



# Pine Grove Elementary School January Newsletter, 2018

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Wednesday, January 10

PTA Executive Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

### Thursday, January 11

Team BCPS Day—Wear Blue!

### Monday, January 15

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Observed ~ Schools and Offices Closed

### Tuesday, January 16

PGE FIT2Order Family Night

~ 5:30 p.m. Exhibits & BCPS Parent Mobile

~ 6:00 p.m. Walk-in Registration & Session Assignments for Pre-Registered Families; Exhibits Continued

~ 6:25 p.m. Sessions Begin

### Friday, January 19

End of Second Marking Period ~ Schools Close 3 Hours Early ~ PGE Dismisses at 12:45 p.m.

### Wednesday, January 24

Ms. Kenny's Class and Mrs. Fitzgerald's Class Trip to Goucher College ~ 9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.



## PGE FIT2ORDER FAMILY NIGHT



Join us for a free FIT2Order Family Night January 16, 6 – 8 p.m. PGE doors will open early at 5:30 p.m. Take advantage of the early opening by visiting the BCPS Parent Mobile and various wellness vendors and tables. The first 170 children will each receive a free pedometer. We also have 200 Stacey Crowl PGE Green School Club water bottles to hand out, supporting healthy hydration and reduction of waste.

Be sure to grab your athletic wear and tennis shoes because children and adults will be engaged in yoga, boot camp, martial arts, and Zumba.

We may host 100 families! Please register online by visiting: <https://tinyurl.com/PGEFit2Order> (if following the link doesn't work, type the web address in your browser). If you prefer a paper registration or have any questions, please contact Mrs. Spencer at [aspencer2@bcps.org](mailto:aspencer2@bcps.org).

## TEAM BCPS DAY

### Wear Blue Thursday!



On Thursday, January 11, 2018, all members of Team BCPS – current, former, and future students, families, staff, volunteers, partners, and supporters of the school system – are encouraged to wear blue. Photos, videos, and messages featuring blue pride can be shared with BCPS via social media using hashtag #BCPSblue or via e-mail to the [Office of Communications](#). Go Blue!



## NURSE'S NEWS

Happy New Year!! The New Year brings a time to reflect and to make resolutions to improve our health. The following are 10 healthy New Year's Resolutions for Kids from the American Academy of Pediatrics:

I will clean up my toys, and keep my room in good order – can also apply to desk and locker.

I will brush my teeth twice a day, wash my hands before eating and after bathroom use.

I won't tease dogs, even friendly ones – and keep my hands and face away from their mouths.

I will drink more milk and water and limit soda and fruity drinks.

I will apply sunscreen before going outdoors.

I will find a sport or activity that I like, and do it at least three times per week.

I will always wear a helmet when bicycling or boarding.

I will wear my seat belt every time I get in the car.

I will be nice to others and friendly to kids who need friends-like someone new or shy.

I will never give out personal information or pictures of myself to strangers over the internet.

Register today for Pine Grove's FIT2Order Night on January 16. The program will give families an opportunity to be active and learn about nutrition. [Sign up today](#) to start your family on a healthy program this year!

Kelly Franker, R.N.

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Welcome back! This month we will be focusing on developing character traits necessary to be successful students and citizens. Kindergarten and first grade students will be learning about whole body listening skills. Second grade will be practicing personal space skills and how to avoid being a space invader. Third grade students will read a book in order to develop courage to be an inspiration to others. Fourth grade will be talking about how to avoid gossip and rumors. Fifth grade students will be discussing what it takes to build a positive reputation.

Tina Kubala, Counselor

## MOBILE INNOVATION LAB COMING TO PGE



Exciting News! PGE has been selected for a residency with the BCPS Mobile Innovation Lab (MIL), March 6 – 9. The MIL is a converted school bus serving as a makerspace and innovation station. Housed within are tools and materials for students to truly innovate. Every



class will have an opportunity to visit the MIL for a 45 minute lesson. Students will surely enjoy!

## BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY READING BUDDIES PROGRAM

The Parkville-Carney Library seeks junior buddies for its Reading Buddies program, which pairs teen volunteers with kids in grades 1 to 3 who need extra practice to become proficient readers. Reading Buddies will be offered on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and Thursdays 6:00-7:00 p.m. from February 5 to March 29. Junior buddies will meet one hour each week with their volunteer at the Parkville-Carney Branch.

If your child is in grades 1 to 3 and is having trouble reading, please apply to be a Junior Buddy by Wednesday, January 17. [Applications for Junior Buddies](#) are available online and at the Parkville-Carney Branch.

## STACEY CROWL PGE GREEN SCHOOL CLUB



Welcome back to a new year! This is a big year for our Green School Club and initiatives. We'll put in our application to be recognized as a MD Green School this spring.

Our Waste-free Wednesday Lunch was quite a success. We'd like to thank the MD Department of the Environment and volunteers Matt Redmond and Chris Angin for helping us learn what to recycle and what to toss. We made an amazing difference. On Monday, December 18 we had 188.75 lbs. of trash at the end of the lunch periods. On Wednesday, December 20 we had just 15 lbs. of trash! Can you believe we had such a reduction? While we won't be able to save food to compost each day, there are certainly ways we can still reduce the weight, recycling of course and conserving. Take a look below of the food students wanted to throw away...this food was unopened and never eaten! It was sad to see new bags of chips, sandwiches parents so carefully packed, fruit cored and sliced, and full-size drinks tossed. Please make a plan with your child for what she or he should do with unopened, un-eaten food, and even food that can still be eaten later for a snack at home.

