closed for Presidents Day

**2/20** Club Picture Day

**2/26** Seaperch Club begins

## Office Hours

M-F

7:15am-3:15pm



Lunch Menu

Dear Bodkin families,

Our students and staff are leaving 2023 with so many memories. 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. We thank them for always spoiling us!

Can you believe it is almost the end of the 2nd marking period? January 22 kicks off marking period 3. The week prior we will have many schedule changes as teachers finalize grades and engage in professional development. We have quarterly assessments for grades 2-5 in literacy and grades 3-5 in math and science when we return from break. We are revisiting our DIBELS assessments to check in on students' growth in all primary grades, and i-Ready continues to be a platform for students to have a layer of differentiation. The data show that passing two lessons in reading and math helps close gaps. Please be sure your child is on each week. We will do mid-year assessment for i-Ready in February.

We will support the Winter Relief experience at Our Lady of the Chesapeake the week of the January 16. Thanks to Mrs. Elsis for planning this memory for our students. Helping others is a value we believe in at Bodkin. Permission slips for this walking field trip will be coming home soon.

January sometimes brings snow! Our county values snow-day experiences, but if it isn't a "play outside kind of snow," synchronous and asynchronous days may be in the cards. 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.

Continue to "Plant Kindness and Watch it Grow!" Thanks to everyone for the Bodkin team we have built!

Bonnie Myers, Principal





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

# JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>Schools Closed</b> New Year's Day	2	3	4 Fitness Thursday  Gr. 5 Promotion Committee Meeting 6:00-7:00pm	5  Gr. 5 field trip to Baltimore Museum of Industry	6
7	8	9  PTA Meeting 6:00pm @ Bodkin	10 Waste Free Wednesday	11  	12	13
14	15 <b>Schools Closed</b> Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16  Band & Strings Winter Concert 6:30 @ CHS	17 Waste Free Wednesday  <b>Two Hour Early Dismissal</b> Bodkin's Girls Spring Formal Committee Meeting 6:00-7:00pm	18  End of 2nd marking period	19  <b>Schools Closed</b>	20  Bodkin Boys Bowling
21	22  3rd marking period begins	23 AM Rehearsals Strings 8:30am & Band 11:30am @ CHS <small>*for students who are participating</small> CHS Cluster Strings Concert 6:00pm @ CHS CHS Cluster Band Concert 7:05pm @ CHS	24 Waste Free Wednesday	25 Gr. 5 Chorus walking field trip  Wear PJs to school Family Reading Night 5:30-6:30pm 	26  Mo Gaba Day	27
28	29	30	31	1  Gr. 5 Promotion Committee Meeting 6:00-7:00pm	2	3

## Clubs

24

**24 Club**  
Th 2:45-3:45

**Board Game Club**  
Th 2:45-3:45



# Reminders

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER



[Click here for calendar](#)

1/1, 1/15 & 1/19 Schools Closed

1/17 & 1/18 Two Hour Early Dismissal

- 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

## Pay Online

Bodkin Elementary accepts



You can pay for items such as 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.

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# December Highlights

The CHS carolers brought joy to us all by singing holiday songs.



We kicked off 24 Club this month.



Our fifth graders made a scaled model of the solar system.



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



The power outage didn't stop our Bulldogs from having some fun! Our teachers thought on their feet and came up with some amazing activities.



We enjoyed our daytime Chorus Concert! Thank you for your hard work Mrs. Mignon.



# SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



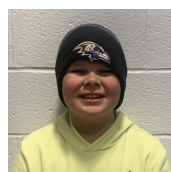
Thank you for donating to our bake sale. It was such a success! Our donation link is always available [here](#). Our next committee meeting is Thursday, January 4 at 6pm in the media center. For additional information feel free to contact [bodkinggrade5@gmail.com](mailto:bodkinggrade5@gmail.com).



Congratulations to our Girls on the Run team! With hard work and determination, they completed the annual 5K in the rain. They also made lunches to help House of Hope for their community impact project.



Dr. Beasley's students worked through the writing process to identify what they were thankful for in their lives. Students brainstormed ideas and then organized the ideas using a tree map organizer. Along the way, students helped each other by listening and giving suggestions to improve their writing. Click [here](#) to see their work.



Camden



Emma



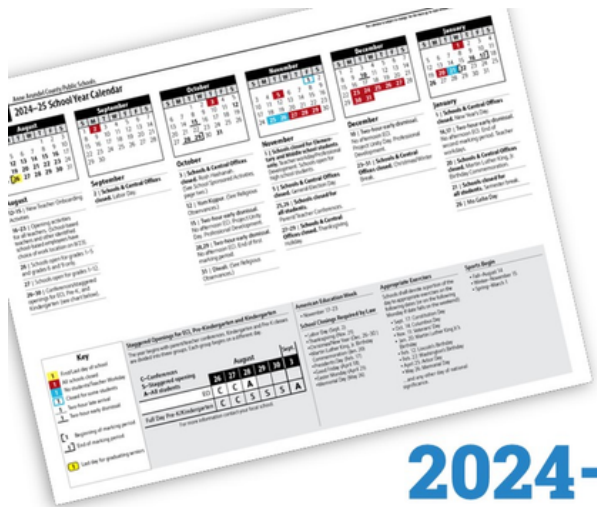
Ezekiel



Hailey



Megan



# 2024-2025 School Year Calendar

Approved by the Board on December 6, 2023

The Board of Education has followed the recommendations of the school system's Calendar Committee, adopting a 2024-2025 school year calendar that calls for classes to begin for students on Monday, August 26, 2024, and end on Friday, June 13, 2025.

The calendar, adopted at the Board's December 6, 2023, meeting, maintains the holiday closings contained in the current school year calendar as well as a three-day Thanksgiving break, an eight-day Christmas/Winter break, and a six-day Easter/Spring break. It also contains a closing for Rosh Hashanah and builds in three days to be used

in the case of inclement weather. Yom Kippur and Eid al-Fitr occur on weekends in the 2024-2025 school year.

In adopting the calendar, the Board approved an amendment adding Lunar New Year to its list of recognized cultural and religious observances. The school system will remain open on that day (January 29, 2025, in the 2024-2025 school year), but tests and exams will not be administered.

The calendar calls for elementary and middle schools to be closed for students on November 1, 2024, as was the case this year, with staff taking part in professional development on that day. It 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.

A complete 2024-2025 calendar can be found at [www.aacps.org/2425calendar](http://www.aacps.org/2425calendar).

# Counselor's Corner

Jennifer Elsis  
School Counselor  
[jelsis@aacps.org](mailto:jelsis@aacps.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](mailto:jelsis@aacps.org)).





# Green School



## CLOTHING TO CASH

In November, Bodkin Elementary School collected 2,875.0 lbs. of clothing and shoes in our Clothing to Cash bin. That means our school received \$387.50 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 January?

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

1st Place	Bodkin Elementary School	2,875.0 lbs.	\$100 Bonus	Total Check \$387.50
2nd Place	Broadneck Elementary School	2,326.0 lbs.	\$50 Bonus	Total Check \$282.60
3rd Place	Belvedere Elementary School	1,751.0 lbs.	\$25 Bonus	Total Check \$200.10

# PE NEWS



**GOOD** for P.E.



**NOT GOOD** for P.E.

New Year Reminder: Students participate in PE twice per week and should be wearing appropriate footwear in order to fully participate in class and for their safety. Many students have been wearing Crocs and boots. Please remind your child to wear tennis shoes on their assigned PE days. Thank you for your cooperation.

## 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.

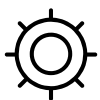
Bodkin Elementary School Absentee Form	
My son/daughter _____	
was absent from school on _____ (dates of absences)	
Following reason(s): check one below	
<input type="checkbox"/> Illness of the child	<input type="checkbox"/> Doctor/Dentist Appointment
<input type="checkbox"/> Death in Family	<input type="checkbox"/> 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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and Family Partnerships at  
[www.aacps.org/family](http://www.aacps.org/family).



**SCAN  
ME!**

# PTA News



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

PTA WEBSITE - [www.bodkinpta.weebly.com](http://www.bodkinpta.weebly.com)

FACEBOOK – [facebook/BODKIN\\_ELEMENTARY\\_PTA](https://facebook/BODKIN_ELEMENTARY_PTA)



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## GIRLS SPRING FORMAL

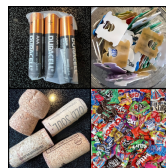
Bodkin Girls Spring Formal tickets will be on sale from Monday, January 15 to Friday, February 16. Tickets will be \$40 per couple and \$10 for each additional Bodkin girl. PTA members will receive a \$15 discount. Tickets include dinner, drinks, dessert, and 1 professional photo.



## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

As we head into 2024, the Environmental Stewardship Committee will be gearing up for the Environmental & Local Culture Fair on Saturday, May 4. 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. During your holiday hustle & bustle and going into a New Year, please hold onto old batteries (tape both ends), corks, bread tags & candy wrappers. The Trash or Treasure box is still in the lobby so send in candy wrappers to be placed in there. 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 out more for the '24 & '25 Fairs & then taking it over in 2025. Reach out to Jen if you're interested!

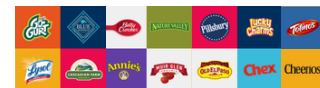
## ONGOING WAYS TO HELP

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

**Jan. 20-Bodkin Boys Bowling**

**Mar. 15-Bodkin's Girls Spring Formal**

**Apr. 12-Fun Run**

**May 4-Environmental Fair**





# *Bodkin Boys* **BOWLING**

**SPACE IS  
LIMITED,  
ONE ADULT  
PER FAMILY**

**TWO SESSIONS**

**@ SEVERNA PARK LANES**

**SATURDAY**

**JANUARY 20**

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

**ENTRY**

**\$34** PER  
COUPLE  
**\$17** EACH  
ADDITIONAL  
BODKIN BOY

**INCLUDES**

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

*Ticket sales ended on December 13.*



# BOOTS AND Bling

IT'S A COWGIRL THING!

BODKIN GIRLS & THEIR ADULT GUEST  
ARE INVITED TO

*Bodkin's Spring Formal*

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024

## TICKETS

\$40- PER COUPLE

\$10-EACH ADDITIONAL BODKIN DAUGHTER

PTA MEMBERS RECEIVE \$15 DISCOUNT

6-9  
PM

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





# Community News & Events

## Nearby Library Events

### Severna Park Library

#### 1/3 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.

### Mountain Road Library

#### 1/11 BYOD Family Movie Night-Super Mario Bros. 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.

### Severna Park Library

#### 1/17 Rad Readers Book Club: Alone by Megan E. Freeman 4:00pm-5:00pm (ages 6-10)

Does your 3rd-5th grader like to read, play games, and have fun? Join our RAD Readers book club for kids in grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Prior to our in-person program, you'll read "Alone" by Megan E. Freeman. We'll discuss the book, play some games, and do a fun activity. If you have any questions, please call the Severna Park Branch at 410-222-6290.

### Severna Park Library

#### 1/19 Rock Paper Scissors Tournament 2:00pm-3:00pm (ages 6-10)

Do you have what it takes to become a legend? Come and listen to a reading of The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors by Drew Daywalt. After the reading stay and compete in a rock, paper, scissors tournament for kids. Test your might and become the ultimate champion of Rock, Paper, Scissors!

### Severna Park Library

#### 1/31 Lego Challenge 4:00pm-4:45pm (ages 6+)

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

### 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@mdpact412.org](mailto:recruiter@mdpact412.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](mailto: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

[PasadenaTroop1785.weebly.com](http://PasadenaTroop1785.weebly.com)  
[Facebook.com/Troop1785](https://Facebook.com/Troop1785)

# Coffee

WITH A RANGER

Fort Smallwood Park  
Every Wednesday until Spring  
9am-10am | Park Entry Fee \$6.00



## Booths now open!

Cookie booths at Angel's Food Market

1/5 3-7pm

\*Booth may end early if cookies sell out



Girl Scout Troop 04278

## 2024 ANNUAL PARK PERMIT AVAILABLE NOW!



## WE ARE HIRING

**CAMP DIRECTORS, ASSISTANT DIRECTORS, COUNSELORS**  
Continuous Opening

Recreation & Parks is seeking applicants for 2024 Summer Camps! Starting June through August.  
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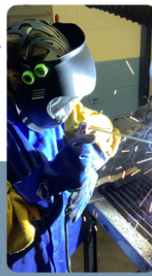
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Nov. 21, 2023 @ 9am  
Jan. 19, 2024 @ 9am  
Feb. 29, 2024 @ 6pm



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and/or  
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.



## CHS Swag Store

