

# BTMS



## NEWSLETTER

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### 6th Grade News

Ms. Odindo, Ms. Wilson & Ms. Tata

The sixth-grade students engaged in a reading of the suspenseful short story "The Landlady", by Roald Dahl. They focused on the literary elements of foreshadowing, characterization, irony, and theme. The unit's culminating activity was a comparison of the text to the video version over tea and cookies.



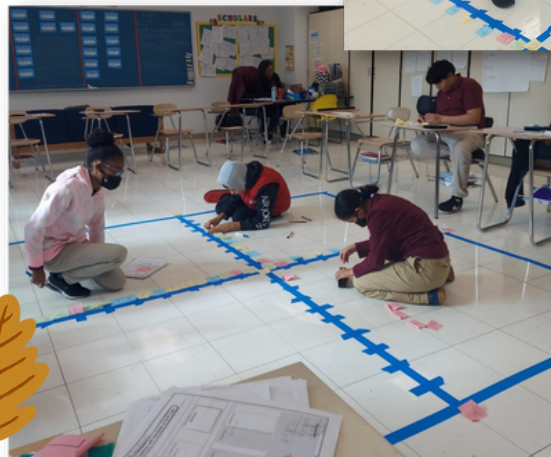
Ms. **Odindo's** class started working on graphs to introduce the next unit! Check out their live coordinate graph!



### 8th Grade News

Ms. Harden-White

Ms. **Harden-White's** class started working on graphs to introduce the lesson on slopes! Check out their live coordinate graph!







## Student Barbers visits BTMS!



Mount Vernon High School barbering students along with their instructor, Mr. Boreland, started their day at BTMS where they were able to cut the hair of 7 students and also one staff member! Mr. Boreland's students were able to show off their barbering skills as well as their professional skills by making sure their young clientele felt comfortable and looked good!



## Middle School Leadership Trip



This month, School Psychologist Bianca Sorrells and School Counselor Donna Sith took 8th & 7th grade students to a Human Rights Institute for Middle School Student Leaders' event at the Congregation Emanu-El, Rye N.Y. The objective of the event was for students to learn how to treat all people with dignity and respect. This breakout session enabled students to learn about microaggressions and how to be upstanders and not bystanders.



## Thanksgiving Feast! November 17, 2022

BTMS hosted a free Thanksgiving Feast for families on Thursday, November 17, 2022. This event was hosted by the PTA and parent liaisons in conjunction with the Benjamin Turner staff. "The whole idea is to have families come in to play, have fun and eat," said Shenneth Jones, PTA president. Check out the photos from the event below:



# Congrats to the 5th Grade Students for having the highest Attendance Rate for the month of October!



5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
90.33%	90.18%	87.02%	87.67%

## MP 1 Honor Roll List!

### Principal's Honor Roll

Anais Davenport	Suerai Salmon
Deonisius Roberts	Jolene A. Peters
Camryn Chisolm	Frank Fabian Colon
Ibrahim Diallo	Ryan Sutton

### High Honor Roll

Lee T Ellis II	Layla Humphrey
London Fennell	Alicea Zelynet
Samir Houston-Harris	Amanda Harris
Jasmine Morales	Jeremy Blanco
Jelani Burgess	Joel Damon
Yan-Lin Woon	Jamoy McNally
Abygail Gutierrez	Savanna Elliot

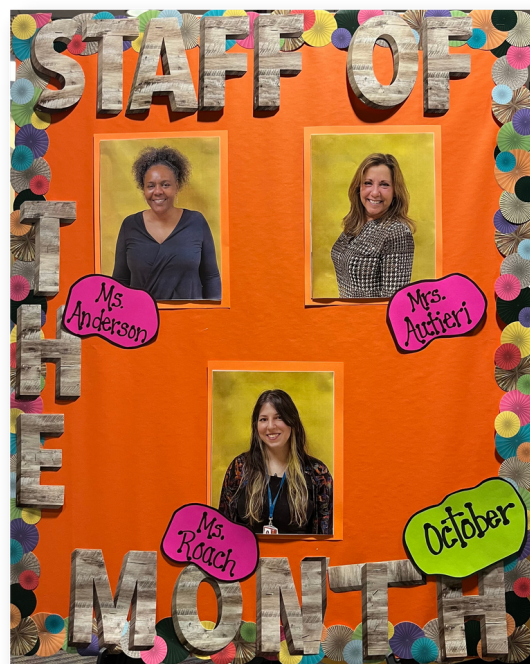
### Honor Roll

Ja'Kya Lewis	Noel Ferrell
Angelina Greenwood	Benjamin Jones
Zaryah Williams	Delija Vega
Sunille Wynter	Ja'mere Brown
Maeghan Henry	Alexander Hernandez
Gabriella Guzman	Nemile Oji
Timari Jenkins	Giovannie Montague
Isabella R. Thomas	Jamir Roselle
Dash Bess	Jeremiah Sanders
Kennedy Pinder	Aniyah McLarty
Gabriel Macaluso	Justin Wilson
Austin Henry	Joehanna Massillon

## Upcoming December Dates

- **1st** | Parent Teacher Conference • 6 – 8 pm
- **14th** | Superintendent's Day – No school for students
- **19th – 23rd** | Holiday Spirit Week
- **22nd** | Holiday Celebration – 9th period
- **23rd** | Early Dismissal & Interim Progress Reports Issued
- **26th – 30th** | Winter Recess – No School

## Staff of the Month: October



Congrats to Ms. Anderson, our Secretary, Ms. Auteri, our Community School Coordinator & Ms. Roach, our Art teacher.



## 95%+ Attendance Party for October!

Students who had 95% or above in attendance for the month of October received an Ice Cream & Cookies party! Students who were here 100% of the time for October received a certificate! We loved seeing the joy on their faces!



## Kindness Tree at BTMS!



Students at BTMS made Kindness leaves where they wrote an act of kindness or kind words of encouragement. This will live in our cafeteria every day for students to always remember to show kindness.

***"A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and roots spring up and make new trees"***

## After School Programs at BTMS

- **Iona University Step: Engineering and Technology Express Program:**
  - December 2022 - June 2023
  - **3:30 pm - 4:15 pm; Tuesdays & Thursdays**
  - This is an online workshop where students will learn what Artificial Intelligence (AI) is and how AI works. Students will build a custom project to train their own AI!
  - Students will be selected based on Math & Science Grades (8th graders)
- **Academic Power Hour:**
  - **Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays; 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm**
  - Students who need extra academic help in their classes can attend Power Hour with our teachers.
- **Girls Inc./G.E.M. Program:**
  - The Girls Inc. Experience empowers girls to succeed. Girls Inc. provides girls with trusting, mentoring relationships, a girls-only environment, and research-based, hands-on programming. G.E.M stands for Girls Embracing Maturity. These 2 programs will merge and will start on November 2nd from **3:15 pm - 5:15 pm every Wednesday and Friday.**