Two Big Events Coming Up!

**Talent Show - Amy McMahon**

This year's Talent Show will be held on Thursday February 22nd at 6:30. There will be one Dress Rehearsal for all acts at 4:00 on Wednesday, February 21st. A special thanks to all of the talented kiddos who will be performing...we can't wait to see you on the stage!!!!

**Dads & Donuts and Moms & Muffins - Corrine Gutierrez**

We had a great turnout at Moms and Muffins last week. It was nice to see so many familiar faces and meet some of the students and parents who are new to our BAES
That’s the Spirit!

Turn your family’s love for pizza into dollars for the Bon Air Elementary School PTA. Through Papa John’s “Dollars for Dough” program, our school will earn 10% of all online orders using promo code “BAES.” Orders can be placed with any of the Papa John’s Richmond-area locations — delivery or carryout. The “BAES” promo code can even be used with other Papa John’s promotions, so you don’t have to choose between helping our school and getting a good deal. Don’t know what to serve for dinner tonight? How about Papa John’s! Visit papajohns.com and place your order now.

family this school year. Thank you to everyone who donated items to expand our menu, I think the coffee and fruit were big hits! I also want to thank all the volunteers that helped with setup and breakdown.

Coming up on 2/15 and 2/16 is Dads and Donuts. This is usually an even more popular event due to donuts being involved. I will need an accurate headcount so please send your forms back in with the correct date (alphabet grouping based on your last name) circled on the form ASAP. Look for a Dads and Donuts sign up genius soon, so that we can balance out those donuts with some fruit. You know, make it healthy :) Thanks again for all the participation with these events.

Librarian’s Corner - Karen Austin

Get to know your new library aide, Mrs. Gasiorowski! See if you know the answers to these questions.

- How many kids does Mrs. Gasiorowski have? (Two, a 10 year old son named Jack and a 7 year old daughter named Ella.)
- What book is Mrs. Gasiorowski’s favorite? (Wonder)
- Where is Mrs. Gasiorowski’s favorite place to visit? (New York. I love going to plays on Broadway.)
- What is her favorite snow day activity? (Baking. I send the kids to play in the snow and I sit inside for hours baking away. The kids love coming in to fresh baked treats!)
- What did Mrs. Gasiorowski want to be when she grew up? (An Architect. Library Aide???...close enough.)
Our 5th graders have worked hard to become members of the Battle of the Books team. We are proud of our 41 team members this year! We are looking forward to practicing with these students and enjoying our school and county competitions this winter! Our in-school competition is scheduled for March 2nd.

Bon Air began its One School, One Book on February 5th. We are reading Charlotte’s Web. Reading aloud at home is valuable because it better prepares your child to be an effective reader. But it is also a fun, worthwhile family activity. With the One School, One Book program, we aim to build a community of readers at Bon Air. Schedules, audio recordings of each chapter, and more information can be found on the library LibGuides page. http://libguides.ccpsnet.net/baes We will be discussing Charlotte’s Web at PTA’s next Book and Breakfast on March 16th.

We are pleased to have Jeff Beatman visit our Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders on February 2nd to perform pirate stories and songs. Charmaine Crowell-White will visit our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders on March 30th with a Harriet Tubman storytelling presentation.

The Spring Book Fair is planned for April 9-17th. Please look for our sign up genius in March for volunteer positions! Family night will be Tuesday, April 17th.

Book and Breakfast will be part of our One School, One Book Program! We will be reading and talking about Charlotte's Web. Be on the lookout for flyers later this month inviting you to sign up to come and have breakfast before school starts on Friday, March 16 and talk about this great book we're all reading together!

Questions? Contact Joan Nelson - mjnelson1227@comcast.net.
Principal’s Report - Mrs Lowe

2018 is off to a great start! We want to thank everyone for your continued support of our teachers, students, and school. By partnering together, we can help every child reach their fullest learning potential! The third nine weeks has just begun and there are many things you can do at home to help your child have a great second half to the school year! Here are some ideas:

- Check your child’s agenda daily for assignments
- Have a special place to do homework that has all the supplies your child will need
- Encourage reading- try out our One Book One School Challenge and read Charlotte’s Web!
- Communicate regularly with the classroom teacher

We are excited to share that we received a great response to our YMCA after school child care survey. When asked the question, “Would you be interested in enrolling your child?” 61 parents said “yes” which totals 121 students. With the early start time for next year, we are very happy to be able to move forward with a collaborative relationship with the YMCA and be able to offer after school child care at Bon Air Elementary. If you would like more information or have questions please contact Betsy Peters by phone at 474-4336 or by email Petersb@ymcarichmond.org

I am delighted to announce that our school was selected to be the recipient of a breakfast kiosk by the CCPS Food Services Department. What does this mean for your child? Less time waiting in line to get breakfast! Starting sometime in March (exact date to be determined by the CCPS Food Service Team), grades 1 and 3 will use the portable breakfast line (kiosk) to get their breakfast. It will be located in the third grade hallway. Students will enter the building, come to the kiosk location, select their breakfast items, and pay the cashier that will be stationed there. The cashier will bring student cards from the cafeteria and hang them on the walls so students have access to their numbers. The cards will be removed when breakfast is over and brought back up to the cafeteria. There is no change in breakfast procedure for students in kindergarten, second, fourth, or fifth grades. They will continue to buy their breakfast in the cafeteria. The menu choices for both lines will be the same. We are excited to try out this new breakfast procedure sometime in March! Thank you for your support!
I am getting closer to the end of my pregnancy, only 3 weeks left! I am excited to announce that Dr. Holly Richard, retired principal from Bettie Weaver Elementary, will be serving as the interim principal while I am out on maternity leave. She will be at BAES 3 days per week to support Dr. Klyce. During my maternity leave, I will have no access to e-mail. Should you need support or have questions, please contact Dr. Klyce at EunJung_Klyce@ccpsnet.net and/or Dr. Richard at Holly_Richard@ccpsnet.net. Dr. Klyce will communicate with you when my maternity leave has started so that you can reach the appropriate person.

**Dr Klyce - Assistant Principal**

As the Leader in Me Newsletter Representative, I am sharing an article by Dr. John and Jane Covey on goal setting. Thank you for your continued support of Leader in Me and our students at Bon Air!

The Importance of Goals Research has shown that the simple act of writing a goal greatly increases the chances of accomplishing the goal. If the goal is broken down into action steps and the action steps are tracked, goals have an even greater percentage of success. At school, your child may write his or her academic and personal goals in a Leadership Notebook. You will gain a lot of information on how your child is doing if you ask your child to tell you about his or her goals. The goals chosen are meaningful to your child so be sure to practice Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood. The Leadership Notebook idea can also be used in your home. Create goals such as reading together, eating dinner at the table, or doing an activity together. Involve everyone in the family in choosing a meaningful goal and action steps. Post the goal and the action steps in a visible place and be sure to track and celebrate progress!
Reflections is a National PTA sponsored program that all students can enter in the fall. This year’s theme was “Within Reach” and Bon Air had two winners! Ziva Kane in 4th grade entered a dance interpretation video titled “Keep Breathing” and James Lowery in 4th grade entered a drawing titled “Goal of Flight”. They get to go to the Reflections Award Ceremony for Chesterfield County this Saturday to see if they win for the county. Good luck to Ziva and James!

Keep track of PTA activities by visiting www.bonairpta.com and liking us on Facebook. The calendar on the PTA website will be the most up-to-date version of events happening for the PTA. If you have any questions or want to learn more about getting involved in the PTA, send me an email at info@bonairpta.com. Thanks for all you do!
Kids Care Club - Erin Robson & Whitney Holt

At last month's meeting, Kids Care Club assembled toiletry kits for people in need. They were donated to the Sacred Heart Center where they will be available to members of the community. Thank you to everyone who helped by sorting, bagging, and donating items!

We will be talking about a few of the benefits of plants at our next meeting. We are excited to be giving an air-purifying pothos plant to teachers for their classrooms. We'd "LOVE" for you to join us next Wednesday, February 14 at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria.

As a reminder, we are still collecting markers for recycling. There are collection boxes in some classrooms and many more available in the front office. Thanks for your ongoing support of our ColorCycle program!

Erin Robson and Whitney Holt - thewhits07@gmail.com

Yearbook - Shellie Smith

If any parents have photos they would like to submit to the yearbook from activities after winter break we would love to hear from you! Sismith7474@yahoo.com

Village Fair - Sara Berger

The 26th annual Bon Air Village Fair will be held on October 20, 2018! This is our PTA's single largest fundraiser, and a favorite day of the year for many of our kids. The Village Fair Committee needs YOU to consider joining our team! This committee is made up of parents who work full-time, outside the home, as well as those work in-home or part-time, and we have plenty of jobs that can be done fully from home, in the evenings, as well as other jobs that can be done during the day from home or at the school. Joining our committee is also a great way for parents who have ideas about improving the fair to get those ideas put into action. We have a digital "playbook" in a mobile app that tells everyone on our committee what to do and when to prepare for the fair. There really is something for everyone on this committee, and we have some serious fun getting it done! We especially need help on the Silent Auction team, as many helpers will make it an easier work load which can be done slowly, over the months leading up to the fair. In addition, we need a volunteer with spreadsheet skills to help organize this preparation!

If you want to find out more about what this committee does, or just ask how awesome our afterparty was last year when we raised $23,000 for the Bon Air PTA, contact Sara Berger (bodhisara@gmail.com) or Catherine Rafferty (c7rafferty@gmail.com)
**Company Gifts - Jackie Juergens**

Want an easy way to raise money for our PTA? **Do these two things:**

**Kroger Shoppers** - Log into your account profile and select Bon Air Elementary as your Community Rewards election.

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**Amazon Smile Shoppers** - Use [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) as your shopping link and make sure you are shopping for Bon Air Elem PTA to support the school.

**Remember: Family and friends can participate too!**

**Box Tops!**

- Clip and save ALL the Box Tops for Education you can find!
- Put collected Box Tops in a plastic bag or envelope and write your child’s first and last name, teacher and grade on the front. Send in with your child.
- Last year we raised $1,800!!! This year we want to do even more! Turn in as many as you can to raise money for our school!

**Calendar of Events**

**February**
- Tues. 13th PTA Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- Wed. 14th Kids Care Club 6:30-7:30pm
- Thurs 15th Dads & Donuts (last name A-K) 7:45am
- Fri. 16th Dads and Donuts (last name L-Z) 7:45am
- Wed. 21st Dress Rehearsal for Talent Show 4pm
- Thurs. 22nd Talent Show 6:30 pm (snow date Thurs March 1st)
- Mon. 26th Eagle Extras starts – runs through March 22nd

**March**
- Tues. 13th PTA Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- Wed. 14th Running Club starts again 7:40am
- Wed. 14th Kids Care Club 6:30-7:30pm
- Fri. 16th Book & Breakfast 7:40 am

**April**
- Tues. 10th PTA Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- Wed. 11th Kids Care Club 6:30-7:30pm
Tues. 17th General Membership Meeting/Book Fair, Spring Dinner, MIM performance (Book Fair 4/9-4/17)
Sat. 28th 10th Annual Bon Air 5K

May
Tues. 1st 5th Grade Musical 6:15pm
Fri. 4th Kindergarten Musical 8:45am
Tues. 8th PTA Board Meeting 6:30 pm
Wed. 9th Kids Care Club 6:30-7:30pm