

# building bridges

JUNE 4, 2014

BOLLMAN BRIDGE  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL

CELEBRATING  
EDUCATION

CONNECTING  
RESOURCES WITH  
NEEDS

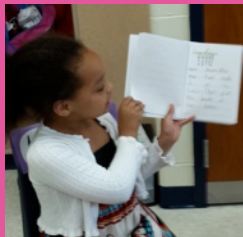
## celebrating education!

Culminations of growth and perseverance are found in every direction you look around our school. It's an impressive time to wander the school. Featured here are a few examples of such proud exhibits.



### SIMULATED CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS- WHAT AN EXPERIENCE!

The entire 5th grade team has immersed themselves in every detail of our constitution and the workings of our government. Their work culminated in Simulated Congressional Hearings on Friday, May 30. The students presented their thinking and defended their opinions to judges from Howard County. The students (and their teachers) exuded confidence and pride throughout the day. Just amazing, 5th grade!



### 1st GRADE AUTHORS' TEA

The 1st grade team wrapped up a unit on non-fiction by presenting their own original works. After reading many pieces by other authors, the 1st graders worked through multiple revisions and wrote their own books! They presented their works to an impressed audience of parents, staff, and peers. You're never too young to be published!



### INTO SPACE WITH FIRST GRADE!

In February, Ms. Torbit's fabulous 1st grade friends had an exciting presentation on hobby rockets by **Taryn Loughery's dad**. Brian Loughery of Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory and two of his colleagues came to the classroom to show off BIG hobby rockets, talk about how the rockets worked, and to ask the class to help them out with an upcoming rocket competition.

The scientists were participating in the AIAA/Young Professional Rocketry Competition, held each year on Wallops Island. Their team would be launching a rocket carrying a payload of an egg. The winning team needed their rocket to return without breaking the egg. Last year their team was not successful. Their egg broke. Hoping for a good luck charm, they asked Ms. Torbit's class to design a logo for their rocket.

Each member of the class drew a logo for the rocket, then voted on the best ones. The winning design was by **Nichole Goodwin**. Nichole's logo was reproduced into a sticker placed on the rocket, and each student received their own sticker. When the time came for the competition, the logo was indeed good luck! **THEY WON!** The egg returned safely, and the scientists returned to show the class pictures and videos of the launch and talked to class about the competition. Congratulations!



<b>school calendar: dates to keep in mind</b>	<b>june</b>	<b>june</b>	<b>june</b>
	<b>4 wednesday</b> band concert 7 pm	<b>12 thursday</b> spring fling at BBES 6-8 pm	<b>18 wednesday</b> media books due 3-hour early dismissal
	<b>7 saturday</b> outdoor classroom build by BBES alum Evan Nuss as his eagle scout project	<b>17 tuesday</b> 5th grade promotion ceremony 9 am	<b>19 thursday</b> 3-hour early dismissal
	<b>9 monday</b> chorus concert 9 am	<b>18 wednesday</b> kindergarten promotion ceremony 9 am	<b>20 friday</b> 3-hour early dismissal last day of school

### END OF YEAR DATES TO REMEMBER

- june 4** Band concert 7 PM
- june 6** 4th grade picnic 12:45 PM
- june 9** Chorus concert 9 AM
- june 10** 2<sup>nd</sup> grade picnic
- june 12** 5<sup>th</sup> grade picnic at Savage Park  
PTA Spring Fling 6 PM
- june 13** 1<sup>st</sup> grade picnic 9-11:30 AM
- june 17** 5<sup>th</sup> grade promotion ceremony 9 AM  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade picnic
- june 18** Kindergarten promotion ceremony 9 AM  
Media books due  
3-hour early dismissal
- june 19** 3-hour early dismissal
- june 20** Last day of school  
3-hour early dismissal



### principals' piece

from Mr. Davis and  
Mrs. Lewandowski

### LOOKING TOWARDS FALL...

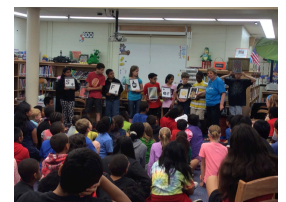
- aug 21** Back-to-School Night for RECC
- aug 22** RECC Open House 11 AM-12 PM  
School-wide Open House 2:30-3:30 PM
- aug 25** First day of school for students
- aug 27** Back-to-School picnic
- sept 2** Back-to-School Night for Kindergarten, 1st grade,  
and 2nd grade
- sept 3** Back-to-School Night for 3rd grade, 4th grade,  
and 5th grade



### let's read!

On May 28<sup>th</sup>, the Howard County Library System introduced the Summer Reading Program to our students! Students enjoyed a sneak peek of the latest books available at the public library and also learned about the benefits of registering for the Summer Reading Program.

Please register your child for the Summer Reading Program; we are aiming for 100% participation! For more information on registration, please visit your local branch or online at: <http://hclibrary.org>.



## how can i help?

**Help Needed from 1st Grade Parents:** Many hands are needed to make the end-of-year pirate picnic on Friday 6/13 a success for 1st grade! Volunteers are needed any time between 8:30am - 12noon to set up, clean up, and run games and stations throughout the morning on the field. If you are available to help, please sign up online at <http://vols.pt/jryHNJ> or contact **Merritt Pimental** at [uldance1@verizon.net](mailto:uldance1@verizon.net). Thank you!

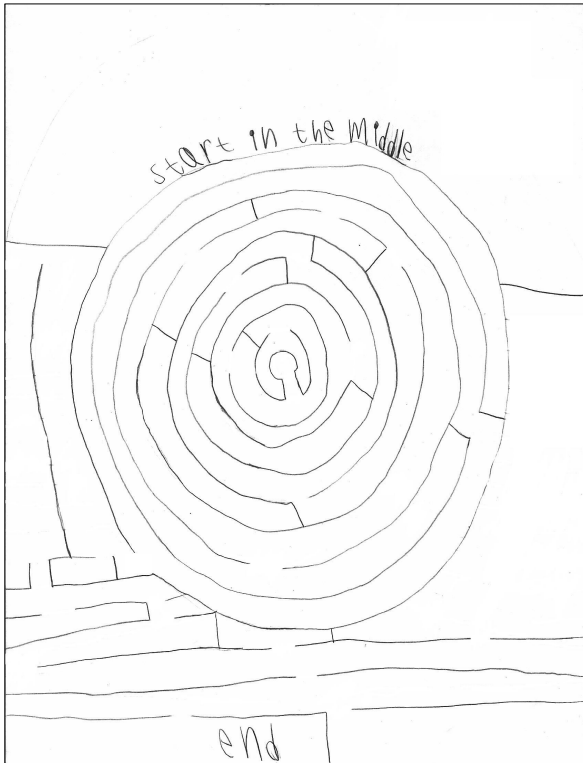
## 1st annual bollman bridge book drive

Hello families! Help us build a new tradition in our community! Please donate gently used children's books to the school. We'll turn around and give the books out to other students. Our goal is to send every student home with a new (used) book to read over the summer. Everybody wins! Send in books to your child's teacher, or drop them off in boxes in the lobby. Please see the attached flyer for details.



James Frost (5<sup>th</sup> grade) created this maze for your entertainment:

a little mind-bending entertainment for june from one of our fifth graders, James Frost. THANK YOU, JAMES!



## hcps conversation with parents

The Howard County Education Association is opening a conversation and collaboration with you: the families of HCPSS students. An organized coalition of educators and families can make a huge difference in how well schools serve students and the entire community. We believe in the power of people to change their society for the better.

To receive periodic e-mail information about the activities of the Association, and/or participate in a deeper discussion via focus or advisory groups, please visit [www.tinyurl.com/HCPSSparents](http://www.tinyurl.com/HCPSSparents).

## community event savage fest

The Savage Community Association will be hosting their 27th annual **Savage Fest** on **Saturday, June 7th from 10 AM-6:30 PM**. Some activities will include pony rides, moon bounce, petting zoo, and magic shows. Join the fun!

## school supply kits for 2014-2015

Do you want to simplify your school supply shopping for next school year? Order a SchoolKidz supply kit, and your child's supplies will be delivered to BBES the week before school starts. You can pick them up at the Open House on August 22, or it will be waiting on your child's desk on the first day of school.

**You can order online at**

**[www.shoptkits.com](http://www.shoptkits.com). The school's account number is 8855, or you can either fill out the form that was sent home and send a check made out to Bollman Bridge PTA.**

***Please make sure you order a kit for the grade your child will be in next school year!***

Questions? Email [bollmanbridgepta@gmail.com](mailto:bollmanbridgepta@gmail.com).

mark your calendars!  
PTA spring fling  
thursday, june 12  
6-8 pm

PTA will be hosting a **Spring Fling**. This is a **FREE event for the entire family!**

Bring a picnic dinner, and join us for activities such as face-painting, balloon animals, photo booth, field games, sno-cones, and more! Hope to see you there! (Flier is attached.)

**We need 5-10 volunteers to help us run this event.** If you are available to help, please email [bollmanbridgepta@gmail.com](mailto:bollmanbridgepta@gmail.com).

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