

## Mr. Levine's Message

Greetings Bulldog Families,

Please join me in welcoming **Mrs. Natalie Suarez Martinez** as Baker's new **Assistant Principal**. Ms. Suarez will be the Grade 8 Administrator. Many thanks to **Mrs. Friedman** and **Mrs. Liuzzi** for serving as Acting Assistant Principal during the transition.

Maryland state law requires that all public schools in Maryland survey students about school climate. Baker students will take the **Maryland School Survey** during school hours on **April 24, 2026**. The survey will not ask about a student's personal experiences. It is confidential and school personnel will not have access to the responses of specific students. (*see pages 3-4*)

MCPS provided some useful tips regarding **Preparing for Spring Assessments: What Families Need to Know** in the April 9, 2026, issue of MCPS Things to Know:

**"The final weeks of the school year matter — a lot.**

### Why?

End-of-year assessments, including the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP), measure what students know, understand and can do after a full year of learning. These results help measure student progress, inform instruction and contribute to each school's performance on the Maryland School Report Card.

### How Families Can Help

The most important thing right now is **consistent attendance**. Being in school every day ensures students don't miss critical instruction and feel confident going into assessments.

You can also support your child by:

- Maintaining strong daily routines (stable sleep schedule, healthy nutrition, dedicated homework time).
- Encouraging effort, focus and a positive mindset.
- Limiting distractions, especially during study and rest time.
- Asking your child to explain their thinking and check their work.
- Supporting small, consistent practice rather than last-minute cramming.

We also have these [grade- and subject-specific resources](#) [see below] to help understand what your child is learning and how to support them at home."

Grade	Content	Resources
6	Math	<a href="#">Grade 6 ParentMath MCAP Guide</a>
	ELA	<a href="#">Grade 6 MCAP ELA Study Sheet</a>
7	Math	<a href="#">Parent Grade 7 Math MCAP Guide</a>
	ELA	<a href="#">Grade 7 MCAP ELA Study Sheet</a>
8	Math	<a href="#">Parent Grade 8 Math MCAP Guide</a>
	ELA	<a href="#">Grade 8 MCAP ELA Study Sheet</a>
	Algebra 1	<a href="#">Parent Algebra 1 MCAP Guide</a>
	Geometry	<a href="#">Parent Geometry MCAP Guide</a>
	Algebra 2	<a href="#">Parent Algebra 2 MCAP Guide</a>

See **page 5** for the **Bell Schedule on testing days** and **page 6** for **Writing a "4" MCAP Response**.



## Looking Ahead

**April — Arab American Heritage Month**  
**National Autism Awareness Month**

**Tuesday, April 21 — Activity Buses**  
eSports, Mr. Conner and Mr. McKay,  
Rooms 233 and 234

FCA, Mrs. Paredes, Room 219  
Homework Club, Ms. Sullivan, Room 131  
Kickball, Mr. Ruocco, Blacktop  
Soccer vs. Rocky Hill, Boys Home/Girls Away

**Wednesday, April 22 — Activity Buses**  
Administrative Professionals Day  
Earth Day

Wellness Wednesday  
Concert Chorus Adjudication  
Flag Football, Mr. Cummings, Field  
Homework Club, Ms. Sullivan, Room 131  
Kickball, Mr. Ruocco, Blacktop  
Street Hockey, Mr. Rice, Tennis Courts

**Thursday, April 23 — Activity Buses**  
Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day  
permission slip for excused absence on  
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Bracelet Club, Ms. Walsh, Room 101  
Flag Football, Mr. Cummings, Field  
Homework Club, Ms. Laraia, Room 131  
Jazz Band, Ms. Fell, Room 107  
Kickball, Mr. Ruocco, Blacktop  
NJHS, Mr. Conner, Room 234

**Friday, April 24**  
Report Cards available on ParentVue  
Maryland Survey (*see pages 3-4*)  
Lifetouch Spring Picture Day

**April 27–May 1 — Scholastic Book Fair**  
(*see page 8*)

**Tuesday, April 28 — Activity Buses**  
MCAP ELA (*see pages 5-6*)  
FCA, Mrs. Paredes, Room 219  
Homework Club, Ms. Sullivan, Room 131  
Kickball, Mr. Ruocco, Blacktop  
Soccer vs. Hallie Wells,  
Boys Home/Girls Away

**Wednesday, April 29 — Activity Buses**  
Wellness Wednesday  
Flag Football, Mr. Cummings, Field  
Homework Club, Ms. Sullivan, Room 131  
Kickball, Mr. Ruocco, Blacktop  
Street Hockey, Mr. Rice, Tennis Courts

**Thursday, April 30 — Activity Buses**  
MCAP ELA (*see pages 5-6*)  
Bracelet Club, Ms. Walsh, Room 101  
Flag Football, Mr. Cummings, Field  
Homework Club, Ms. Laraia, Room 131  
Jazz Band, Ms. Fell, Room 107  
Kickball, Mr. Ruocco, Blacktop  
Street Hockey, Mr. Rice, Tennis Courts  
International Night (*see page 9*)

# SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES AT BAKER MS



## WELLNESS GOAL

### TRUSTED ADULT

- Our goal is for every student to have at least one trusted adult at Baker MS.
- Can be any staff member who you feel comfortable accessing for support.

## WELLNESS GOAL

### CONSISTENT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

- We value your attendance and want students in school on time, every day, whenever possible.
- Consistent attendance builds positive habits and sets the stage for learning!

## INSTRUCTIONAL GOAL

### ANSWERING QUESTIONS WITH A CLAIM

- Clearly answer questions with a statement that can be supported by evidence.

## INSTRUCTIONAL GOAL

### CITING EVIDENCE IN YOUR RESPONSES

- To support your claim, use specific evidence from the provided content such as the text, data table, or graph.
- Include more than one piece of evidence when possible.

## INSTRUCTIONAL GOAL

### EXPLAINING YOUR THINKING AND REASONING

- Explain how and why the evidence supports your answer.
- Connect the evidence to content you learned in class or found in the provided content (reading, graph, chart, etc).

**Letter for Parents about the Maryland School Survey**

Dear parent/guardian:

State law requires that all public schools in Maryland survey students about school climate. The purpose of the survey is to gain valuable information about the quality and character of each school's learning environment so that schools can promote a climate that supports student learning.

Students will take the Maryland School Survey during regular school hours on April 24, 2026. The survey will ask students about topics such as student engagement, interactions with adults and with other students in the school, the school environment, bullying, and safety. The survey will not ask about a student's personal experiences, and students will not be asked to provide any information that might violate their privacy.

The survey is confidential and school personnel will not have access to the responses of specific students. The responses your child provides will be combined with the responses from other students in the school, and results will be reported for each school and district.

We are eager to receive this very important information about your student's school and about schools across the state.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact me at 240-207-2440.

Sincerely,



Samuel Levine, Principal  
John T. Baker Middle School

SL:rzl

<b>BAKER MS MARYLAND SURVEY BELL SCHEDULE — APRIL 24, 2026</b>			
<b>Bells</b>	<b>GRADE 6</b>	<b>GRADE 7</b>	<b>GRADE 8</b>
8:15 - 8:45 30 min	<b>Maryland Survey in 1st Period Classes</b>		
8:49 - 9:34 45 mins	P1/Announcements	P1/Announcements	P1/Announcements
9:38 - 10:21 43 mins	P2	P2	P2
10:25 - 11:08 43 mins	P3	P3	P3
	<b>11:12 - 11:56 P4 44 mins</b>	<b>11:12 - 11:56 P4 44 mins</b>	<b>11:12 - 11:22 - Advisory 11:26 - 11:56 Lunch 8</b>
	<b>12:00 - 12:44 P5 44 mins</b>	<b>12:00 - 12:10 Advisory 12:14 - 12:44 Lunch 7</b>	<b>12:00 - 12:44 P5 44 mins</b>
	<b>12:48 - 12:58 Advisory 1:02 - 1:32 Lunch 6</b>	<b>12:48 - 1:32 P6 44 mins</b>	<b>12:48 - 1:32 P6 44 mins</b>
1:36 - 2:16 40 mins	P7	P7	P7
2:20 - 3:00 40 mins	P8	P8	P8

## **CARTA PARA LOS PADRES/MADRES/GUARDIANES SOBRE LA ENCUESTA ESCOLAR DE MARYLAND**

Estimado padre/madre/guardián:

La ley estatal requiere que todas las escuelas públicas de Maryland realicen una encuesta a los estudiantes acerca del clima escolar. El propósito de la encuesta es obtener información valiosa sobre la calidad y el carácter del ambiente de aprendizaje de cada escuela para que puedan promover un clima que apoye el aprendizaje de los estudiantes.

Los estudiantes realizarán la Encuesta Escolar de Maryland durante el horario escolar regular el 24 de abril de 2026. En la encuesta se preguntará a los estudiantes sobre temas como la participación estudiantil, las interacciones con las personas adultas y con otros estudiantes de la escuela, el ambiente en la escuela, el acoso escolar y la seguridad. La encuesta no preguntará sobre las experiencias personales de los estudiantes, y no se les pedirá que proporcionen ninguna información que pueda violar su privacidad.

La encuesta es confidencial y el personal de la escuela no tendrá acceso a las respuestas de estudiantes específicos. Las respuestas que proporcione su hijo/a se combinarán con las respuestas de otros estudiantes de la escuela, y se informará de los resultados de cada escuela y distrito.

Estamos ansiosos por recibir esta información tan importante sobre la escuela de su hijo/a y sobre las escuelas de todo el estado.

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre esta encuesta, por favor contáctame al 240-207-2440.

Atentamente,



Samuel Levine, Director  
John T. Baker Middle School

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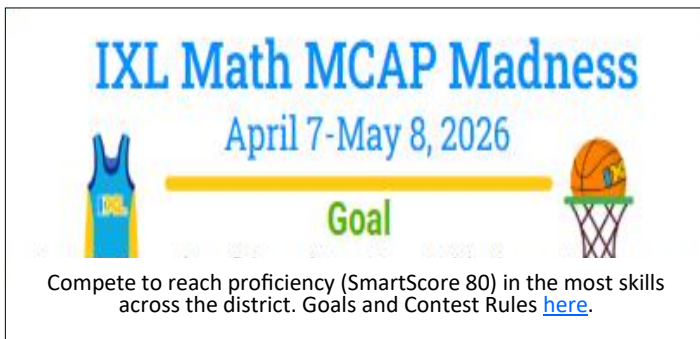
**Por favor, diríjase a la página 2 para ver el horario de timbres de este día.**

## 2026 MCAP ELA Testing Bell Schedule — Tuesday, April 28–Tuesday, May 5

4/28—ELA Part 1    4/30—ELA Part 2    5/4—ELA Part 3    5/5—ELA P

Bells	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
8:15 - 10:11	<b>MCAP ELA TESTING BLOCK</b>		
10:15 - 10:48	Period 1/Announcements	Period 1/Announcements	Period 1/Announcements
10:52 - 11:24	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
11:28 - 12:00	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
12:04-12:36	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4 - LUNCH
12:40-1:12	Period 5	Period 5 - LUNCH	Period 5
1:16-1:48	Period 6 - LUNCH	Period 6	Period 6
1:52 - 2:24	Period 7	Period 7	Period 7
2:28 - 3:00	Period 8	Period 8	Period 8

Students report directly to their Testing Location. Testing time includes material handout, collection, and extended time accommodation



### FY26 Calendar Update

MSDE approved MCPS’s request to waive three days of student attendance. This waiver, combined with an early-release instructional day on April 15, allows MCPS to end the school year earlier than announced while meeting all state-required instructional time expectations.

What This Means For You:

- Monday, June 15 (full day)
  - Tuesday, June 16 (full day)
  - Wednesday, June 17 (full day)
  - Last Day of School – Thursday, June 18 (early release day)
- Friday, June 19 (Juneteenth) remains a systemwide closure for the federal and state holiday (schools and offices are closed).

### Middle School Summer School

Registration for [middle school summer school](#) is open. The IGNITE Middle School Academy will help students feel confident and ready for the next school year in math, English and STEM. Families whose students would benefit most will receive an invitation to register through [ParentVUE](#). The program runs Monday–Thursday from July 7–August 6.

### Damascus High School Preschool Lab Program Now Accepting Applications for 2026–2027

The DHS Preschool Lab Program is enrolling children for the 2026–2027 school year. The program runs from early October through mid-May and follows the MCPS calendar. A morning session is offered Monday–Thursday (and some Fridays) from **7:50–10:50 a.m.**

Children must be **4 years old by September 1, 2026**, toilet trained and have all required health forms submitted. A **\$100 non-refundable deposit** and completed application are required to reserve a spot. Enrollment is first-come, first-served; younger children may be considered if space allows.

To apply, please complete the [Preschool Application & Lab Procedure forms 26-27](#) and submit them to [Kimberly A Krill@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kimberly_A_Krill@mcpsmd.org).

### SGA Seeking Donations

Attention Baker MS community, please help us collect donations for students in foster care by dropping off any of the following items in the Main Office or Media Center **until April 30**:

- Small Duffel Bag or Backpack
- Pajamas, Child Size 10 to Adult 3XL
- Blanket (no larger than 50"x60")
- Adult Toothbrush (1 – 3 pack)
- Toothpaste (travel size)
- Shampoo & Conditioner (travel size)
- Lotion (travel size)
- Soap or Body Wash (travel size)
- Deodorant
- Stuffed Animal (12" or smaller)
- Journal
- Pens & Pencils
- Book

### Traffic Flow Information:

To ensure the safety of all stakeholders and in an effort to increase efficiency of traffic flow during morning and afternoon drop off/pick up times, the Montgomery County Department of Transportation has installed signage requiring right turn only out of the drop off/pick up loop onto Oak Drive (7:45 a.m.–8:30 a.m. and 2:45 p.m.–3:30 p.m.) along with signage prohibiting U-Turns on Oak Drive. The signage is now posted under the stop sign as you exit the loop and on the right side of Oak Drive. We recognize that this traffic flow may be a change in routine and procedure, but we really appreciate the support and understanding as the safety of all stakeholders remains our top priority.

# WRITING A "4" MCAP RESPONSE



## Answer the Question With A Claim:

- Clearly answer the question with a statement that can be supported by evidence.
- "Turn the Question Around" (TTQA)



## Use Evidence from the Provided Content:

- Use specific evidence from the text, data table, graph, or model
- Include more than one piece of evidence when possible



## Explain Your Thinking & Reasoning:

- Explain how and why the evidence supports my answer
- Connect the evidence to content we learned in class or found in the provided content (reading, graph, picture, etc).



## Final Check Before Submitting

- Someone else could understand my thinking
- I explained what happened AND why
- I didn't just list facts — I explained them

# Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day

## Thursday, April 23, 2026

This day allows our students the opportunity to learn about the world of work at their parent's job site and to get exposure to possible careers. If you are planning to have your child participate in this event: 1) complete the form below, 2) have your child get their teachers to initial, and 3) return to Mrs. Ferrante no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2026. **Permission slips will not be accepted after the fact.**

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Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day Permission Slip — turn in no later than 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 22, 2026

My daughter/son \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in the Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day on April 23, 2026 by going to (place of business) \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ who is my daughter's/son's \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that this will be an excused absence, and my child will have to make up any work covered on that day.

Parent name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Period	Teacher's Initials	Period	Teacher's Initials	Period	Teacher's Initials	Period	Teacher's Initials
1	_____	3	_____	5	_____	7	_____
2	_____	4	_____	6	_____	8	_____

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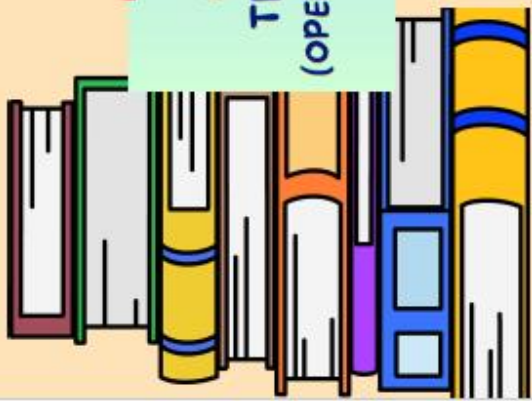
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# BAKER MS SPRING BOOK FAIR



- [CHECK OUT THE BOOKS LINKED HERE](#)
- [SIGN-UP FOR E-WALLET HERE](#)
- [WE NEED ADULT VOLUNTEERS - SIGN-UP HERE](#)



## WEEK OF APRIL 27 - MAY 1

### HOURS:

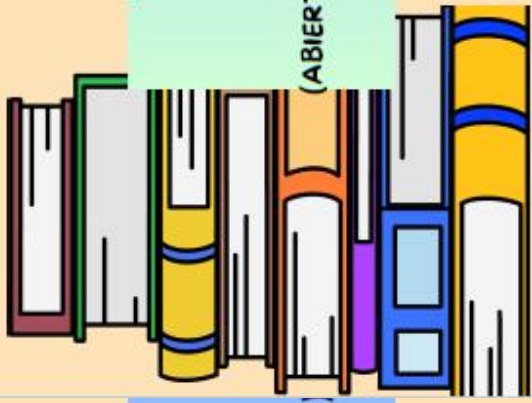
M-W: 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
THURS: 10:15 AM - 8:00 PM  
(OPEN DURING INTERNATIONAL NIGHT)  
FRI: 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM

QUESTIONS?  
REACH OUT MS. FRIEDMAN

# FERIA DEL LIBRO DE PRIMAVERA



- [CONSULTA LOS LIBROS ENLAZADOS AQUÍ.](#)
- [REGÍSTRATE EN LA BILLETERA ELECTRÓNICA AQUÍ.](#)
- [NECESITAMOS VOLUNTARIOS ADULTOS: REGÍSTRATE AQUÍ](#)



## SEMANA DE APRIL 27 - MAY 1

### HORARIO:

L-MI: 7:30 - 15:30  
JU: 10:15 - 20:00  
(ABIERTO DURANTE LA NOCHE INTERNACIONAL)  
VIE: 7:30 - 15:00

¿PREGUNTAS?  
CONTACTE CON LA SRA. FRIEDMAN.

Please join us

BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

## INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Thursday, April 30, 2026

6:00–8:00 p.m. in the Baker Gym

Travel to Different Countries

Hear Different Languages

Watch an International Fashion Show

Have Fun!

Scan the QR Code  
for more information  
and to sign up



Por favor únete a nosotras

ESCUELA SECUNDARIA BAKER

## NOCHE INTERNACIONAL

Jueves, 30 de abril de 2026

18:00–20:00 h en el gimnasio de Baker

Viaja a diferentes países

Escucha diferentes idiomas

Disfruta de un desfile de moda internacional

¡Diviértete!

Escanea el código QR  
para obtener más  
información y registrarte



## PTA Dates & Contacts

### UPCOMING PTA MEETING DATES:

#### Tuesday, May 12

6 pm – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee

comité de octavo grado

7 pm – PTA Meeting

reunión de la PTA

#### Tuesday, June 9

6 pm – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee

comité de octavo grado

7 pm – PTA Meeting

reunión de la PTA

### PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD:

**Amy Bartosch**, President –

[BakerPTA@yahoo.com](mailto:BakerPTA@yahoo.com)

**Shannon West**, Treasurer –

[BakerPTATreasurer@yahoo.com](mailto:BakerPTATreasurer@yahoo.com)

**Stacy Smith**, Secretary –

[BakerPTASecr@yahoo.com](mailto:BakerPTASecr@yahoo.com)

**Jaime Kemp**, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Comm –

[Baker8thGrade@yahoo.com](mailto:Baker8thGrade@yahoo.com)

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Visit our Facebook Page!



# *We need YOU!*

## *Pensando en el futuro...*

**It's time! For the 2026-2027 PTA Board elections!** Our current PTA Board has served for the last two years, so in order to keep the PTA active, we need new volunteers who are willing to step into these roles. Without additional volunteers, the PTA will be forced to close our charter and the school will no longer have a PTA to support our students, staff, & school. Please reach out to [BakerPTA@yahoo.com](mailto:BakerPTA@yahoo.com) if interested or would like to discuss.

**¡Llegó la hora! ¡Elecciones de la Junta de la PTA 2026-2027!** Nuestra Junta de la PTA actual ha estado en funciones durante los últimos dos años, por lo que para mantenerla activa, necesitamos nuevos voluntarios dispuestos a asumir estas funciones. Sin más voluntarios, la PTA se verá obligada a cerrar nuestra escuela autónoma y la escuela ya no contará con una PTA para apoyar a nuestros estudiantes, personal y a la escuela. Si está interesado o desea conversar sobre este tema, comuníquese con [BakerPTA@yahoo.com](mailto:BakerPTA@yahoo.com).



Scan the QR code to link to our online membership form! We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

Escanea el código QR para acceder a nuestro formulario de membresía en línea. ¡Esperamos verte en nuestra próxima reunión!

### Have an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student?

- ◆ Please fill out the attached form – Donations can be made via check (student's name in the memo line) or via PayPal @BakerMSPTA or scan the QR code below.



### ¿Tienes un estudiante de octavo grado?

- ◆ Por favor, rellene el formulario adjunto
- ◆ Las donaciones se pueden hacer mediante cheque (Baker PTA con el nombre del estudiante en la línea de notas) o mediante PayPal @BakerMSPTA o escanee el código QR a continuación.



# John T Baker Middle School PTA 8th Grade Promotion and End of Year Activities

Lets Celebrate our Middle School Graduates!

What does your donation cover?	Your donation covers a <b>DHS Class of 2030 t-shirt</b> for each student, the <b>8<sup>th</sup> grade dance</b> that includes <b>food and drinks</b> , a <b>DJ</b> , and <b>photo booth</b> , as well as decorations for the <b>promotion ceremony</b> .
Contribution	We ask that families contribute \$35 or more for each child – see what it covers above!
Want to do more?	We would love if families consider signing up to help with the various events and activities for our 8 <sup>th</sup> graders. We appreciate both your financial contributions and your time and efforts to help create wonderful memories for our children.
To Do:	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee meetings are from 6 -7 pm before PTA meetings.</b> Please complete the form below and return to Baker’s main office along with your contribution. Checks should be made payable to “BAKER PTA” with a note in the memo AND on the envelope: “8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion.” Return to: Baker Middle School PTA, 25400 Oak Drive, Damascus, MD 20872. You can also use this <a href="#">link</a> to fill out the form online or use the QR code to the right.
<div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	
Digital Payment Options	Digital payments may be made through PayPal using @BakerMSPTA or by scanning the following QR code: <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>

Stay connected so you know what the plan is and to see how you can help. Email questions to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade PTA Committee at [Baker8thGrade@yahoo.com](mailto:Baker8thGrade@yahoo.com) . We greatly appreciate your support!

Your 8<sup>th</sup> Grader’s full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Let us know how you can help! Circle one or more:

Dance/Celebration  
T-Shirt Distribution

Promotion Ceremony  
Fundraising

Class Gift

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Enclose your \$35 check payable to Baker PTA, and mark in the memo “8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion”*

# John T Baker Middle School PTA

## 8th Grade Promotion and End of Year Activities

¡Celebremos a nuestros Graduados de Escuela Intermedia!

¿Qué cubre su donación?	Su donación cubre una camiseta de la Clase DHS de 2030 para cada estudiante, el baile de octavo grado que incluye comida, bebidas, un DJ y una cabina de fotos, así como decoraciones para la ceremonia de promoción.
Contribución	Pedimos que las familias contribuyan con \$35 o más por cada estudiante — ¡vea lo que cubre arriba!
¿Quiere hacer más?	Nos encantaría que las familias consideraran inscribirse para ayudar con los diversos eventos y actividades para nuestros estudiantes de octavo grado. Agradecemos tanto sus contribuciones financieras como su tiempo y esfuerzo para ayudar a crear recuerdos maravillosos para nuestros niños. <b>Las reuniones del Comité de Octavo Grado son de 6 a 7 p.m. antes de las reuniones del PTA.</b>
<b>Pendiente:</b> 	Por favor complete el formulario a continuación y devuélvalo a la oficina principal de Baker junto con su contribución. Los cheques deben hacerse a nombre de “BAKER PTA” con una nota en el memo Y en el sobre: “8th Grade Promotion” (Promoción de Octavo Grado). Envíelo a: <b>Baker Middle School PTA, 25400 Oak Drive, Damascus, MD 20872.</b> También puede usar este enlace para completar el formulario en línea o escanear el código QR a la derecha.
<b>Opciones de Pago Digital</b>	Los pagos digitales pueden hacerse a través de PayPal usando <b>@BakerMSPTA</b> o escaneando el siguiente Código QR: 

Así sabrá cuál es el plan y cómo puede ayudar. Envíe sus preguntas por correo electrónico al Comité de Octavo Grado del PTA a: [Baker8thGrade@yahoo.com](mailto:Baker8thGrade@yahoo.com). ¡Agradecemos mucho su apoyo!

Nombre completo de su estudiante: \_\_\_\_\_

¡Háganos saber cómo puede ayudar! Marque una o más opciones

Baile/Celebración

Ceremonia de Promoción

Regalo de Clase

Distribución de Camisetas

Recaudación de Fondos

Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_

Correo electrónico: \_\_\_\_\_ Teléfono: \_\_\_\_\_

**Adjunte su cheque de \$35 a nombre de Baker PTA y anote en el memo “8th Grade Promotion.”**



AMERICA



## EBOOK COMPETITION

SUBMISSION  
OPTIONS

ART  
POETRY  
ESSAY  
LITERARY PERFORMANCE  
PERFORMANCE  
MUSIC

REPRESENT YOUR SCHOOL



[BIT.LY/MCPS250](https://bit.ly/MCPS250)

MORE INFORMATION AT YOUR SCHOOL



## Many Voices, One Nation

### 250th Anniversary of the United States eBook Student Submission Guidelines

It's time to celebrate! The United States of America is turning 250 years old! Montgomery County Public Schools will commemorate America's birthday with an eBook recognizing student talent from all of its schools. Each school will select one student's work, a poem, a short essay, an artwork, music, a performance, or a literary performance to represent it in the eBook that will be shared with students, families, and the larger community.

Student entries must reflect the eBook's theme: "Many Voices, One Nation." Students of all grade levels are invited to submit their work for consideration to their school representatives. No explicit or offensive language and/or images are permitted. All student work MUST BE ORIGINAL.

**Competition School Contact:** Mrs. Friedman

**Submission Deadline:** Noon on Friday, April 24

Genre	Length	Format
Poem	Maximum 30 lines	Any style (Haiku, Free Verse, Sonnet, etc.)
Essay	Elementary: 150 words Middle & High: 300 words	Narrative, Persuasive, or Personal Reflection
Literary Performance	No more than 2 minutes	Original poem (performed), Spoken word piece, or Narrative storytelling
Music	No more than 2 minutes	Instrumental composition, Choral piece, or Spoken word with musical accompaniment
Performance	No more than 2 minutes	Dramatic monologue, Short original scene, or Dance
Art	Not applicable	High-quality photograph (3.5 MB or larger) of the original 2D artwork or a vector file of the digital work