



Welcome to Bala Cynwyd Middle School



Lower Merion School District Mission Statement:



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.



Home & School Association

President:

Lisa Maslow

What we do:

- Newsletter
- Online Directory
- Staff Appreciation
- Social Events by Grade
- Spirit Wear
- Mini-Grants
- Scholastic Book Sale
- Coordinate with ISC

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

For more information, write
hsa.bcms@gmail.com.



Home & School Association

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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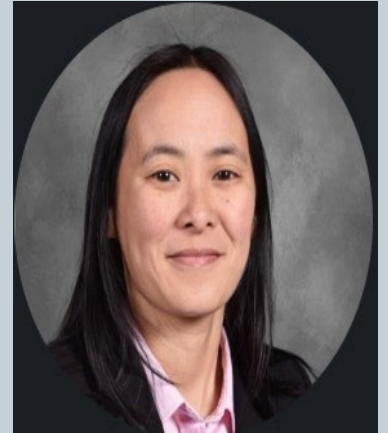
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Mr. Nick Allen, Assistant Principal



Mr. Jeff Hunter, Principal



Ms. Eugenia Koo, Assistant Principal

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**School Culture
Coordinator**



Mrs. Kristen Murphy

**Coordinator of Student
Interventions**



Mrs. Nicole Wake

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Ms. Stephanie Brett



Mrs. Annie McNally



Mrs. Diana Zuroski

5th Grade Guidance Counselors

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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

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**



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

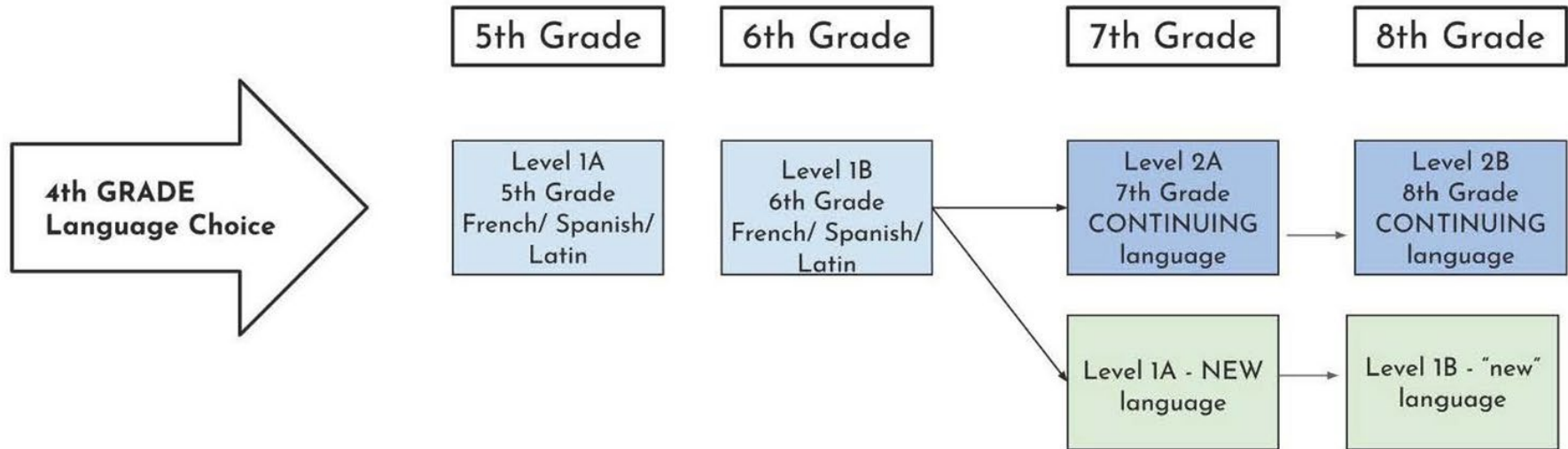


- **Daily World Language**
 - Family choice of French, Latin or Spanish
 - Grades 5 & 6 - 30 Minutes per Day
 - Grades 7 & 8 - 45 Minutes per Day



Middle School World Language Sequence

French, Latin, Spanish for 24-25



- ★ 30 minute daily instruction in 5th and 6th grades.
- ★ 45 minute daily instruction in 7th and 8th grades.

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Specials in Grades 5 & 6

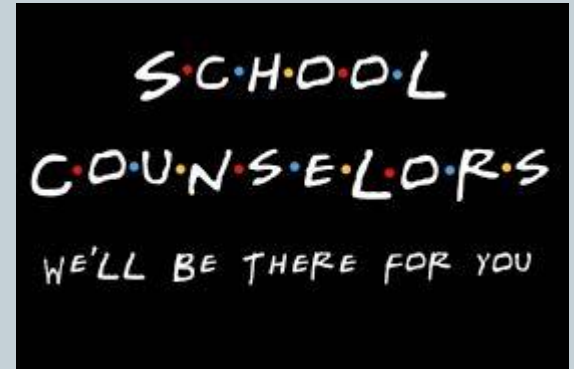
Grade	Year-Long Courses: 1 meeting every 4 days (45 meetings per year)	Rotational Courses: 45 Days Each - consecutively
5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Education • Library • Study Skills • Music: General Music or Chorus or Band* or Orchestra* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art • Leadership (Team Dynamics)* • Computer Applications 1 • STEM: Family and Consumer Science 1 OR Technology Education 1
6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Education • Health • Leadership (Foundations of Leadership)* • Music: General Music or Chorus or Band* or Orchestra* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art • Presentation • Computer Applications 2 • STEM: Family and Consumer Science 1 OR Technology Education 1

Sample 5th Grade Schedule

5th Grade	
7:45-8:10	Period 1 (Arrival & Attendance)
8:14-8:44	Period 2 (WL or Math/ELA)
8:48-9:50	Period 3 (WL or Math/ELA)
9:50-10:10	Period 4 (Recess)
10:10-10:30	Period 5 (Lunch)
10:34-11:36	Period 6 (Math/ELA)
11:40-12:18	Period 7 (Specials)
12:22-1:00	Period 8 (Specials)
1:04-2:05	Period 9 (Sci/SS)
2:05-2:35	Period 10 (I/E)

STRUCTURE: Student Services

- School Counseling Program
- Health Services/Health Office
- School Social Worker
- School Psychologist
- Achievement Team/MTSS Team
- S.T.A.R.T.



Challenge Program



Gifted services are offered through our Challenge program for identified students who have a GIEP:

- Challenge meets once in a four day cycle during special area classes.
- It replaces a one day special area class (example: PE, Health, Study Skills, etc).
- Students and guardians choose which class to remove from their schedule in order to take Challenge. Current case managers will gather this information for scheduling Challenge next year.



ACTIVITIES



- Intramural Sports
- Art 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)
- World Language Club



○ YEAR-ROUND ACTIVITY INFORMATION AND UPDATES CAN BE FOUND ON THE BCMS WEBSITE UNDER “ACTIVITIES”

Bala Cynwyd Library Information Center



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:

- During the day, when brought by a teacher to the library
- During I & E period, by signing up in Ediciency

After School LATE BUS

➤ How do I Find My Late Bus?

- ✦ Late Bus schedules are available under “Activities->Late Buses” on the [BCMS website](#), and include a list of all stops the late bus makes



Transition Activities



- Counselors have visited 4th grade students at Merion and Cynwyd elementary schools
- 4th grade students will visit BC during the regular school day:
 - Merion on May 21
 - Cynwyd on May 22
- Family tours with counselor will be open in August (Dates TBD)
- 5th Grade Orientation (August)
- School Year Kick Off: family picnic in late August
- Self guided tours for students when schedules are released in PowerSchool (one week prior to the start of school)

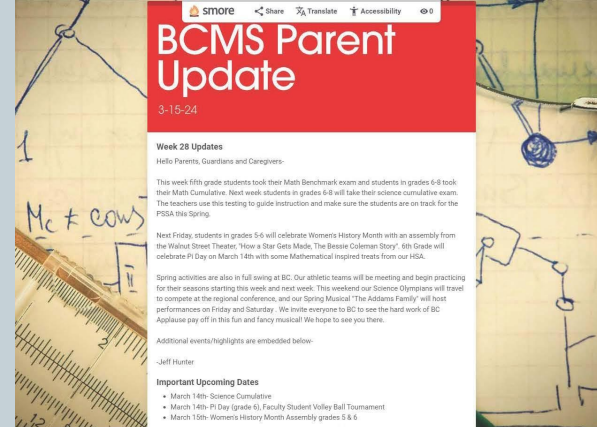


COMMUNICATION/TECHNOLOGY

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 (available on BC website)
- Parent/Teacher Conferences (twice a year)

- HSA Meetings
- Computer Handout in-school, September
- Weekly Principal Newsletter (SMORE)



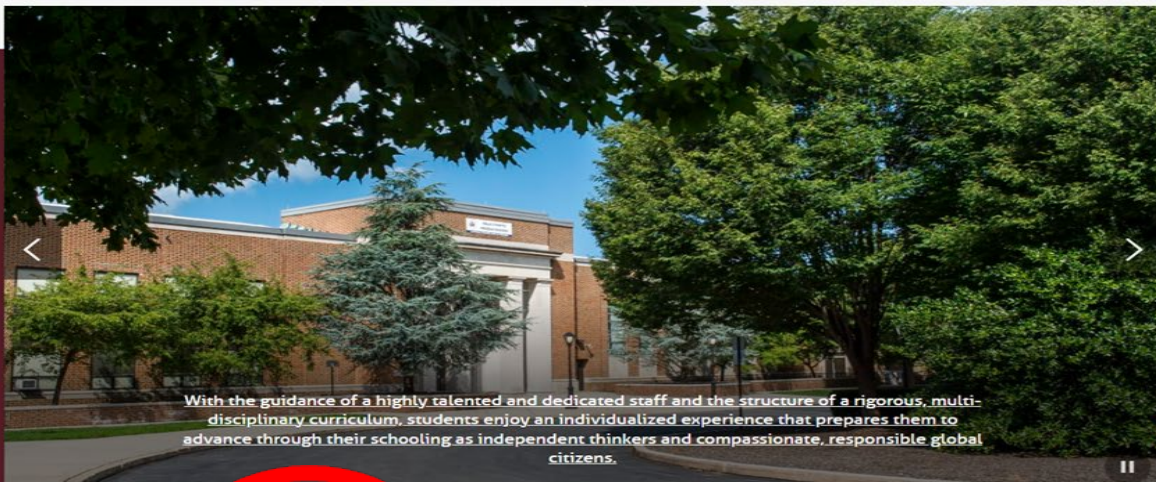


Bala Cynwyd Middle School

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[Learn more!](#)

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COVID-19
RESPONSE



CALENDAR



FAMILY
RESOURCES SITE



GUIDE TO BCMS



LUNCH MENU



STRATEGIC PLAN



Daily Announcements

[Click Here to Access Announcements in Google Drive](#)

Bala Cynwyd Middle School Daily Announcements

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025 - DAY A

Library Pick of the Day: Celebrate Black History Month by reading fiction books @ the BC Library! Today's Top Pick is *The Door of No Return* by author Kwame Alexander. When his brother represents Upper Kwanta in a wrestling contest, resulting in the unthinkable, 11-year-old Kofi finds himself fighting for his life, which sends him on a dangerous journey across land and sea, and away from everything he loves. **Summary compliments of the publisher.*

Art Club: Art club members, art club will be moved from today after school to next Tuesday Afterschool.

Geekery & Gaming will meet in the library afterschool on Monday February 24th. You must have a plan for what you are "geek'ing on to explain to Mx G or Ms Dee, see Mx G in the library if you have any questions.

AGSA: There will be an extended meeting of the All Genders and Sexualities Club on Tuesday, February 25th in room 224. You are welcome to come to one or both of the meeting times, during I/E and afterschool, we will be planning for Women's History Month and the Day of No Silence. See you there!

Have a Great Day!

Quick Links

[Click Here to Access Quick Links in Google Drive](#)

Bala Cynwyd Middle School FAMILY QUICK LINKS

I NEED TO...	USE THIS RESOURCE
Submit absences and early dismissals	Absence Form
Add funds to MySchoolAccount (lunch, extras)	Student Services
Find out what's on the BCMS menu	BCMS Menu
Contact school principal	610-276-1791
View student schedules, grades and attendance	Learn more about PowerSchool Sync
View information about student classes and assignments	Learn more about Schoology
Find out about Laptop Insurance	Laptop Lister
Access to the Parent Portal	School Bank Information

How to contact a teacher at BCMS:

About Bala Cynwyd

Principal's Welcome

BCMS Newsroom

Calendar

Contact & Staff Directory

Daily Announcements

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Highlights & Achievements

History

LMSD Reporting Form

Monthly Calendar (PDF)

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Last Name

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Bala Cynwyd Staff Directory

Jeffrey Hunter

Titles: Principal

Email: ✉

Nicholas Allen

Titles: Assistant Principal

Email: ✉

Eugenia Koo

Titles: Assistant Principal

Email: ✉

Diana Alesi

Titles: Office Secretary

Email: ✉

Audrey Amoakohene

Titles: Instructional Aide

Email: ✉

Lauren Anderson

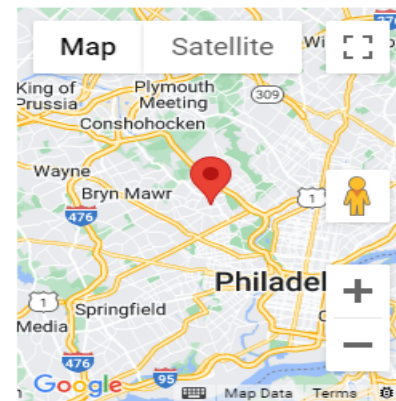
Titles: Teacher -
Mathematics (LTS), Building
Substitutue

Bala Cynwyd Middle School

510 Bryn Mawr Avenue

Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

- **Phone Number:** 610-645-1480
- **Absentee, Lateness & Safe Arrival Hotline:** 610-645-1400
- **Fax Number:** 610-664-2798
- **School Closing Number:** 302



Schoology

(Classes and Assignments)



Lower Merion
School District

COURSES

GROUPS

RESOURCES

TOOLS



Course Options

Materials

Updates

Gradebook

Grade Setup

Attendance

Members

Workload Planning

McGraw Hill K-12 SSO

Nearpod LTI 1.3 by Ne...

Zoom LTI 1.3

Information

Grading periods

Quarter 1: 9/05/23 -

11/12/23, Quarter 2:

11/13/23 - 1/28/24, Quarter

3: 1/29/24 - 4/14/24, Quarter

4: 4/15/24 - 6/30/24

5 Math: 6(A-D), 9(A-D)

Bala Cynwyd Middle School

All Materials

Weekly Planner

2 sections

Welcome

2 sections

Units

2 sections

Virtual Day

Unpublished

Upcoming - 13

No upcoming assignments or events

PowerSchool:

Schedule and Grades



Exp	Trm	Crse-Sec	Course Name	Teacher	Room	Enroll	Leave
1(A-D)	23-24	M000500-3	Arrival & Attendance	Morton, Garret	305	09/05/2023	07/01/2024
2(A-D)	23-24	M050511-5	5 French 1A	McKee, Catherine	224	09/05/2023	07/01/2024
3(A,C)	23-24	M040500-7	5 Science	Morton, Garret	305	09/05/2023	07/01/2024
3(B,D)	23-24	M020500-9	5 Social Studies	Friedlander, Ann C	306	09/05/2023	07/01/2024
4(A-D)	23-24	M140713-7	RECESS	Morton, Garret		09/05/2023	07/01/2024
5(A-D)	23-24	M990500-9	5 Lunch	Hunter, Jeffrey		09/05/2023	07/01/2024
6(A-D)	23-24	M030600-51	6 Math	Morton, Garret	305	09/05/2023	07/01/2024
7(A-B)	23-24	M070502-1	5 Band	Homicz, Albert	127	09/05/2023	07/01/2024
7(C)	23-24	M140580-9	5 Challenge	Cooke, Jessi	209A	09/05/2023	07/01/2024
7(D)	23-24	M140550-11	5th Study Skills	McGinley, Marissa A.	002	09/05/2023	07/01/2024
8(A-D)	Q1	M160500-5	Leadership / Team Dynamics	Miller, Adam	18	09/05/2023	11/13/2023
8(A-D)	Q2	M110600-31	FCS 1	Keeney, Maureen	109	11/13/2023	01/29/2024
8(A-D)	Q3	M060500-7	Art 1	Popiawski, Christina	102	01/29/2024	04/14/2024
8(A-D)	Q4	M100602B-8	Computers 1	McNeill, Lori Ann	203	04/15/2024	07/01/2024
9(A-D)	23-24	M010500-9	5 English	Friedlander, Ann C	306	09/05/2023	07/01/2024
10(A-D)	23-24	M980600-20	Intervention & Enrichment	Morton, Garret	305	09/05/2023	07/01/2024

23-24 Year

Entire Year Schedule

What Comes Next: Course Selection



Student will choose:

- **Language: French, Latin, Spanish**
 - World Language Video Provided on Course Selection Form
 - We will honor as many first choice options as possible
- **Music: Chorus, Band, Orchestra or General Music**
 - Students can take chorus if they are also playing an instrument but it will require dropping another special area class to make room on their schedule

Google Form:

- Was sent on March 3rd to Parent Email Addresses in Powerschool
- Please provide one submission per student
- Forms are due on or before March 28th

Course Selection: Form Preview

Elementary School: *

- Merion Elementary
- Cynwyd Elementary
- Other

Music Choice. Choose 1 or 2. (Example: Band and Chorus). Students who do not * participate in Band, Chorus, or Orchestra must choose General Music.

- Band (Brass/Woodwind/Percussion)
- Chorus
- Orchestra (Strings)(Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass)
- General Music

If you chose Band or Orchestra, what instrument(s) do you presently play.

Your answer _____

If you are joining Band and wish to start a new instrument, please pick from one of the following:

- Clarinet
- Trombone
- French Horn
- Baritone/Tuba

If you chose BAND or ORCHESTRA which personal development class would be your first choice to drop in order to participate in the instrumental program?

- Study Skills
- Library
- Physical Education

World Language (1st choice): *

- French
- Latin
- Spanish

World Language (2nd choice): *

- French
- Latin
- Spanish

A copy of your responses will be emailed to the address you provided.

Submit

[Clear form](#)

Never submit passwords through Google Forms.

QUESTIONS/Self Guided Tour



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