

# Building Bridges

Wednesday, April 15, 2015



## What's Happening?

### Thursday 4/16

Jump Rope for Heart  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade to Howard  
County Conservancy

### Friday 4/17

Interact Story Theatre  
Performance  
Yearbook Orders Due

### Week of 4/20

4<sup>th</sup> Grade PARCC Testing

### Tuesday 4/21

Group & Class Picture Day

### Week of 4/27

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade PARCC Testing

### Tuesday 4/28

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to  
Philadelphia

### Wednesday 4/29

Wendell's Fitness Club

### Thursday 4/30

Master Gardeners Visit  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Wendell's Fitness Club

## Jump Rope for Heart!

**Date:** Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> (Rain Date: April 21<sup>st</sup>)

**Location:** BBES Blacktop

**Time:** During your student's Related Arts time

For this event, students will show off their jump rope skills by competing in challenges.



## **Don't Forget to Fill Out the Title 1 Parent Survey!**

As you may know, Bollman Bridge is a school-wide Title I school. Parent involvement is an important aspect of Title I, and part of the Title I program is aimed at increasing parental involvement. We would like to know what you would like to see for parent involvement programs and how we can better serve you! **Please take a few minutes to complete this survey** about our school and your opportunities to be involved in parent activities. This survey will be used to evaluate and improve our Title I program. Your responses will be kept strictly confidential. Please click on the link below to complete the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9M9QQ6H>

## **Reminder from the PE Gymnasium**

Students must wear **SNEAKERS** for safe participation in weekly PE classes. Sneaker laces must also be tied! Boots, sport shoes, sandals, Crocs, and fashion shoes do not provide the proper support and protection for movement in PE. Thank you for your cooperation!

## **Wellness Wisdom**

**Parenting Tip #5:** Providing “rewards” for appropriate types of behavior (e.g., completing chores, homework, doing well at school, being kind to siblings/peers, etc.) can increase the chances that your child will show these behaviors again. It’s important to choose “rewards” your child likes. Be sure to give different types of “rewards,” not just material rewards.

### **Different types of “rewards”:**

- ▶ Gestures: hugs, high fives, smiles, kisses, winks, pat on the back or shoulder
- ▶ Verbal praise:
  - “I like it when you...”
  - “That was terrific the way you...”
  - “You did that all by yourself...way to go!”
  - “I am very proud of you when you...”
  - “What a nice thing to do...”
- ▶ Activity rewards: playing cards/board game/videogames, going to the park, reading a story, baking/cooking, extra TV/computer time, having a playdate, staying up 30 minutes past bedtime, family game/movie night, visit to museum/aquarium/zoo, etc.
- ▶ Material rewards: ice cream/special food, coins, stickers, baseball cards, Dollar Store toys, toy/treasure box stuffed with different inexpensive toys
  - Expensive rewards should be earned for an extended period of appropriate behavior (e.g., a few weeks or a month); more expensive item = more time to earn it!

- Melissa Boling, Senior Counselor for BBES Wellness Center

## #GimmeFive Challenge

First Lady Michelle Obama and the BBES PE teachers are challenging your family to **list 5 things you are doing to eat better, be more active and lead a healthier life.** Complete the green paper found in your child's Wednesday Folder and return the right side to be displayed on a BBES Healthy Community Board at school. More information can be found at [www.letsmove.gov](http://www.letsmove.gov).

## Celebrating BBES Wellness Day Success!

Our Wellness Day was a huge success! Throughout the day, students learned about healthy eating and nutrition, ways to stay active, avoiding bullying, and so much more! Thank you so much to our parent and staff volunteers and our community partners (Whole Foods and the Howard County Police Department) for running the stations. We could not have done it without your help!



## Mark Your Calendar Now for Field Day!

**Date:** Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> (Rain Date: May 21<sup>st</sup>)

**Grades 3,4,5:** 8:45-11:30am      **Grades K,1,2:** 12:15-2:30pm

**Parent Volunteers are needed to run activity stations.** Mark your calendar now, and look for a Field Day volunteer form to come home in your Wednesday Folder soon!

## Artwork on Display Now at Columbia Mall!

The 43rd annual spring student exhibition of artwork is now on display at the Mall in Columbia, featuring pieces of art done by students from Bollman Bridge and other schools in the Howard County Public School System. This exhibit is on display through noon on Thursday 4/16, if you haven't had the chance to check it out yet!

## **Box Tops Grade Contest**

Thank you everyone who has turned in Box Tops for Education so far! You have until **April 30<sup>th</sup>** when this grade-level contest ends, so please continue to send them in!

*Our counts from the first two weeks are:*

Pre-k/RECC: 151

K: 420

1st: 536

2nd: 1273

3rd: 872

4th: 360

5th: 145

no grade: 72

*Grand total so far: 3829*

## **Yearbook Order Deadline Extended!**

Did you forget to order your child's yearbook? Good news—we are able to extend the deadline to **this Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**! We will NOT be ordering any extra yearbooks for purchase at the end of the school year so you **MUST order NOW** if your child wants a yearbook.

**Pre-K through 4th Grade price: \$20.00 per yearbook**

**5th Grade ONLY price: \$16.00 per yearbook**

**5th Grade ONLY Dedication: \$5.00 (250 characters max)**

*Please include your child's name, grade, and homeroom teacher on the order form. **All checks should be made payable to BBES PTA.** Questions regarding yearbook sales should be emailed to [bollmanbridgepta@gmail.com](mailto:bollmanbridgepta@gmail.com). Thank you!*

## **Get Involved with PTA Executive Team for Next School Year!**

Elections for next year's PTA executive team will take place at our next and final PTA meeting on **Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** in the Media Center.

Please email [bollmanbridgepta@gmail.com](mailto:bollmanbridgepta@gmail.com) if you are interested in running for PTA President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, PTACH representative #1, or PTACH representative #2 for next year or with any questions about the offices. Thanks!

## **Fantastic Job, Stringers!**

Congratulations to the 33 students who represented Bollman Bridge at the Howard County Solo Ensemble Festival at Ellicott Mills Middle School last Saturday! These students put their musical talents on display for adjudication and feedback -- lots of hard work!



## Can You Help with Group Picture Day?

Group and class pictures will be taken next **Tuesday 4/21** at Bollman Bridge. The photography studio needs **2 parent volunteers** to help in the morning and 2 volunteers to help in the afternoon to help the process move as quickly as possible. If you can help in the morning or afternoon (or both) next Tuesday 4/21, contact assistant principal Ms. Harmon at [Leslie.Harmon@hcpss.org](mailto:Leslie.Harmon@hcpss.org).

## Way to Go, Battle of the Books Readers!

Congratulations to the 14 Bollman Bridge 5th graders who represented our school so well at last Friday's **Battle of the Books** at Wilde Lake High School. These students have spent the past 5 months studying a set of 16 books and faced a challenging 50-question exam covering the details of those 16 books on Friday night. Congratulations to the **Book Nooks**, which included **Olivia Davis, Haley Goldscher, Kaylee Weigold, and Leann Wong** (coached by Valerie Tyler)! Special congratulations to the **Reading Wizards**, including **Matthew Bevan, Thomas Edwards, Nina Mekonen, Njun Par, and Mason Roberts** (coached by Laura and Bernie Edwards), who earned 3rd place for their team costumes! And accolades to the **Bollman Bridge Book Battalion**, which included **Sarina Condon, Matthew Cooper-Mann, Caleb Haber, Kelly Kujawa, and Eli Van Bommel** (coached by Kate Haber), who faced a grueling head-to-head tie-breaker round to win 2nd place in the overall competition! We hope there will be even more teams of 5th graders to compete next year!



## Star Students for the Week of April 13, 2015

Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
Kai Merriweather	Logan Linzey	Zoey Chatham	Samaya Johnson	Jaylin Putman	Theodis Hill
Salem Lobos-Perry	Nathan Ejenavi	Owen McDonald	Diego Navarro	Allan Lucumi-Osorio	Thomas Edwards
Erica Schmansky	Aviana Cuevas	Edward Lian	Jacob Ferguson	Christopher Wilson	Jai Pridgen-Hill
Jayden Tasker	Jordan Grant	Kennedy Bell	Troy Burcker	Avery Oduro-Dompney	Irina Wiedorfer
Ro Sung	Allie Schairer	Tati Hernandez Villanueva		Jaylah Putman	Kai Conoway
Amirra Washington	Benjamin Stewart	Alex Felix			

## **Children's Discovery Fair on April 18<sup>th</sup>**

The Howard County Early Childhood Advisory Council and the Howard County Library System are sponsoring a **Children's Discovery Fair on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm at the East Columbia Branch Library**. Attached is a flyer about the **Discovery Fair** and a **Parent Activity Calendar** (in English and Spanish). The activities on the calendar and the Discovery Fair are for children ages 3-5.

As your child's very first teacher, you have an enormous impact on his or her development and learning as you prepare your young child for school. You can help them be ready for school. **Attend the Discovery Fair! Do a few of the activities on the calendar with your child!**

## **Schedule Your Well-Child Exam Today!**

Remember to schedule yearly "well-child care" appointments with your child's primary care provider. In addition to the necessary vaccinations and physical exam, **developmental screening** of young children is an important part of their "well-child care" visit. Give your child the best opportunity to come to school with a healthy mind and body. Contact the Bollman Bridge Wellness Center at (301)490-1660 if you need assistance scheduling a well-child exam!

## **Hammond Community Green Festival on April 25<sup>th</sup>**

Join us on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm at Hammond High School (8800 Guilford Road, Columbia) for a community Green Festival! TONS of fun, free activities for kids of ALL ages!

- Live animals at our 11am and 12pm *Scales and Tales* programs!
- Awesome door prizes—aquarium tickets, books, Larriland Farm gift certificates, MORE!
- A performance by our very own Hammond Dramastics team at 10:30am!
- Tons of vendors—build a planter to take home from Home Depot, meet the Chick-Fil-A cow, play a game, meet and learn about bees, and much, much more!
- The first 100 families to arrive can adopt a tree to take home and plant.

Bring your old dried-out markers, your old shoes, and your old plastic bags. All will be collected for recycling. For every pair of shoes and/or every 10 markers you turn in, you will receive an additional door prize entry.

Stay for lunch – Chick-Fil-A sandwiches will be available for purchase from 11am - 1pm.

**Best of all - the event is FREE!** Check out our website for more information at [bit.ly/hahsgreen](http://bit.ly/hahsgreen). We hope to see you there!