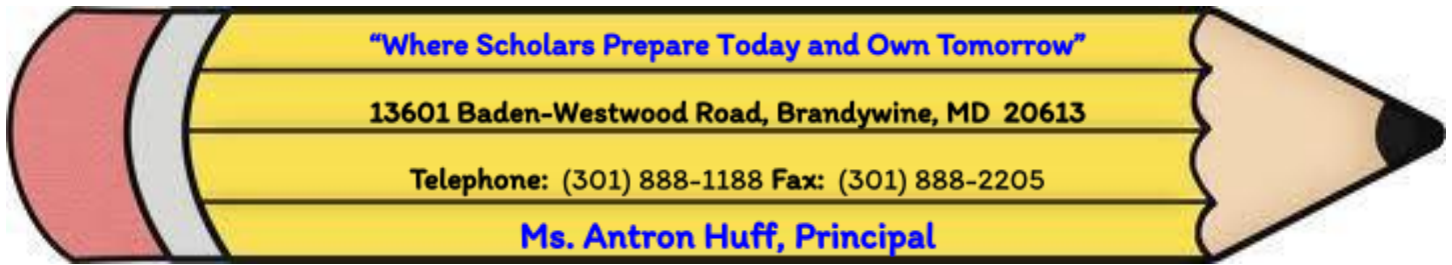


# Baden Bobcats Newsletter

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## OUR VISION

Baden embraces all students recognizing that each child brings with him/her unique talents, strengths, challenges, and needs. Teachers at Baden are highly qualified and motivated to teach free-thinkers to be life-long learners. Baden expects that each child will succeed at rigorous levels, be prepared and accepted to college, and become positive role models in the community.

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is that all students are fully prepared for higher education and the opportunity to embark on college. No exceptions! No excuses! Just results! Baden seeks to provide its students with a rigorous, well-rounded fine arts education coupled with positive development, a solid foundation in character education and advanced technological skills for innovation in today's world. We strive for excellence through data-driven instruction and proven research-based best classroom practices. At Baden, we are a community of accountable stakeholders, learning together.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

We are halfway through the 1st QTR of the school year, and have been busy with instruction and testing that has occurred over the past few weeks.

Students in K-3 will take the Dibels Assessment beginning on Thursday, October 13th - Friday, October 28th. We ask that you please ensure your child is present and on time during this testing window. [Dibels Parent Letter](#)

We want to thank you for your support with the first school-wide fundraiser for SY23. We set a goal to raise \$15,000, and came close to this goal at \$10,875. Whoo Hoo!!! Students prizes will be passed out beginning next week. The ReadAthon officially ends on Friday, October 14.

Here are our top 3 students:

1. Bella- \$1,605
2. Emanuel- \$1,200
3. Olivia- \$825

Here are our top 3 classes:

1. 1st Grade-Wilson - \$2,860
2. 1st Grade-Bond - \$2,215
3. 3rd Grade-Carter - \$1,298

The week of October 24, we will acknowledge Red Ribbon Week as our first spirit week of the year. Please see the flier below under the Counselor's Corner.

## **IMPORTANT** **dates to remember**

- Unity Day (Wear an Orange Shirt for No Bullying):** October 19, 2022
- Professional Development – Schools Closed for Student:** October 21, 2022
- Fall Picture Day:** November 3, 2022
- PBIS Monthly Incentive:** November 4, 2022
- End of 1st QTR:** November 4, 2022
- 3-Hr. Early Dismissal for Students:** November 7, 2022
- Election Day – Schools and Offices Closed:** November 8, 2022
- PBIS Quarterly Incentive:** November 11, 2022
- 1st QTR Awards Ceremony:** November 21, 2022

**NURSE'S CORNER**

Cold and allergy season is here! Does your child know how to blow their nose? As your school nurse, I can tell you many Pre-K and Kindergarten students are still unable to blow their own nose. This is an important life skill for your child to learn. Especially if your child has frequent colds or allergies.

Learning to blow their nose will result in fewer days of missed school and/or phone calls to pick your child up from school because they are unable to manage their own secretions. In addition, they will be more comfortable and a lot less cranky when they are congested, if they're able to get all that the mucous out!

Attached is a video describing one way of teaching this skill.  
<https://youtu.be/LW9-R3dfw9E>

**COUNSELOR'S CORNER**



**Calling all superheroes!**  
**RED RIBBON  
WEEK AT BADEN**  
**Spirit Week  
October 24-28, 2022**

**Monday:** Team up against drugs! Wear your favorite jersey (Uniform bottoms required)

**Tuesday:** Sock it to drugs! Wear crazy socks to school (Uniform required)

**Wednesday:** Red Day (Wear as much red as you can to promote being drug free)

**Thursday:** Superhero day! Wear your favorite superhero outfit (No masks)

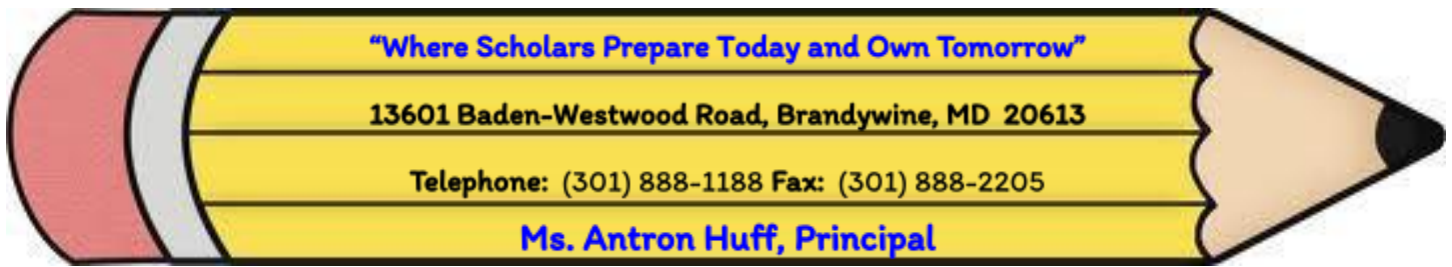
**Friday:** Pajama Day! (Even superheroes need to relax)

**This year's theme:**  
**"Celebrate Life: Live Drug Free"**

Thank you,  
Maggie Horstkamp

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## Important Handbooks

This year's Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook and Code of Conduct for Parents is linked below.

[Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook](#)  
[Parent Code of Conduct](#)

## SchoolMax

Please be sure that you have access to the Family Portal via SchoolMax. If you do not have a login and password, please contact Mrs. Huff or Ms. Woodridge. Use of this portal will keep you up-to-date on your child's attendance and grades.

If you have not logged into the parent portal over 6 months, your account will become disabled. The only thing we can do at the school level is to reset your password to get back in or if your email has changed we can put in your new email address.

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## Student Emergency/Contact Form

Please complete all Google Forms that will be sent home on the first day of school, especially the [Student Information/Emergency Card](#). You will find the Student Information/Emergency Contact Form [here](#). It is extremely important that we have accurate emergency information on file for every child. We are also asking for email addresses as a form of communication with our families. Sending newsletters and other mass correspondence in this manner will save us time and ensure communication more efficiently.


## School Meals Application

The federal waiver that provided free lunch and breakfast for all students during the pandemic has expired. During the 2022-2023 school year, families who do not qualify for free or reduced lunch will pay for meals at school.

SY23 Elementary Meal Prices

 Breakfast: \$1.60/day  
 Lunch: \$2.75/day

We encourage all families to consider applying for free and reduced price meals! Visit <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/PickDistrict> to apply online today!

 How to pay for lunch: MySchoolBucks is an online payment service through which parents can securely pay for meals and monitor student cafeteria purchases. Meal payments can be made online or through the mobile app. <https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/getmain>.

We have a Principal Lunch Account. If your child borrows the funds from the Principal Account. You must pay the account back as soon as possible. If you completed a free and reduced lunch application Food and Nutrition Services will respond to you in reference to your application. Baden Elementary School does not have any information about your application.

### Morning Routine/Drop-offs

If you are dropping off at the main entrance door, **please do not park in or block our bus loop between 8:45am-9:30am.** We need to ensure that our buses can arrive safely and on time each day. ***This means, you must park in the Baden Community Center parking lot for student drop-offs.*** Students will walk down the sidewalk from the parking lot and enter through the main entrance of the school building. **The morning drop-off area will be monitored by staff until 9:30 am. Students who are car riders, arriving after 9:30 am, must be escorted into the building and signed-in by a parent or guardian.** Your cooperation is appreciated!

### School Dismissal Routine

In order to ensure the safety of our students, children who are being picked up for early dismissal must be signed out each day. We check I.D. and match students according to those individuals listed on the emergency card or through a written note only. ***Students will not be permitted to be signed out for early dismissal after 2:45pm.***

### Communicating Changes for How Your Child Goes Home

We will not be able to accept verbal permission or changes in your child's dismissal arrangements over the phone for safety reasons. **You must communicate this in writing via email before 1:30pm to your child's teacher and to the Main Office staff.**

[lisa.huff@pgcps.org](mailto:lisa.huff@pgcps.org)

[toshingw@pgcps.org](mailto:toshingw@pgcps.org)

### School Visits

We are not conducting school tours. The student arrival procedure is a parent/guardian Drop and Go. School classroom visits will begin after October 15th by appointment only. This will allow students an opportunity to get used to their new classroom environment and allow teachers to establish relationships and routines.

Please visit the [VISITOR SCREENING PAGE](#) on the PGCPS website, to begin your visitor approval process.

### Birthday Treats/Celebrations

Parties, lunch celebrations, and treats/goody bags are prohibited this school year.

**You can also find information pertaining to our school:**

School Website: <https://schools.pgcps.org/baden/>

#### **Office Hours:**

Baden's office hours during the school year are from 8:00 am- 4:30pm daily.

Address: 13601 Baden Westwood Rd, Brandywine, MD 20613

Office Number: (301) 888-1188

Registrar/Secretary I: Lisa Huff [lisa.huff@pgcps.org](mailto:lisa.huff@pgcps.org)

Secretary II: Tishana Woodridge [toshingw@pgcps.org](mailto:toshingw@pgcps.org)

Administration: Principal Huff [antron.huff@pgcps.org](mailto:antron.huff@pgcps.org)

School Nurse: Pamela Carter [pamela.galloway@pgcps.org](mailto:pamela.galloway@pgcps.org)

Guidance Counselor: Margaret Horstkamp [margaret.horstkamp@pgcps.org](mailto:margaret.horstkamp@pgcps.org)

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