Home & School Association

President:
Carolyn Giordano

What we do:
- Newsletter
- Online Directory
- Staff Appreciation
- Social Events by Grade
- Spirit Wear
- Mini-Grants
- Book Sale
- Coordinate with ISC

The BCMS HSA is a partnership between parents, staff & faculty, and Student Council.

For more information, write hsa.bcms@gmail.com.
Why volunteer?

The HSA is a great way to find out what’s going on directly from our principal, meet other parents and teachers, and be involved from a distance that’s generally acceptable to middle schoolers. All are welcome to attend the monthly meetings.

We Need Volunteers!

- 5th Grade Reps
- Staff Appreciation
- Treasurer
- Fundraising
- Directory
- Newsletter Editors

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Committed to excellence and continuous improvements, the Lower Merion School district strives to ensure that all students achieve their highest level of critical thinking and creativity, that they value themselves and the diversity of others, and that they are knowledgeable, contributing citizens capable of excelling in a rapidly changing world.

This is accomplished by individuals engaging in innovative, active experiences tailored to myriad ways of learning and in partnership with our community.
Welcome to Bala Cynwyd Middle School!

Mr. Jeff Hunter, Principal

Mr. Nick Allen, Assistant Principal

Ms. Eugenia Koo, Assistant Principal
Welcome to Bala Cynwyd Middle School!

School Culture Coordinator
Mrs. Kristen Murphy

Coordinator of Student Interventions
Mrs. Nicole Wake
Welcome to Bala Cynwyd Middle School!

Ms. Stephanie Brett

Mrs. Annie McNally

Mrs. Diana Zeroski

5th Grade Guidance Counselors
Welcome to Bala Cynwyd Middle School!

Mrs. Wilson
Athletics & Activities

Ms. Alesi
Registrations, PowerSchool, IEP Scheduling

Mrs. Mobley
Attendance, Late Arrivals, Early Dismissals
Safe Learning Environments Promote Optimal Learning: School Safety Measures at BCMS

- Security checks upon entering the school: State issued identification card required when picking up students or visiting BCMS
- School Safety Task Force
- Drills: Fire, Lockdown, Emergency Weather (as needed)
- Online form submission for students who are absent, late or being picked up early from school (found under “Quick Links/Attendance Information”)
- Bullying and cyberbullying education
- Magnetic exterior door locks, key card entry
- Security cameras in and around the building
- Cameras on buses
- Campus Aides

Front Security Desk, Mr. Omar Kazzaz
BCMS Campus Aides

Mr. Harry Mobley

Ms. Alicia Mitchell
Key Features of the Student Experience

- **Teaming in Middle School**
  - Teams serve as a “home base” for students
  - Students assigned to homerooms

- **Bell Schedule**

Welcome to the Team!
Key Features of the Student Experience

- **Daily Intervention/Enrichment (I/E) period**
  - Daily for Enrichment or Remediation for academic content areas
  - Social / Emotional Learning lessons in school
  - Team Building

- **Daily World Language**
  - Family choice of French, Latin or Spanish
    - Grades 5 & 6 - 30 Minutes per Day
    - Grades 7 & 8 - 45 Minutes per Day
Middle School World Language Sequence
French, Latin, Spanish for 24-25

4th GRADE Language Choice

5th Grade
Level 1A
5th Grade French/ Spanish/ Latin

6th Grade
Level 1B
6th Grade French/ Spanish/ Latin

7th Grade
Level 2A
7th Grade CONTINUING language

8th Grade
Level 2B
8th Grade CONTINUING language

Level 1A - NEW language

Level 1B - “new” language

★ 30 minute daily instruction in 5th and 6th grades.
★ 45 minute daily instruction in 7th and 8th grades.
# Key Features of the Student Experience

## Specials in Grades 5 & 6

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      • Library  
      • Study Skills  
      • Music: General Music or Chorus or Band* or Orchestra* | • Art  
      • Leadership (Team Dynamics)*  
      • Computer Applications 1  
      • STEM: Family and Consumer Science 1 OR Technology Education 1 |
| 6th   | • Physical Education  
      • Health  
      • Leadership (Foundations of Leadership)*  
      • Music: General Music or Chorus or Band* or Orchestra* | • Art  
      • Presentation  
      • Computer Applications 2  
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Sample 5th Grade Schedules
Gifted services are offered through our Challenge program for identified students who have a GIEP:
ACTIVITIES

- Intramural Sports
- Art Club
- Anime Club
- Chess Club
- Fall Play, BC Applause
- Winter Musical, BC Applause
- Stage Crew
- Fall, Winter, Spring Sports PIAA 7th, 8th Grades
- Music Ensembles: Jazz, Chamber Orchestra, Advanced Choir
- Running Club
- Gaming Club
- Creative Writing Club
- Reading Olympics
- NSBE jr.
- Science Olympiad
- Technology Student Association
- Math Counts
- Student Government
- Bala Cynwyd REACH
- Model UN
- Yearbook
- Newspaper
- AGSA
- BC TV (Morning Announcements)
- Constitution Club
- GLIST
- World Language Club
Ms. Kelly Anne McDermott, Librarian
Mx. Diana Gagliardi, Library Assistant

**Hours and Availability**
Library Information Center: Opens daily With Pass from Teacher

**Students are welcome and encouraged to use the library:**
- Before school with a library pass
- During the day, when brought by a teacher to the library
- During I & E period, by signing up in Edficiency
How do I Find My Late Bus?

- Late Bus schedules are available under “Activities->Late Buses” on the BCMS website, and include all bus stop locations.
Transition Activities
Activities, Events and Important Information:

➢ Daily Announcements (Available on the Website)
➢ Email and Phone Messages
➢ Schoology
➢ Parent Portal (PowerSchool)
➢ The BCMS Student and Family Handbook
➢ HSA Weekly Newsletter, The Knightly News
➢ Monthly Calendar
➢ Parent/Teacher Conferences

➢ HSA Meetings
➢ Computer Handout in-school, September
➢ Principal Newsletter (SMORE)
Welcome to Bala Cynwyd Middle School!

With the guidance of a highly talented and dedicated staff and the structure of a rigorous, multi-disciplinary curriculum, students enjoy an individualized experience that prepares them to advance through their schooling as independent thinkers and compassionate, responsible global citizens.

Learn more!
How to contact a teacher at BCMS:

**About Bala Cynwyd**
- Principal's Welcome
- BCMS Newsroom
- Calendar
- Contact & Staff Directory
- Daily Announcements
- Equity & Anti-Racism
- Facts & Stats
- Highlights & Achievements
- History
- LMSD Reporting Form
- Monthly Calendar (PDF)
- Student and Family Handbook

**Academics**
- Arts
- Athletics

**Activities**
- School Counseling
- Parent Info

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### Contact & Staff Directory

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### Bala Cynwyd Staff Directory

- **Jeffrey Hunter**
  - Titles: Principal
  - Email: [x]

- **Nicholas Allen**
  - Titles: Assistant Principal
  - Email: [x]

- **Eugenia Koo**
  - Titles: Assistant Principal
  - Email: [x]

- **Diana Alesi**
  - Titles: Office Secretary
  - Email: [x]

- **Audrey Amoakohene**
  - Titles: Instructional Aide
  - Email: [x]

- **Lauren Anderson**
  - Titles: Teacher - Mathematics (LTS), Building Substitute
Schoology
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**23-24 Year**

**Entire Year Schedule**
What Comes Next: Course Selection

Student will choose:
Administrative Team will be available in the auditorium and lobby for individual questions.

The Build is open for the next 30 minutes for self guided tours.
We hope to see you all this August for the back to school picnic.

Please do not hesitate to contact us:

BALA CYNWYD MIDDLE SCHOOL
610-645-1480