GREETINGS from your Parents’ Association President!

On behalf of your Parents’ Association, I would like to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year at Baltimore Lab School! Our goal of the Parents’ Association is to provide support to BLS in its entirety. We focus on strong communication, continuous collaboration, as well as fostering a sense of community by implementing fun activities and events throughout the year! We will have numerous volunteer opportunities available and desperately need YOUR HELP to make all of these efforts a success.

We are excited for you to join in on the fun of the Parents’ Association and I am thrilled to contribute to another great year with the BLS community! This year I am eager to introduce a BRAND NEW lunch program, allowing the option to order healthy delivered meals for your child four days per week. We have plenty of volunteer opportunities which includes our continuation of our volunteer driven Chick-Fil-A luncheon program on Thursdays and will ask that you help by signing up in the sign up genius: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C49ABAF2CA1FF2thursday

Please see the information in the Parents’ Association Welcome Packet for more information about the PA and our objectives. This information is also available online at: https://www.baltimorelabschool.org/about/parents-association.cfm

The Parents’ Association will also be continuing our Spirit Wear Program that we began last year with SwagDog. This will allow families and friends to purchase children and adult sizes so everyone can show support and spirit for BLS’s Mission in helping our children! Please go to the Baltimore Lab School website and click on “Parents Login” to view our calendar of events! ALL INFORMATION can also be found on our Facebook Group: Parents Connect-Baltimore Lab School

https://www.facebook.com/groups/2095483007133288/

Two important dates to remember to start off this amazing year:
FIRST EVENT: PA sponsored Staff Luncheon to kickoff the new year on August 20th from 11:00am-2:00pm.
SECOND EVENT: Welcome Back Orientation on August 26th from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. Please stop by the PA table! You will be able to fill out (or return previously provided forms), drop off your PA membership dues, turn in your Chick-Fil-A forms, and meet a representative (along with taste testings) of the NEW LUNCH BOX PROGRAM. I look forward to working together while making lasting memories for all of our children at Baltimore Lab School!

Please complete the provided Parents’ Association Membership Form and dues along with any other PA forms to BLS on August 26th during Orientation and receive a custom made gift! Remember, all families are automatically part of the Parents’ Association, however we do encourage each family to pay their dues so we can utilize these funds in the many events we have planned! We have established a 75% membership goal and if reached the kids will get to enjoy a VERY SPECIAL SURPRISE! If you return your membership form and dues on Orientation day (August 26th) you will receive a custom made gift!

All the best,
Lisa Mangano- PA President & Lower School Parent
ParentsAssociation@baltimorelabschool.org
Parents’ Association
Objectives and Mission Statement

Our objective as the Parents’ Association is to facilitate a spirit of inclusion, partnership, community, and cooperation amongst parents, administration, faculty, staff, trustees, and students. We support, understand, and embrace Baltimore Lab School’s Mission and promote continued communication and collaboration throughout all aspects of life at BLS and its endeavors; together we are focused on the children’s educational success, health, and well being and strive to work together to accomplish this mission.

Baltimore Lab Parents’ Association sponsors many activities throughout each year which include parental meetings, staff luncheons, family socials, informative speakers, and contributions to school spirit for students, staff, and families. These events are designed to help foster the goals of a BLS community as well as to develop, maintain, and strengthen the bond between the entire BLS community.

While all parents and guardians are automatically members of the Parents’ Association we ask that each family contribute dues each year. These dues go toward the many events and programs that we have scheduled throughout the year. Suggested annual dues is $40 for the entire family.
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→ OPEN POSITIONS - if interested please contact Lisa for a description of volunteer responsibilities
  - Board Positions: PA Vice President
  - Chair Positions: Annual School Gift Coordinator, Family Fun Night Coordinator, PA Membership Coordinator, Parent Social Planner, Scholastic Book Fair Chairperson, Parent/Student Education Coordinator, SpiritWear Coordinator, Senior Graduation Class Gift Coordinator.

You can find us on the web at:
https://www.baltimorelabschool.org/about/parents-association.cfm

Facebook Group: “Parents Connect-Baltimore Lab School”---(request to join)
https://www.facebook.com/groups/2095483007133288/
BLS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION
2019-20 CALENDAR

AUGUST

20  PA Sponsored Staff Luncheon
    Let’s kickoff the year with some fun and food!

26  Welcome Back Orientation (at BLS)
    12:00pm - 1:00pm Lower School
    1:00pm - 2:00pm Middle School
    2:00pm - 3:00pm High School
    Come see us at the PA table. Sign up for Chick-Fil-A
    Register for PA and pay annual dues on this date and you will receive a special gift!

27  First Day of School!

SEPTEMBER

2   Labor Day - NO SCHOOL!

3   “LunchBox” lunch program begins

3   Turn in PA Forms to PA mailbox or via email to the Parents’ Association

5   Chick-Fil-A lunch program begins

11  New Family Breakfast at 8:00am

16  Back to School Night from 6pm - 8pm

27  Grandparents’ & Friends’ Day - Enjoy special performances and student artwork!

30  Rosh Hashanah - NO SCHOOL!

OCTOBER

9   Yom Kippur - NO SCHOOL!

25  Professional Day - NO SCHOOL!

NOVEMBER

1   End of Quarter 1

13  PA Sponsored “Giving Thanks” Staff Luncheon
Parent-Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS!

Thanksgiving Break Begins: November 27-29

DECEMBER

Winter Break Begins: December 19th - January 1

JANUARY

Welcome Back To BLS! - School Resumes

MLK Day - NO SCHOOL!

End of Quarter 2

FEBRUARY

Parents’ Association Meeting 8:10am

Snow Date -- Parents’ Association Meeting 8:10am

PA Sponsored Staff Valentines Luncheon

President's Day - NO SCHOOL!

MARCH

Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS!

End of Quarter 3

APRIL

Spring Break Begins: April 6 - 10

School Resumes!

Optional HS Conferences

Optional LS/MS Conferences

Optional LS/MS Conferences

MAY

MANSEF Conference - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS!

Teacher Appreciation Week LUNCHEON- PA sponsored for staff from 12:45pm-1:45pm

Professional Conferences Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS!

Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL!
JUNE

2  Parents’ Association Meeting 8:10am
5  PA Sponsored Kona Ice for Students/Staff
8  Senior Graduation
12  Last Day of School!
    Enjoy your summer!

*15th-19th Snow Make-up Days
Baltimore Lab School Parents’ Association: 
2019-2020 Membership Form

We are extremely excited for the upcoming school year and all of the activities, events, and fun planned! The Parents’ Association cannot establish and execute such amazing events without the help of our parent volunteers. Together we hope to provide programs to enhance our school community and heighten the already great experience at Baltimore Lab School.

The ongoing success of the BLS Parents’ Association is completely dependent on the support of our wonderful parents! These types of supports consist of being involved in volunteer opportunities, sharing ideas, joining PA meetings, joint collaboration, and the payment of annual dues.

All families are members of the PA and are encouraged to pay the small annual dues of $40 per family. We value your help and without it would not be as successful throughout the year.

Please complete this form and return to the school (ATTN: BLS Parents’ Association) by September 3, 2019. New families are always welcomed to join throughout the year when joining BLS mid year.

Feel free to contact us at ParentsAssociation@baltimorelabschool.org if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns for the upcoming school year. We also welcome all parents and guardians to join our private Facebook Group: “Parents Connect-Baltimore Lab School” https://www.facebook.com/groups/2095483007133288/

Thank you,
Lisa Mangano, President of Parents’ Association

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Even if you have little time to offer or are only able to volunteer from home, PLEASE join us as a PARENT VOLUNTEER this year! There are so many ways to be a part of the BLS Parents’ Association and we definitely need your help to succeed! Our Association, the staff, and our children appreciate your involvement!

Let’s join together to make lasting memories for our children at BLS. Please complete this form and let us know how you may be able to help!

Your Name: ________________________________________________________________

Child’s Name: __________________________ Grade: ______________

Email: ________________________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________ Best time to contact you: Day ( ) Evening ( )

Preferred contact method: Email ( ) Phone ( ) Text ( )

Executive Board Positions:

☐ Vice President

Special Events:

☐ Orientation Volunteer
☐ Family Fun Night Volunteer
☐ Informative Speaker Night Volunteer

At Home:

☐ Plan/Organize a family fun night (ie. Movie night, climbzone, etc)
☐ Assemble Teacher/Staff gifts
☐ Compile information to share (ie.event fliers, emails, handouts, Facebook)
☐ Plan /Organize Guest Speaker
☐ Fundraiser Assistance
☐ Plan/Organize a Parent Social
☐ Create spreadsheet of PA Members
☐ Create spreadsheet of Volunteers
☐ Plan/Organize Senior Class Gift

In the School:

☐ Chick-Fil-A Lunch Program Volunteer (one hour on Thursdays)
☐ Staff Appreciation Events & Luncheons Volunteer

Other:

☐ I have a unique skill/specialty/talent that I could share to help the school and students.

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☐ I have a unique resource that may be good for the School ________________

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☐ I have access to a location or idea that may be great for the students

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BLS Parents’ Association- Fundraising and Rewards Programs  
BLS ID: 70226868

**Office Depot/Office Max:** Simply make a purchase of qualifying school supplies, provide your BLS school ID at checkout (**ID: 70226868**) and we will receive 5% back in credits for **FREE SUPPLIES**! It’s a small act that can make a **HUGE** difference.

****BONUS for you:** If you bring in any old binder to the store, you will get a $2 coupon for the purchase of any binder that day.
[Qualifying supplies can be found at:](http://www.officedepot.com/speciallinks/us/od/docs/promo/backtoschool/qualifyingproducts.pdf)

**Giant A+ Rewards:** Please see attached letter for information on how to benefit BLS when you shop at Giant. Instructions on how to register are in the letter.

**Box Tops for Education:** Please see attached sheet for Box Tops collection information. Box Tots have now gone **DIGITAL** to keep up with the digital world. This should make it much easier to collect and raise money for BLS!

**Harris Teeter Together in Education Rewards Program:** Please see the attached letter for more information regarding this rewards program. Be sure to remember our **code: 1000**. Simply give that to your cashier and your VIC card will be linked the entire year! It will automatically raise money for Baltimore Lab School!
Welcome back to the start of a new school year and to a new year of A+ School Rewards! This year’s A+ Program runs from September 6, 2019 through March 14, 2020.

Our school Baltimore Lab School, ID#: 04254 has the opportunity to participate in and earn CASH from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program through your local Giant Food!

**PLEASE NOTE:**
You DO NOT need to re-register your card if your school selection(s) remains the same as last year.

**TO PARTICIPATE - NEW SUPPORTERS OR EXISTING SUPPORTERS WISHING TO MAKE CHANGES:**
1. Beginning August 2, 2019, visit giantfood.com and select SIGN IN at the top right to log into your online account.
2. Once logged in, select MY ACCOUNT, MANAGE MY ACCOUNT, then REWARDS & SAVINGS to select your school.

If you do not have an online account, visit giantfood.com and click REGISTER. Follow the prompts to create your online account. Once logged in, select MY ACCOUNT, MANAGE MY ACCOUNT, then REWARDS & SAVINGS to select your school.

You’ll need your 12-digit Giant Food Card number and the School ID # - OR - if you need assistance call 1-877-366-2668 OPTION #1.

**To earn points:**
- Use your registered Giant Food Card each time you shop at any Giant Food, and you will earn CASH for our school. You can confirm your school selection by logging into your account.
- At the end of each month, your points are calculated and converted to CASH rewards. These CASH rewards for our school are updated monthly. You can track our progress when you sign in to your online account.
- Our school will receive one CASH rewards check at the end of the program and can use this cash for any of our educational needs.

**Also, please encourage your family members and friends to support our school. This could result in more CASH REWARDS!**

Thank you for supporting our school!
Dear Families,

Big changes are coming to the Box Tops for Education Program, and you’re the first to know!

Over the summer, you’ll begin to see some participating brands change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.

Going forward, instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt. The Box Tops for Education team is hard at work building a NEW-and-improved, user-friendly Box Tops mobile app that will be ready this summer.

The new app will feature state-of-the-art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school’s earnings online.

WHEN THE NEW APP LAUNCHES, BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD IT OR UPDATE YOUR EXISTING APP:

As we mentioned above, some brands have already started to update their packaging in advance. Until the new app launches, if you see the new Box Tops label on packages, you can use the current Box Tops Bonus App to earn Box Tops for that product. Simply download the app, select the bonus offer for the product you’ve purchased and scan your receipt to earn.

If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, be sure to send them to school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, once the new app launches, you can “double dip” during the packaging transition by clipping the traditional Box Tops AND scanning your store receipt containing participating products.

Thanks for helping our school get what it needs!

LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE CHANGES AT BTFE.COM
EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL
NO MORE CLIPPING. ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR SMARTPHONE.

The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school’s earnings online.

HERE’S HOW IT WORKS:

BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS
You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.

SCAN YOUR RECEIPT
Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL
Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated at BTFE.com.

You do not need to clip or send Box Tops labels to school.

BOX TOPS CLIPS ON PACKAGES

Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store as packages transition to the new Box Tops labels. **You can still clip these and send them to school.** Please make sure each clip has a valid expiration date.

BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

CUT OUT THE BOX TOP FROM EACH PACKAGE

SEND YOUR BOX TOPS TO SCHOOL

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BOX TOPS APP AT BTFE.COM

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THE ALL-NEW BOX TOPS IS HERE! DOWNLOAD THE APP:
Harris Teeter Together in Education Rewards Program:

Beginning August 1, 2019 once again the Parents’ Association will be participating in a Harris Teeter Rewards Program called “Together in Education” to help raise funds for our school. It is similar to Giant A+ Rewards.

It’s easy and it’s FREE!

Simply give the cashier our code: 1000 and your VIC card when you check out and your card will be linked for the entire school year.

That’s it!

You only have to link your VIC card ONCE each school year. Once your card is linked, BLS will receive a percentage of your Harris Teeter purchases (Harris Teeter, H.T. Traders, Harris Teeter Organics, HT Farmers Market and purchases in the HT Pharmacy) and they will be credited back to our account.

This program does not interfere with your VIC savings or cost you any money.

It simply gives back to the school for items you would already be purchasing during your regular grocery shopping. Don’t forget to link your VIC card to our account code next time you are shopping at Harris Teeter.

This is another EASY and FREE way to support our BLS community!