

Dear Bodkin Families,

As we step into March, it feels like the school year is sprinting by. With the arrival of spring, we're eagerly anticipating a flurry of engaging activities and events here at Bodkin.

First and foremost, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our incredible PTA for their unwavering dedication and commitment to enriching the Bodkin experience. They've been diligently organizing the much-anticipated Bodkin Girls Dance, set to take place March 15. This promises to be a delightful evening filled with laughter, dancing, and cherished memories for our young Bodkin ladies.

But that's not all our PTA has been up to! They've been hard at work planning a series of exciting events, including fundraiser dinner nights, the upcoming Fun Run, and the Environmental Fair. These gatherings are fantastic opportunities for our Bodkin families to come together, strengthen bonds, and support our school community. Mark your calendars for March 12, as we'll be hosting our next PTA meeting.

A special shoutout to all the families who've lent their support to our Kids Heart Challenge initiative. Thanks to your generosity, our students have raised almost \$12K for this incredible cause. Your kindness and compassion truly make a difference.

Looking ahead, we're thrilled to announce our upcoming Grandparent and Special Friends Day on March 22. This heartwarming event will feature two morning shifts, allowing our students to celebrate the love and wisdom of their cherished elders. Stay tuned for more details coming home this week, and let's kick off spring break with joyous memories and meaningful connections.

Remember, communication is key, and we're always here for you. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you'd like to share, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Wenzel or myself.

Here's to a March filled with warmth, togetherness, and endless possibilities!

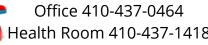
Warm regards,

Bonnie Myers



Follow us on Twitter <u>@BodkinAACPS</u> CS Health Room 410-437-1418







NEXT MONTH

4/1 Schools closed

4/5 End of 3rd marking period & Vision & Hearing Re-check

4/8 4th marking period begins

4/9 PTA Meeting 6pm

4/10 Schools closed Eid al-Fitr

4/12 Fun Run

4/19 Fun Run rain date

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





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3		5	6 Waste Free Wednesday Art in Our Schools Community Reception 4:30-6:00pm Mountain Road Library Girls Spring Dance Committee Meeting 6:00-7:00pm	 7 Fitness Thursday Spring Individual, Class Pictures & Gr. 5 Panoramic Gr. 5 Committee Meeting 6:00-7:00pm 6:00 	8 Bring a book today	9
10 Daylight Savings Time Spring Forward	Ramadan begins at sunset	PTA Meeting 6:00-7:00pm	13 Waste Free Wednesday Girls Spring Dance Committee Meeting 6:00-7:00pm	14 New Moon Theater Visits Gr. 2	15 Hersheypark Ticket sales end Girls Spring Dance 6:00-9:00pm	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 2 Hour Early Dismissal Unity Day Wear orange	20 Waste Free Wednesday Vision & Hearing Testing	21	22 Grandparents Day	23
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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER 3/19 Two Hour Early Dismissal 3/25-4/1 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

or calendar

• Dismissal begins at 2:25 pm

LOST & FOUND

We have many hats, gloves, coats, jackets, etc. in our Lost & Found box. If you are missing something, feel free to stop by and check our Lost & Found box next time you are at school.

PICK UP/EARLY DISMISSAL

If someone other than the parent or legal guardian is going to pick up a student, please send in a note with the full name of the person picking up the student. We need permission to release a student.

AACPS UNITY DAY SHIRTS

AACPS offers Unity Day shirts. If you are looking for orange wardrobe options, AACPS Project Unity shirts are now available for purchase. Please place your order <u>here</u> by Monday, March 4, 2024. Please note the vendor's processing and shipping timeline when placing your order.

AACPS makes no profit from the sales of the shirts and purchase is not required for participation.



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





February Highlights



3rd graders made their own seashell fossils with salt dough!



Thank you to the Kangaroo Kids for an amazing performance!



Fifth graders grew organic mushrooms and cooked them into breakfast this morning! Thanks, Mr. Absher



Our literacy teacher Mrs. Zapf always has a smile on her face even when it's pouring rain.





Pre-K students used bean bags to practice belly breathing (one way to calm down when you are upset.)





Our first graders celebrated Lunar New Year by creating dragons. It is the year of the dragon after all.

We enjoyed making our bird houses as our PBIS celebration!





Thank you for supporting the Fifth Grade Promotion Committee by purchasing Smiley Grams. We brought in \$3,633 in total sales! Our donation link is always available <u>here</u> if you are able to help. For additional information feel free to contact Meagan at bodkingrade5@gmail.com.



5th Grade Baby Photos & School Memories

Hey 5th Grade Families, we need your help!! Please use the Google Form link below to upload a baby photo of your 5th grader. You can also use this link to share photos of your 5th grader and their Bodkin classmates at school events through the years!

The deadline to submit is to March 15th. <u>https://forms.gle/apThWK9HSUfgQVmW6</u>

Please contact Lindsey Aburn at LAburn@aacps.org with any questions!

Grandparents and special friends are invited to visit students' classrooms on 3/22.

8:30-9:30 GRADES PK, K, 1, 2, & 3 9:30-10:30 GRADES 4 & 5 To make the sign in process go smoothly, we ask that visitors sign up prior to the event **here**. As a reminder, students must have a note with permission from parents if grandparents will be taking students home from school.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024

SAVE THE DATE



Fun Run April 12

Collect donations <u>here</u>. Run or walk around our track and get covered in color. It's so much fun! Pre-K Four & Kindergarten Registration

Coming soon!

5th Grade Promotion

Our 5th Grade Promotion will be on the LAST DAY OF SCHOOL. AACPS has not released the date yet. Stay tuned!



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 <u>https://www.aacps.org/outofarea</u> for more information.

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KINDERGARTEN & PRE-K FOUR REGISTRATION

Coming

Registration is for incoming kindergarten students who will be five years old by September 1, 2024. The online Registration Portal opens for Kindergarten soon (date TBA.) 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 (date TBA). Those students will need to be four years old by September 1, 2024. For more information, please visit the <u>AACPS Early Childhood site</u> 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	March 4 and 5 (Science) April 8, 9, 11, 15	
Grade 4	April 17-19, 26	
Grade 3	May 2, 6, 7, 9	



KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

Our Kids Heart Challenge Fundraiser was a huge success. Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade participants raised \$11,980.32 for the American Heart Association. Thanks to everyone who helped make a difference. All the money raised will help with heart research, technology and will help save lives. Congratulations to our top fundraisers, you rock!

> Eliana W. (grade 3) \$1,246.09 Maya C. (grade 5) \$1,009.73 Aubrey H. (grade 5) \$874.93 Owen F. (grade 4) \$723.47 Camdyn J. (grade 5) \$514.79





✔ Kangaroo Kids Jump Rope Summer Camp ages 6-17 yrs

Jump Rope: by Kangaroo Kids! Want to learn basic single rope, Double Dutch and long rope skills? This camp is all about fun and fitness. Come improve your cardio-respiratory endurance, balance, coordination, and muscular strength. Sign up for one or both! All levels taught! End camp shows on Fridays! Bring your beaded jump rope or purchase one at camp for \$9.

No camp 7/4 Thurs

Camp 1 Meadowbrook Athletic Complex	Camp 2 North Laurel Community Center			
RP7360.801 Jul 1 9am-noon M-W,F \$108	RP7360.804 Aug 5 9am-noon M-F \$135			
RP7360.802 Jul 1 1-4pm M-W,F \$108	RP7360.805 Aug 5 1-4pm M-F \$135			
RP7360.803 Jul 1 9am-4pm M-W,F \$220	RP7360.806 Aug 5 9am-4pm M-F \$275			
Info: Will Dunmare, 410-313-1697 or welunmare@howardcountymd.cov				

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www.kangarookids.org https://www.facebook.com/KangarooKidsJumprope/ https://www.instagram.com/kangarookidsjumprope/

To register: www.HowardCountyMD.gov/rap or 410-313-PARK (410-313-7275)

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Our Art to Remember projects are now up for viewing of the ATR website. Students will be getting a flyer with their name and a QR code for easier accessibility to view their work. But if you're itching to view it a little sooner, you can type in your child's name and our school when using this <u>link</u>. Have a wonderful day, and as always, thanks for all your support of the arts!

For Youth Art Month, the Mountain Road Library is displaying a few Bodkin students' artwork! Our students work so hard and this is really just a fraction of the amazing artwork they do everyday. We hope you have a chance to stop by the library and check out the lovely pieces! They will be on display until March 12. Ms. Councill and Mrs. King-Hann will be contacting parents soon to let them know if their child has art on display at the library. If your student's work is displayed, he/she is invited to stop by for a reception on March 6 between 4:30 and 6:00pm. There will be refreshments and the art teachers will be there to present a certificate.

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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



Access Key B7PRAA25

Individual pictures will only be taken for students who have ordered them. They are not taken of every student.

In February Dr. Beasley's class wrote essays about what they loved about themselves. Students worked their way through the writing process to develop essays with details and examples. Click <u>here</u> to see the students' work.





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At Bodkin we believe that **Reading Helps us Grow!**

To celebrate **Read Across America Week,** all classes will buddy up to read together on **March 8th**.

Please bring in **2-3 books from home to read** with your buddy class:

PreK and Kindergarten buddy with Third Grade	
First Grade buddy with Fourth Grade	
Second Grade buddy with Fifth Grade	





AND WE WANT YOU TO BE A PART OF IT!

May 4, 2024 7 pm - CHS Gym

CHS PTSA IS FACILITATING THIS

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PRESENTS Normal isn't Real

"Normal Isn't Real" is a thought-provoking documentary that challenges societal perceptions of what is considered "normal." Through personal stories and expert insights, the film explores the diversity of neurodiversity, shedding light on the experiences of individuals with learning and attention differences. It encourages viewers to embrace uniqueness and question conventional norms. A must-watch for those interested in fostering inclusivity and understanding in our communities.

Thursday, March 14, 2024 Doors open: 5:30 pm Opening Remarks: 6:00 pm Documentary Begins: 6:15-7:30 pm Debrief led by AACPS Leaders: 7:45 pm

Waugh Chapel Stadium 12 & IMAX 1419 S. Main Chapel Way Gambrills, MD 21054

> Tickets are limited. Please reserve your ticket today.







Next PTA Meeting is Tuesday, March 12 at 6:00pm

@ Bodkin Elementary

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

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

We are in need of a Co-Chair 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!

Planning for the event is underway. The Fair 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**. Collection boxes will be in the lobby in April & they'll be a collection area at the Fair.

If you'd like to help out with the Fair, please contact <u>Jen</u>. Stay tuned for information about changes to the raffle for the event.



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



Nikki Baker Secretary



VOLUNTEER CLICK <u>HERE</u>



FOR THE BOOTS & BLING Bodkin's Girls Spring Formal

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024 6 PM-9 PM

QUESTIONS TO MANDI LUSBY AT MANDILUSBY5GMAIL.COM

TICKET





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 – GRA				AL	
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cover the cost of	Tickets are available for one day admission only					
2024-25 student	between April 1, 2024 and January 1, 2025					
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Contact: Amanda Camhi aecamhi@gmail.com



9th Annual Fun Color Run

It's just about that time again! The kids look forward to this event each year and as always we are working hard to make it memorable!

The Fun Run will be held at Bodkin Elementary during school hours on Friday, April 12 (rain date Friday, April 19.) Complete permission slip <u>here</u>.

To donate to your amazing, talented student (participant), please visit this <u>link</u>.

Every student who raises a minimum of \$75 by March 22 will receive a free t-shirt. In order to receive a shirt, you must submit shirt size by March 22.

We are looking for business sponsors! Sponsorship is easy! Tax deductible donations can be made via cash or check.

If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to <u>Bodkincolorrun@gmail.com</u>.

Bodkin Elementary Color Run

Dear Parents,

Bodkin Elementary School will be holding a fundraising campaign which will culminate with students participating in **Bodkin Elementary Color Run** on **April 12, 2024**. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for an outdoor classroom and improvements to our track. **This is an important fundraiser for our school and we need your help to make this campaign a success!**

Your child has been given their own personal fundraising webpage. The address of your child's fundraising webpage can be found on the flyer included in this package. If you aren't sure of the address (URL) of your child's personal fundraising webpage, go to the website <u>https://myfunrun.com/bodkin</u>, click on donate, then enter your child's first name (or participant number).

To raise money, share your child's personal fundraising webpage address with family and friends around the world by email, Facebook, Twitter, or any other method you prefer. You can also share your child's webpage easily by clicking on one of the "Share" icons at the top right of your child's personal fundraising webpage.

People with whom to share your child's personal fundraising page:

- · Family members · Educators
- · Friends · Neighbors
- · Colleagues · Etc...

Please help and encourage your child to surpass his/her goal of \$75. If they raise \$75, they will earn a free t-shirt!

Many of you can help your children reach their goal with just a few emails. Don't forget to sponsor your child yourself now, as that will start them o to reaching their goal!

The school, teachers, and parent volunteers are all working hard to make this campaign a success and improve our school. Please take just a few minutes to do your part by encouraging and facilitating your child's fundraising efforts.

The fun run promotes a healthy message and teaches our children the importance of health, fitness and giving.



The Fun Run Committee

Visit us Online <u>myfunrun.com/bodkin</u> | <u>Bodkincolorrun@gmail.com</u>

Bodkin Elementary School



8320 Ventnor Road Lake Shore, MD 21122 (410) 437-0464

Dear Friend of Bodkin Elementary,

Our school is holding a Fun Run COLOR RUN on April 12, 2024, to raise money for our outdoor classroom and improvements to our track. We're asking our community and local businesses to get involved and support our school.

This year, approximately 500 students will be running in the Fun Color Run to support Bodkin Elementary. The funds raised will help pay for our outdoor classroom and improvements to our outdoor track for our school.

The estimated goal of our fundraiser is \$25,000. To help achieve our goal we are asking for support from local businesses in the form of monetary donations.

In addition to grateful hearts, here is what you can expect with your donation:

- Businesses that donate \$200 will have their logo printed on the back of our Bodkin FUN RUN t- shirt. Our students will wear these shirts during the Fun Run and throughout the year.

- Businesses that donate \$250 will have their logo printed on our t-shirt as well as their logo and a live link to your website on our main Bodkin Fun Run Website. This site received a LOT of traffic last year, and it is an effective way to get your business name seen by many.

We invite you to join us in this wonderful fundraiser by supporting Bodkin Elementary with your donation. In return, we would like to send you two complimentary Fun Run t-shirts as our way of saying "Thank you" for your support.

Please feel free to email me at BodkinColorRun@gmail.com if you have any questions or need more details about the event.

The Fun Run is a wonderful opportunity to bring the community together and to support each other. Thank you for taking the time to consider supporting us and thank you in advance for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Jenn Victor & Lena Kaba Bodkin Elementary PTA – Co-Chair, Fun Run

Commity New & Events

Nearby Library Events

Mountain Road Library

3/4 Graphic Novel Book Club: Dog Man by Dav Pilkey 5:00pm-6:00pm (ages 6-10)

Read the Dog Man book and join us for a discussion, activities, and crafts.

Severna Park Library

3/6 Board Game Night 6:30pm-8:30pm (ages 6-10)

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

3/9 Happy Birthday, Barbie! 12:00pm-4:00pm (ages 6-10)

Bring your favorite Barbie and join us as we celebrate Barbie's Birthday with fun, crafts, and top it off with the Barbie Movie! (PG-13 - 1h 54m) Birthday activities: 12-1:30pm Movie starts at 1:30pm

Mountain Road Library

3/9 Paint Like...Helen Frankenthaler 2:00pm-4:00pm (ages 6-10)

Learn about the artist Helen Frankenthaler and create art in her style. Supplies are limited. <u>Registration</u> required. Kids in grades K-5 only.

Severna Park Library

3/13 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 3/14 Pi Day 5:00pm-6:00pm (all ages)

Discover and celebrate a special number called Pi with some fun activities.

Severna Park Library

3/16 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.

Mountain Road Library 3/28 Stem Open Play 3:00pm-4:00pm (ages 6+)

Join us for an afternoon of STEM fun! Get curious and explore a variety of hands-on STEM activities at the library.



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 🍕

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







Your Opinion Matters: Please Take 5 Minutes!

• Return your completed survey by May 24, 2024.

• Complete one survey for each child receiving services.

• Use the enclosed postagepaid envelope or go online to www.mdparentsurvey.com.



February 2024

*Vea el reverso para la versión en español.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Enclosed please find the *Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey*. Educators across the State recognize that creating opportunities for parent involvement and engagement has a direct impact on achieving better outcomes for students. Specifically, your feedback may help your child's school understand how its teachers and staff may better support your family.

We are reaching out to all Maryland parents and guardians who have children receiving special education and related services (speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, etc.) in preschool during the 2022-2023 school year.*

You can make a difference in how services are provided. In fact, in 2010 survey responses led to the creation of a comprehensive and coordinated system of services for children from birth to Kindergarten. In 2015, a preschool component was added to the Individualized Education Program (IP) to assist you in sharing critical information about your child, such as where does your child spend time and what are your child's strengths and needs.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Kenneth Hudock, MSDE, **410-767-7770**, **Kenneth.Hudock@maryland.gov**. If you would like another copy of the survey, please contact Ms. Joyce Shelton at **1-800-287 1581**. If more than one child in your family is receiving special education/related services during this school year, please complete one survey for *each* child.

Thank you in advance for sharing your experiences and ideas in the comment section of the survey. All comments will be read by the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Early Intervention and Special Education Services staff and shared with local school systems to highlight strengths and identify possible areas of need. Together, we can continue to improve special education programs for children throughout Maryland.

Sincerely,

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Antoine L. Hickman, Ed.D. Assistant State Superintendent Division of Early Intervention/Special Education Services

*Please disregard this letter if your child is not currently receiving special education services or is enrolled in Kindergarten or above.