

Dear Bodkin Families,

It is October already; I cannot believe it! Our students have transitioned well to the start of the school year. We are so proud of them and are sure you are as well. Routines and relationships have been a strong focus as we started school, and students are working hard, and are engaged in learning. We are starting to see volunteers in our building, and it is so wonderful to see. If you want to volunteer, please be sure to reach out to your child's classroom teacher and join our PTA! We will put you right to work!

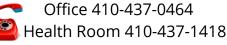
Look at all the upcoming October events we have planned! Be sure to add these to your calendar. Our calendar has a few changes as we celebrate Unity Day and have two 2-hour early dismissals for the end of marking period. We will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week October 23 through October 27 with students learning how to "Say no to drugs!" October begins our "Harvest for the Hungry" Food Drive. We will be celebrating a spirit week with a combined fooddrive challenge. Thanks for your generosity — together, we make a great team! Costume parade is scheduled for 8:30 am on October 31, 2023! We welcome guests around the bus loop and track. We are hoping for good weather because if it rains we will parading inside, and guests will not be able to attend due to space limitations. Mrs. Wenzel and I are so very lucky to work with so many students, staff, and families who are all here to support students in their educational journey!

November 1st is a teacher professional development day, meaning school is closed to students. Our students rarely get a day off after Halloween. Take some time to look at the October calendar; we hope to see you at some of the events! Be sure to save the date for our Cluster Trunk or Treat! This family event will bring many smiles! Tell your child thank you for a great start.

Mrs. Bonnie Myers, Principal

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NEXT MONTH 11/1-Schools Closed & 2nd marking period begins 11/2-Grade 3 walking field trip to CHS 11/14-PTA meeting 11/17-Picture Retakes 11/13-11/17-American **Education Week** 11/20-11/24-Schools closed for Thanksgiving **Office Hours**



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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER 10/17, 10/30, 10/31 Two Hour Early Dismissal

11/1 Schools Closed

- Morning arrival is 7:40-8:00 am
- Instruction begins promptly at 8:00 am
- Students who arrive after 8:00 am will be marked late

for calendar

• Dismissal begins at 2:25 pm

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Unless children are present for a teacher-supervised activity, students will not be allowed to enter the building before the first bell rings at 7:40am. Do not drop and go prior to 7:40am. In addition, if a student is late to school, a parent or adult must come into the building to sign in the student. Thank you for understanding.

When children return to our building for evening activities with their parents, good school behavior is expected. Parents are requested to supervise their children during these times. No one should be in any classroom without permission and supervision.

HEALTH ROOM NEWS

Please be sure your student has a change of clothing in his/her backpack or locker. Lunch spills, bathroom accidents, etc. can happen to students of all ages and having clothes at school is the most convenient and least disruptive to the school day.

PE NEWS

If your student has been injured and is unable to participate in PE class, please use this <u>link</u> to submit the Physical Activity Assessment Form.



Picture Day is Tuesday Oct. 3

Pre-order on this <u>link</u> School code is bodkin23 If you are paying with cash or check, please send in money envelope on picture day.



Mrs. McQuinn's class earned a camping reward for receiving enough class compliments, so they had some fun in their makeshift tents. They wanted to make s'mores, so they learned about solar ovens and had a sweet treat to enhance their experience!





Grade 2 enjoyed dancing in the hallways to celebrate Fitness Thursday!

Mrs. Jones' 1st grade class enjoyed cup stacking during indoor recess one day.





As part of our kindness initiative, all students designed kindness bookmarks. We will shuffle them up and redistribute during Media so every student receives one! The challenge then will be to find and meet the illustrator, creating new connections and friendships!

To kick off Hispanic Heritage Month, one of our students taught Mrs. Weibe's class about El Salvador. They learned about the culture and geography of El Salvador and even got to play Loteria, a traditional Salvadoran game.





Check out this amazing art display created by Ms. Councill where each student created an individual petal and reflected on the beautiful collective result!



Math MindSet is back for a third year! As you may recall, we improved the old program, Math SuperStars. It had been updated by the Bodkin Math Team to create problems better suited for our students. 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. The program opens a student's mind to challenging math concepts. It's free! The program incentives are paid for by the Bodkin PTA. The worksheets do not affect your child's school grades. It involves only 10 worksheets; 5 worksheets are completed in the fall, and the remaining 5 are completed in the spring. Students have a full week to complete each worksheet. Participation is entirely voluntary. Please do not feel like you have to participate, and you can always join in the fun later! The problems are meant to be challenging, but not overwhelming. Family members are encouraged to participate/help in the solving. We would like this program to be up and running ASAP. Please fill out the Google Form to let us know whether or not you'd like to participate this year <u>https://forms.gle/a22c7UgErRk2CBRz5</u>. Always feel free to contact me if you have any questions at clwieland935@gmail.com.

Week 1-Oct. 6 Week 2-Oct. 13 Week 5-Nov.3 Week 4-Oct.27 October 9-13 during Media Set up an eWallet for your student here. **Evening Session** Weds. Oct. 11 5:00-7:00pm

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Week 3-Oct. 20

If your child sits at the Nut Free table, please remember that no items containing nuts are allowed. This includes Nutella, sunbutter, almond milk, etc. We have various nut allergies at our school. Snacks in the classroom should be nut free as well.

Bodkin Elementary COSTUME PARADE

Wear Your Best Halloween Costume!

TUESDAY OCTOBER 31, 2023

8:30 AM

Please send your child to school in costume along with clothes to change after the parade. Parents are welcome to watch the parade. Students will be marching outside like in years past. No visitors if there is rain.

Dr. Beasley's class has been investigating historical causes and motivations of people who immigrate from a country of origin to the US. As part of a home assignments students investigated their own families and the diverse backgrounds that were part of their heritage. Students then created posters and presented information to their classmates. Click <u>here</u> to see their work.













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EXTREME WEATHER CAR RIDER PROCESS

In the event of extreme weather during car rider dismissal time, the following procedures will be put into place:

•A Connect Ed Phone Call/Email/Text message will be sent to our entire community at all available email addresses and phone numbers notifying you of the implementation of the procedure below.

·Car Riders will be delayed until the last bus dismisses (approx. 2:40pm)

•The car rider line will form at CBMS as usual so that it does not block the buses from accessing the school.

•When the last bus has been loaded, the first car will drive down to Bodkin and enter through the bus loop.

•Students will remain under cover and will be dismissed to their car.

** All parents are encouraged to monitor the weather before school and to be prepared for these changes as car rider dismissal will be significantly delayed in order to keep students and staff safe.

*** This process will be used VERY rarely. For normal weather conditions, the car rider line will remain the same—behind Bodkin at CBMS. Please plan ahead and send your child in with a rain coat/poncho, rain boots and/or an umbrella.

ELECTRONIC NOTES

AACPS has a new and improved option available to families for submitting attendance notes about your student! Electronic notes for excused absences and early dismissal can now be submitted directly to the school through the Parent Portal website or the app. Handwritten notes will still be accepted by the school. Parents do not need to submit notes online and written notes. One or the other is fine. Please submit early dismissal form before early dismissal has occurred. Directions for submitting an electronic attendance note or early dismissal note can be found at www.aacps.org/parentportal. Thank you.

FIFTH GRADERS

The online magnet school application process opens at noon on October 9, 2023 and closes at noon on November 13, 2023. There are in-person and virtual information nights in October. Please visit this link (<u>https://www.aacps.org/magnet</u>) for dates, times, and locations to find out what your Middle School options are.



PROUD MEMBER OF MAGNET SCHOOLS OF AMERICA



Bodkin Spirit Week Oct. 23-27

We are celebrating Red Ribbon Week where we learn about making healthy choices AND we are making a commitment to help others with our FOOD DRIVE.

10/23 Mellow Monday-PJ Day

Wear PJs and make a pledge to "Be Kind to your Mind" and be drug free. Food Drive Challenge: Bring "wake up" foods (i.e. cereal, oatmeal, Pop Tarts, breakfast food).

10/24 Tuesday Mix-it-Up Day

Wear mixed up clothes and sit with someone new at lunch/play with someone new at recess. Food Drive Challenge: Bring in different food items that do not go together (i.e. Jello/beans).

10/25 Think Clean, Wear Green Wednesday

Wear as much green as you can. Food Drive Challenge: Bring in "green" (money) for the food drive (\$1=8 lbs. of food) or bring in a canned good.

10/26 Team up Thursday

Wear a team jersey or Bodkin shirt. Food Drive Challenge: Bring in 2 items that god together (peanut butter & jelly).

10/27 Red Ribbon Week Friday RED OUT

Wear red clothing. Food Drive Challenge: Bring in any red food donation (sauce, juice, beets).

*Donations are NOT required to participate in Spirit Week.



In August, Bodkin Elementary School collected 2,407.0 lbs. of clothing and shoes in our Clothing to Cash bin. That means our school received \$340.70 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 October?

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

1st Place	Bodkin Elementary School	2,407.0 lbs.	\$100 Bonus	Total Check \$340.70
2nd Place	Belvedere Elementary School	2,380.0 lbs.	\$50 Bonus	Total Check \$288.00
3rd Place	Odenton Elementary School	1,963.0 lbs.	\$25 Bonus	Total Check \$221.30







FEDERAL PARENT-PUPIL SURVEY

This year's Federal Parent-Pupil Survey data will be collected online . On September 29, 2023, parents will be informed via Connect-ED message. Information can be found on the AACPS website at <u>https://www.aacps.org/federalsurvey</u>.

EMERGENCY CARDS



Each year, we ask families to update emergency information (phone numbers, email, emergency contacts) through the <u>online portal</u>. Please do this right away if you have not updated for this upcoming year. If you need help with your child's PIN, please call Bodkin (410-437-0464).



FREE & REDUCED LUNCH

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications are available online <u>here</u>. Please pay close attention to the due date for this annual application. If you have any questions, please call the Food & Nutrition Services Office at 410-222-5900 or visit their <u>site</u>.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Bodkin is having a Flower Power bulbs fundraiser to support teacher incentives and celebrations. Please consider purchasing a flower from this <u>link</u>. Flowers can be purchased from anywhere in the US and will be shipped. If you are not interested in, but would like to donate, you can do so <u>here</u>.

If you are interested in planting, you still have until October 15 to place an order for bulbs! Thank you!





Join us at our **Open House!**

Meet our teachers, business partners, and explore some of our post secondary options.



Thursday, October 12 6:30-8:00pm

800 Stevenson Road Severn, MD 21144 (410) 969-3100 catnorth.org

Chesapeake High School Theatre Company invites you to join us for a FEATURING THE CAST AND CREW OF CINDERELLA



12:15-1:15 PM SAT 10/28 & 11/4

* DECORATE YOUR OWN MAGICAL WAND * BACKSTAGE TOUR & PHOTO WITH * BEDAZZLE YOUR OWN CROWN PUMPKIN CARRIAGE

+ LUNCHEON WITH JUICE & DESSERT + PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH CAST & CREW

* MORE CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES * CHOOSE YOUR SEATS FOR THE SHOW

INCLUDES SHOW ADMISSION FOR ONE CHILD & ONE ACCOMPANYING ADULT VISIT CHS-CINDERELLA.CHEDDARUP.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO MAKE YOUR **RESERVATION BY 10/22** • THIS EVENT IS DESIGNED FOR AGES 3 & UP





Early Bird Race Fees Until Oct 9th: Race Fees (per person) After October 9th: Group Rate (Min 4): \$20 per person Group (Min 4): \$25 per person Individual: \$35 Individual: \$40 18 and Under: \$25 18 and Under: \$30

Walker: \$25 Walker: \$30

T-Shirts for registrants! (To guarantee a T-shirt, register by Oct ober 18th, 2023)

line at https://register.chronotrack.com/r/75552 or send form below to SPA



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Nikki Allender Vice President II



Amanda Camhi Treasurer



Nikki Baker Secretary

Next PTA Meeting is Tuesday, October 10 at 6:00pm

@ Bodkin Elementary

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

Here are some exciting things that are happening with the PTA. Make sure to with everything stav up to date happening by joining our Bodkin PTA facebook page and checking our PTA website.

PTA MEMBERSHIPS

Join the PTA! - Please consider joining the PTA. This annual membership gives you exclusives like discounted tickets to the Daddy/Daughter or Mother/Son Events. 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.

STAFF AMAZON WISH LISTS The PTA has helped with gathering an Amazon Wish List for the staff. We have the list and links on our FB page and on our PTA website.

BOO GRAMS

Boo Grams are here!!! We have changed the items we are selling and think it will be a HUGE hit with the kids. There are limited numbers for both so make sure to order soon. All orders will be done through <u>Cheddar Up</u> this year. Flyer is attached for more information. The deadline to order is Oct. 20 and they will be delivered Oct. 27.





SPIRIT WEAR

Let's get excited our 23-24 Spirit Wear shirts are ready for order!!! We have Youth and Adult sizes. The store closes October 6th. Check out the attached flyer and here is the link to order.



CHESAPEAKE TRUNK OR TREAT

Chesapeake Trunk or Treat - School has started and the Chesapeake Cluster is gearing up for Halloween!!! We want everyone to start thinking about being a part of this amazing event! The Chesapeake Cluster Trunk or Treat is looking for Trunks, Sponsors, Vendors, Community Partners, and Food Trucks. Join us on Saturday, October 14th from 3pm - 6pm at the CBMS Parking Lot (4804 Mountain Road, Pasadena, MD 21122).

Trunk Contest - Join in the fun by decorating your trunk and handing out candy. You should plan on providing at least 1,500 pieces of candy. Come ready to compete because we have some amazing prizes! We had some creative ones in the past and are ready to see what will be brought this time around!

1st place - \$400 in prizes

2nd place - \$300 in prizes

3rd place - \$200 in prizes

4th place - \$100 in prizes

Costume Contest - over \$25 in prizes! We will have separate contests for Elementary School age kids, Middle School age kids, and High School age kids. Each age group will have these 4 categories for a chance to win! Best Overall Scariest

Most Creative

Funniest

If you would like to be a part of this amazing event, please use the <u>Cheddar</u> <u>Up Link</u> below to sign up today. Registration closes 10/1/23.

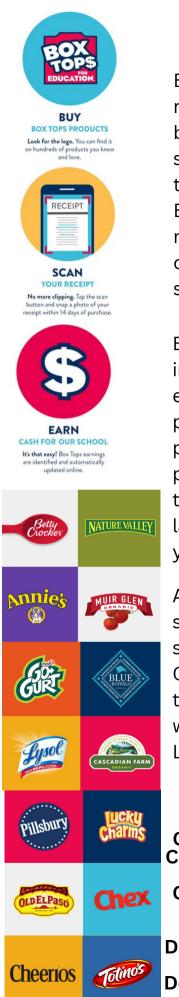
Make sure you stop by one of our tasty food trucks. So far we will have Gigi's Snowbarn, RTA Culinary Services, and Green Valley Marketplace for some tasty treats.

Here is our list of Vendors Gardners Local Honey Twentyfour Boutique Dreamy Designs and Creations Color Street Avon Caity's Pop Creations Burnette&Company Oh Snap! It's Crafts, LLC Inspiring Cakes by Cristy Sewyouwantafriend Community Partners Pasadena Assembly of God The Y in Pasadena

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon with family, friends, and community members. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Follow us on <u>Facebook Chesapeake</u> <u>Cluster Trunk or Treat</u> for up-to-date information.

For questions please email <u>chesapeaketrunkortreat1@gmail.com.</u>



ONGOING WAYS TO HELP

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.

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!

TRASH OR TREASURE

Bodkin is excited to announce that we are once again participating in Rubicon's Trash or Treasure[™] program! Rubicon's mission is to end waste and in 2019 with this goal in mind, they shared their passion for sustainability with the candy wrapper collection program. Did you know that 600 million pounds of candy are purchased for Halloween and the wrappers can NOT be recycled through AA Co curbside recycling. If they don't end up in the landfill, they are often found littering our communities this time of year.

As part of Bodkin's green initiatives, we're encouraging families to save ALL plastic, aluminum and paper candy wrappers to send into school to be placed in the Trash or Treasure[™] box in the lobby. Once full, the PTA will send the box back where it will be processed through a recycling facility that turns the plastic wrappers into pet waste bags and the paper and aluminum will be recycled properly. Let's all do our part to participate. Happy Halloween!

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CALLING ALL
GREEN BULLDOGS

BODKIN FALL OUTDOOR CLEAN UP

Organized by the PTA Environmental Stewardship Committee

WHEN: Thursday, October 19, 5:00-6:00 PM

WHERE: Bodkin Elementary School Grounds

PLEASE BRING: Gloves, tools, yard bags, equipment

WHAT: We will focus on weeding, edging, overgrowth, leaves and branches along the Ventnor Road sidewalk and other gardening and clean-up tasks.



Can't make it? We also accept donations

Thank you for volunteering to help keep Bodkin grounds looking their very best for our families, students, and staff!



CHESAPEAKE CLUSTER TRUNK OR TREAT

PRESENTED BY CHESAPEAKE CLUSTER SCHOOL PTAS



CHESAPEAKE BAY MIDDLE SCHOOL 4804 MOUNTAIN RD.

REGISTRATION

CLOSES 10/1/23

Follow us on Facebook "2023 Chesapeake Chister Trunk or Treat"



BOO-GRAMS SELLING: Sept 22nd - Oct 20th DELIVERED: Oct 27th

\$1.00 SQUISHY GRAM



\$3.00 PEZ GRAM



Family and Friends are invited to purchase Boo Grams! All sales will be through Cheddar Up!

https://boo-grams-2023.cheddarup.com

Community News & Event

Nearby Library Events

Severna Park Library 10/4 Board Game Night 6:30pm-8:30pm (all ages)

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.

10/5 Movies at the Library: Creature From the Black Lagoon 6:30pm-8:30pm (ages 11+)

Severna Park Library welcomes you to a spooktacular screening of Creature From The Black Lagoon (1954). A strange prehistoric beast lurks in the depths of the Amazonian jungle. A group of scientists try to capture the animal and bring it back to civilization for study. One of the quintessential monster movies from Universal Pictures, this film introduced audiences to the Gill-Man who has remained a familiar face in popular culture. Rating: G

10/7 Zombie Dolls 2:00pm-4:00pm (ages 11+)

Create your very own zombie doll for spooky season. Supplies and dolls provided.

10/11 Early Reader Book Club 4:00pm-5:00pm (ages 6-10)

Children in K-2 can practice their reading skills through group reading, activities and games based on popular beginner reader books. Each session will focus on a different theme.

10/16 Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club: Your Grandparents are Werewolves 5:00pm-6:00pm (ages 11+)

Join your fellow adventurers as we read Your Grandparents Are Werewolves from the Choose Your Own Adventure Series and decide together which path our group should take. After, we will do an activity related to the story. Snacks provided!. Registration opens 10/2 and ends 10/16.

10/18 Lego Challenge 4:00pm-4:45pm (ages 6+)

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

10/18 STEM-O-WEEN 6:00pm-7:00pm (ages 6-10)

What have our Mad Alchemists cooked up this time? Only one way to find out! Watch demonstrations of STEM Alchemy that you can do at home. Wear messy clothes or a costume you don't mind getting dirty, and concoct a potion under the watchful eyes of the Mad Alchemists, muahahahal!

10/23 Pajama Family Storytime 6:00pm-6:30pm (ages 0-10)

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



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>.





