A MESSAGE FROM MRS. DELLONE

As school leaders, teachers, and parents, we approached this year with great excitement and anticipation. All of us could not wait to return to a more "normal" school year. The school year is well underway, and students are involved in clubs, activities, and sports. Our students continue the tradition of high academic achievement, excellence in Athletics, community support, and community pride. They are active members of the school and community. We are so proud of our students for their many accomplishments and active student life.

While these items are positive, exciting and provide opportunities for structured, positive peer-to-peer interaction, they come with additional time commitments, expectations, and stress. It's important that we remember to support our students during this time by helping them with time management, juggling commitments, and maintaining a positive outlook. In this year of transition, providing our students some time without activities is important too. Students need time to disconnect, take a walk, spend time with family, read a book, or sit quietly.

I want to acknowledge that our students are so excited to see one another but need our assistance maneuvering peer-to-peer relationships. They do not need us to do it for them. They need us to coach them through it.

Students have expressed some of the following: How do I get a friend's attention? What do I do when I have a conflict with a friend? What if my friend is talking to a different person? Should I be jealous? I want to have lots of friends. How do I make lots of friends? Do people like me? These may be questions your student/s are thinking internally but are too embarrassed to talk about them with adults. Our middle school students are children and need our support and guidance. Our middle school students decide how to handle...
situations based on what they see around them, what is perceived as acceptable by peers? What is valued? How are the adults in my life handling social situations and conflict? What do I see on social media? What did I hear about in the news? Social media group chats are not the most effective nor healthy way for our adolescent children to handle conflict or promote themselves to their peers. These platforms were not designed for adolescent children. The use of social media leaves students disconnected from how their words and actions impact others, making students more self-conscious and leading to conflict.

We care so deeply for our students and the Hereford Community. What we do now as our students are coming back together is so critically important. We must foster a schoolhouse, community, and households that promote acceptance, empathy, respect, and kindness.

Many of us have reflected during the last year and a half about the things that we took for granted before the pandemic, yet we find ourselves back in the same situation of running as fast as we can in the same hamster wheel. Let’s pause, reflect and be thankful that our children are back together and back to a normal school year. We must cultivate together conditions and a community that cares for every member, empowering every member every day.

Sincerely,
Julie A. Dellone
Principal

COMMUNICATION
The main office phone number is 443-809-7902
Guidance office is 443-809-7905
If there is no answer, please leave a message and someone will return your call. You may also e-mail the following people:
dwodarczyk@bcps.org – Debbie Wodarczyk, Administrative Secretary
scook5@bcps.org – Sandy Cook, Front Office Secretary
 tfrancis@bcps.org – Terri Francis, Guidance Secretary

QUESTION OR CONCERN ABOUT MY STUDENT-WHO TO CALL
The school phone number is 443-809-7902. The office staff will direct you to the appropriate staff member to answer your question.

The school counseling office number is 443-809-7905.

Individual teacher email addresses are on our school website under the staff directory.

https://herefordms.bcps.org/
Welcome to Middle School to all of our 6th graders and families! We hope everyone has had a wonderful start to the school year. All of the teachers are looking forward to an exciting year full of new learning as we all adjust to being back in person full time.

Students have already begun their first units of study in classes. In Spanish Students are working on learning how to ask and answer questions to provide biographical information about themselves including age, birthdate, elementary school they attended, their personalities, and their favorite things to do in their free time. They will also be able to identify and describe their family members. In science Ecosystem Interactions is our first unit. We will study ecosystems and organism interactions. Students have selected a native species to study, and they will end the unit by developing an action plan to support that organism. In world History, students are starting by learning about Wants vs. Needs and Early Human Migration. After this, students will begin to learn about Paleolithic Vs Neolithic People and Agricultural the Revolution. In ELA students have begun reading the novel "A Long Walk to Water" or are reading myths from around the world and analyzing theme. In math 6 students have begun Unit 1 learning about Numbers. They will be moving on to Unit 2, Number Operations and after that they will begin Unit 3 Proportionality Ratios and Rates. In GT math 6 students will focus on Reading and Writing Numbers in chapter 1. Chapter 2 focuses on using variables. Chapter 3 focuses on Representing Numbers. In music, performing students are excited to be performing and practicing again in person. Please check with your student for the calendar that includes concert dates! World and American Music Students are refreshing their note reading skills before digging into the grade level curriculum. If you have any questions or concerns as we move through the school year be sure to reach out to your student’s teachers, School Counselor (Ms. Shields vshields@bcps.org) or the grade 6 team leader Ms. Benson (mbenson2@bcps.org)

Welcome back 7th graders! We hop you enjoyed your summer! We are so excited to see you back in person! We can tell our 7th graders are happy to be back in the building.

As a reminder, seventh grade students are separated into two interdisciplinary teams:

**Warriors Team** (team color is red):
- ELA: Ms. Arafat (aarafat@bcps.org)
- Math: Mrs. Pasqual (abuffington@bcps.org)
- Science: Mrs. Fortier (kfortier@bcps.org)
- World History: Ms. Tiburzi (stiburzi2@bcps.org)
- World Language: Mrs. Ruark (vruark@bcps.org)

**Originals Team** (team color is blue):
- ELA: Mrs. Gent (gent@bcps.org)
- Math: Mrs. Amos (kamos@bcps.org)
- Science: Ms. Zanetti (ezanetti@bcps.org)
- World History: Mr. Walsh (ewalsh@bcps.org)
- World Language: Mrs. Comber (kcomber@bcps.org)

All seventh-grade students are support by our wonderful school counselor, Mrs. Richardson (lrichardson2@bcps.org) and the seven-grade team leader, Ms. Tiburzi (stiburzi2@bcps.org)

We are kicking off the school year strong in our content area classes. The seventh-grade teachers are proud of the students’ perseverance, positive attitudes, and spirit so far this school year. Throughout the first quarter your students are learning the following: In ELA 7th graders have been digging into research in preparation for reading their first unit text. Students this unit are focusing on tracing central idea and analyzing the ways that people, events, and ideas interact in informational text. We are excited to explore these texts full of complex relationships, and events of great historical significance. In Science, we will learn about thermal energy and heat transfers to design, build and test our solar cookers. Students will use the Engineering and Design Process as they apply their new learning to their designs. The challenge is to create a device to transfer energy to make a s’more. Students will apply scientific principles to design,
construct, and test a device that maximizes thermal energy transfer. In Pre-Algebra, students will be learning how to apply integer rules to perform operations with rationale numbers. In Algebra students are solving equations and investigating key features of functions. In World History students are currently in the Religious and Trade Empires unit learning about the rise and fall of the Byzantine Empire. Later in the unit students will explore the Islamic Empires, African Kingdoms, and Song Dynasty.

Our special area classes are making noise and getting organized! In Effective Learning Habits, 7th graders have been working on their time management skills as well as effective decision making. Performing students are excited to be performing and practicing again in person. Please check with your student for the calendar that includes concert dates! World and American Music Students are refreshing their note reading skills before digging in to the grade level curriculum.

If you ever have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your student’s teacher(s), Mrs. Richardson, and/or administration. We look forward to watching our seventh-graders continue to thrive this school year!

**8TH GRADE NEWS**

Welcome to the eighth-grade HMS family! There has been a very successful transition back into the building for our eighth-graders. The students seem extremely eager to learn and get back into the “in person” school routine. Our HMS staff will prepare your student for high school, and build upon their life and academic skills in order to become successful citizens.

Here is an introduction to the teams of teachers in Eighth-grade:

**Team Leader:** Mrs. Fieden (dfieden@bcps.org)

**Victors Team (Team Color is Purple):**
- ELA: Mrs. Siegler (tsiegler@bcps.org)
- Science: Mrs. Fieden (dfieden@bcps.org)
- American History: Mr. Endres (wendres@bcps.org)
- Math: Mrs. Stegmayer (kstegmayer@bcps.org)

**Champions Team (Team Color is Blue):**
- ELA: Mrs. Simon (rsimon@bcps.org)
- Science: Mrs. Barboza (kbarboza@bcps.org)
- American History: Mr. Livermore (jlivermore@bcps.org)
- Math: Mrs. Karavis (apaugh@bcps.org)

**Legends Team (Team Color is Red):**
- ELA: Mr. Fitzgerald (mfitzgerald@bcps.org)
- Science and American History: Mrs. Mullinax (amullinax@bcps.org)
- Math: Mrs. Smith (lsmith21@bcps.org)

This is the material your Eighth grade student is currently learning about in their classes. In American History, students are exploring information about the American Revolution. Science classes are continuing the “Climate Detectives” unit. In this unit students have analyzed weather patterns and examined natural hazards. In Math 8 students are focussing on transformations and in Geometry they are continuing with the foundations of geometry. In ELA 8 students are completing a Narrative Unit focusing on character and plot development. Our World Language teachers have begun the year examining personality traits.

We cannot leave out our Special Area teachers. Our Physical Education Department is lead by Mr. Simms. Our Music Department is lead by Mrs. Johnson and our Art Department is lead by Mrs. Kramvi.

Our entire staff is looking forward to working with your student(s) this year! Please always feel free to reach out to any teacher. In our next newsletter we are hoping to share information about upcoming team activities.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION/SST/504**

If you have questions regarding Special Education services, IEP’s or 504’s, please contact:

- IEP Questions- Special Education/IEP Chair, Genese Neal, Email: gneal2@bcps.org
- 504 Questions- 504 Chair/ Assistant Principal, Brenda Thompson, bthompson4@bcps.org
FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE

The school year is off to a fantastic start. The School Counselors visited classrooms to teach lessons to remind students of the role of the School Counselor and to share information about Service Learning, Clubs and more. School Counselors are here to support our students with social, emotional as well as academic concerns. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to us if we can assist your students in any way.

KINDNESS CAMPAIGN

HMS kicked off the year with KINDNESS as the opening BCPS Mind over Matters Campaign. After the stresses of the last 18 months, remembering to be kind to one another is of utmost importance here at Hereford Middle School. Please help us by not only reminding your students to be kind to one another but also by reminding them to be kind to themselves. #kindnessmatters

OCTOBER IS BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

At Hereford Middle we are working together to stop bullying and cyberbullying and put an end to hatred and racism by increasing awareness of the prevalence and impact of all forms of bullying on our students. During the Week of October 18th - Oct 22nd we will be encouraging students and staff to wear a color each day of the week to represent character traits that we would like for all staff and students to demonstrate.

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Magnet Applications

For all parents of 8th graders: The online Magnet Applications are now open for parents to fill out for their 8th grade students who are interested in applying to a magnet program. The last day to apply is November 5th at 1:00p.m. Use this link to take you to the Magnet Program page where you will find a link to the online application along with the magnet brochures and the high school assessment guidelines: Events - Division of Curriculum and Instruction (bcps.org)

Magnet Showcases

Learn more about specific magnet programs by attending the school’s showcase event!
Download Showcase of Events Schedule

Application Deadline: November 5, 2021

Magnet applications for the 2022-2023 school year will be available on the Online Magnet Application Web site beginning at noon on September 14, 2021.
Applications must be submitted online by 1pm on November 5, 2021.
ESOL Family School Liaison Support Staff
*Please contact for questions or support with the Magnet Program Application.
  Shaista Ahmad 443-809-6794  sahmad@bcps.org
  Gevene Harden 443-809-1250  gharden@bcps.org

MY NEIGHBORS FOUNDATION

Covid 19 has had financial implications for many families. If you need financial assistance for school related purchases, you may contact My Neighbors Foundation directly by calling Linda Price at 410-935-3624 or by visiting https://www.myneighborsfoundation.org/

6th Grade - Victoria Shields  vshields@bcps.org
7th Grade - Lilly Richardson lrichardson2@bcps.org
8th Grade - Keleigh Kongkraphun kkongkraphun@bcps.org
School Counseling Secretary - Terri Francis tfrancis@bcps.org
Phone: 443.809.7905
Self-care encourages you to maintain a healthy relationship with yourself so that you can transmit the good feelings to others. You cannot give to others what you don’t have yourself. While some may misconstrue self-care as selfish, it’s far from that. When you pay adequate attention to your well-being, you’re not considering your needs alone. You’re reinvigorating yourself so that you can be the best version of yourself for the people around you. Everyone around you also benefits from the renewed energy and joy you exhibit.

**STUDENT CELLPHONES**

Students are permitted to bring cellphones to school. They are to powered off and stored in the student’s locker.

**AFTER HOUR EMERGENCIES**

If you have an after-hours emergency, please call 911 or one of the resources listed below.

**RESOURCES**

- **Emergency** – 911
- **Maryland Help Line** - 211
- **Baltimore Crisis Response** – 410-433-5175 (24 hours a day 7 days a week)
- **MD Dept of Health Crisis Line** – 1-800-422-0009
- **Suicide Hotline Text** HOME to 741741, for more information, visit www.crisistextline.org
- **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** – 1-800-273-8255
- **My Neighbors Foundation** - 410-374-4657
PTA NEWS:

Catching up with the HMS PTA:

Wondering what the PTA and your direct donation dollars are up to this month? Check out this list of recent and upcoming events!

- ★ Wednesday, October 13th was Custodian Appreciation Day at HMS! Check out our Fb page to see the goodies that the custodial staff received! [https://www.facebook.com/herefordmspta](https://www.facebook.com/herefordmspta). We very much appreciate all that they do to keep our school clean and safe for our students!
- ★ Friday October 29th will be our “Trick or Teach” Halloween-themed Coffee Friday for our teachers. Look for a Sign-up Genius coming to your inboxes soon for donations for this spooktacular treat for our HMS staff!
- ★ In collaboration with the HMS Student Council, we will be having a Spirit Wear design contest! The Student Council will pick the winning design, and you’ll be able to order Bulls gear in time for the Holidays! More information is coming soon!
- ★ The PTA is proud to support our Science Department by funding a presentation for our 7th and 8th grade students. (Still in the works.)

Want to support the PTA so that we can continue to enhance our students’ and teachers’ school experience with great events like those above? Then click this link!!! [https://www.herefordmiddlepta.com/direct-donation](https://www.herefordmiddlepta.com/direct-donation)

Thank you for your continued support!

The HMS PTA

FUNDRAISER

GREAT NEWS – The official deadline for the fundraiser has been extended to Friday, October 22, 2021. Hereford Middle will continue to get a portion of all sales on orders placed until December 3, 2021.

Family, Friends, and Supporters of Hereford Middle School,

We are kicking off our brand-new fundraiser with Charleston Wrap® – and we need YOUR help! To reach our goals and make this fundraiser a success, we need everyone to do their part. Luckily, it’s super easy! Everything can be done online and orders will ship directly to you. Your student received a packet with detailed instructions and a Look Book about how you can register online and support our goals. We have also attached a copy of the flyer in this newsletter. We appreciate all of your support and encourage you to spread the word to your friends & family, near and far! The more people who shop, the more money we can raise for our organization! All funds raised will be used to support the materials and technology at Hereford Middle School. Together, we can ensure our organization reaches its goal – and even surpasses it!

Thank you for your help! - Hereford Middle School
Help Support Hereford Middle School!
September 27 through October 15, 2021

Every purchase makes a difference! Funds are used to enhance the school’s technology and our organization receives profit for every item purchased using our Organization ID. Only with your help can we raise the funds we need!

🛍 Shop online and invite friends, too!
Enlist your friends, family, and relatives from all across the country to help your organization reach its goal. They can shop over 2,500 quality products including UltraHeavy™ gift wrap, wrap accessories, personalizable gifts, exclusive kitchen and home items, tasty gourmet goodies, and much more!

🛍 Registering Online is the first step to help us reach our goal. Simply scan the code to the left or visit registercw.com and fill out the registration form to sign up to become a participant! Orders placed using your Participant Link by October 15, 2021 will be credited to you and viewable in your Participant Dashboard. Your Participant Dashboard will also give you some great tools to spread the word about our sale.

Check Your Progress on your Participant Dashboard and share your unique shopping link via text, email and social media!

Organization ID: 22303

✉️ Use our Sharing Tools to email/text shopping links to friends and family so they can support! Don’t forget to share your unique shopping link via social media, too!

After our fundraiser’s deadline, our organization can still receive credit when you place orders through December 3, 2021.
Each order placed online will ship directly to the purchaser.

* Stock is limited, not all products featured in printed catalogs will be available for online purchase. Online orders are subject to shipping and sales tax. *FREE shipping available, see online for details.

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Our free online parenting education classes help parents gain skills for: communicating clearly and honestly; preventing drug, sex and alcohol problems; dealing with difficult behavior; learning the 7 steps for school success; and creating stronger and engaged family relationships.

All enrolled receive a free Parent Guide. A gift and certificate will be provided upon course completion.

This free program consists of six 2-hour weekly sessions (6:30 to 8:30 p.m.) led by AP Certified Trainer Lisa Campbell.

Registration is required.
Contact Rhondalyn Gross: 410-887-0567 rgross@baltimorecountymd.gov
Fall Grief Workshop for Kids

Saturday, November 6, 2021
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Hereford Volunteer Fire Company
510 Monkton Rd, Monkton, MD 21111

Lunch and a tour of the fire house included!

Registration: By October 29, 2021 visit: gilchristcares.org/grief-counseling
OR contact Christy Broderick at 443.849.8251.

Activities Include:
- Healing from grief through music, art and stories
- Hands on activities
- Opportunity to spend time with other kids who have experienced a loss
- Parent session: “Understanding how to help kids through difficult times”

Clinical Counselors, Child Life Specialists and Music Therapist Interns will engage children in meaningful and fun activities designed to increase understanding of grief and meaning making.

Workshop provided by Gilchrist.
Event sponsored by Evans Funeral Chapel and hosted by Hereford Volunteer Fire Company.
Troubleshooting myBCPS One Parent Accounts

The steps below are intended to provide additional troubleshooting strategies and support for parents attempting to either create or access Schoology through their BCPS One Parent Account. In order to access a child’s information, a parent must first create a myBCPS account, and then add/connect the student to their account before they will be able to access the Parent View in Schoology.

For parents that don’t have a myBCPS account:

- Create a myBCPS account by going to https://bcpsone.bcps.org/ and clicking Log in to BCPS One.
- Instead of logging in, click Create Account.
- Follow the on-screen instructions to create your account. Be sure that the e-mail you use to create your account is the same e-mail address that the school has on record.

For parents that already have a myBCPS account, but do not see the child in Schoology:

- Make sure the e-mail used to create your account is the same e-mail address that the school has on record.
- Connect your students by logging in to BCPS One and selecting the My Profile link at the top.
- The next screen will display a list of any students currently attached to the account.
- To reconnect or add additional students, click the Add Student button and enter the school and student DOB when requested.
- The new students should now display in the list, and the parent will now be able to access the student activity in Schoology using the additional instructions provided on the Learn More About Schoology Page.
For parents that are BCPS Employees, and do not see the child in Schoology:

- Make sure that your BCPS e-mail is the e-mail address that the school has on record.
- When you first log in to BCPS One, click on the drop-down box on the right and switch to Parent.
- Then click on Student Information.
- Click My Profile in the top right. It’s important that you’re in your parent account before you click profile because if not it will kick you to the BCPS Intranet site.
- The next screen will display a list of any students currently attached to the account.
- To reconnect or add additional students, click the Add Student button and enter the school and student DOB when requested.
- The new students should now display in the list, and the parent will now be able to access the student activity in Schoology using the additional instructions provided on the Learn More About Schoology page in the Quick Tips section.

If you have tried all of the troubleshooting tips listed above and you continue to encounter an issue/error:

- Please contact the school to make sure that the e-mail that the school has on file matches the e-mail used to set up your myBCPS Parent Account.
- If you have verified with the school office that the correct e-mail address is on file then contact the In-School Support Specialist for BCPS One and Schoology related issues. In most buildings the In-School Support Specialist is either the STAT Teacher, an administrator, or other office staff.

Additional Schoology Parent Support:

- Additional parent resources, including printable handouts and video tutorials, have been created to support parents with Schoology are located at on the Learn More About Schoology Page in BCPS One.