



# Northeast Middle School Community Newsletter

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Where Caring and Academic Excellence Continues...

Principal Wanda Young



Summer is on its Way

## Coordinator's Voice



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With the help from the community, volunteers, school staff, the principal, parents and students Northeast is on the road to success. After school programs such as Cougar Academy, Game Emporium, Boys to Men Mentoring, S.H.O.U.T, Women in Action, Arts after school, and many other programs our students have been able to gain experience in many academic arenas. Students have shown vast amounts of improvement on Benchmark scores and behavior and academic success. At the awards ceremony for the Boys to Men Mentoring program several of the young men stated that the program is one that helped improve their behavior and give them the knowledge of the importance of not being involved in gangs. Other programs allowed students to participate in the beautification of their school.

As we all know the road to success is a journey and it is a good thing to see a change in students and the increase of parent involvement. We look forward to the continued success of our students, families, and communities. I hope that

all those involved can take great pride in the achievements that Northeast has made. I am confident that we will begin to see greater strides, greater successes, and increased involvement as we go into our second year as a community school.

In closing I would like to thank the principal, Wanda Young, all the staff members of Northeast Middle School, Frankford Improvement Association, PTA, Y of Central Maryland, other participating companies and organizations, and all the parents and students for all their support, and diligent work.

Sincerely,

Janell Thomas  
Community School Coordinator

**"Individuals can resist injustice, but only a community can do justice"- Jim Corbett**

## What's Going On?

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ GED Testing
- ◆ Father-Son Breakfast
- ◆ Graduation

#### Success Station

Congratulations to the following students who received PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL:  
**Codey Ford \* Marisa McKenzie \* Kqiesha Rogers \* Tabitha Richardson \* Sharita Suanders \* Acina Hines \* Erica Richardson \* Erin Richardson \* Janaya Robinson \* Brea Batson \* Bayla Brown \* India Robinson.**

#### Educational Advancement

The time of year has already arrived to start making plans for summer learning. The Baltimore City Public School System (BCPSS) wants to provide all students with the opportunities for summer learning. The BCPSS Summer 2008 programs are designed to help students catch up, get ahead, learn new skills, and have fun! (continued on page 2)

## What's Going On? (cont.)

Northeast would like to Thank the following companies and organizations for their contributions this year:

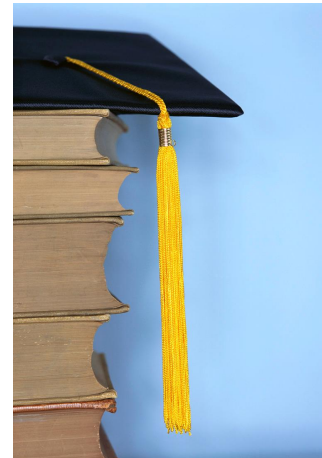


This is a chance to improve students' skills and to prepare for the start of school in August. The Middle School Summer Learning Program will begin on Thursday, **June 26, 2008** and commence on Friday, **July 25, 2008**. **The deadline for applications is Friday, June 6, 2008.** Applications are available in the main office. We look forward to all the students that will participate in summer learning to achieve academic success.

### Future Movements

GED testing will begin June 2008. All individuals who signed-up to attend GED classes must come to the testing. The testing will take place

at Northeast Middle School and will be announced in an upcoming publication. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact 443-388-0294.



## FIA Voice of the Community!

Frankford Improvement Association, Inc. (FIA) is your community organization; we need active community members to help service the area as members of FIA. We are the voice of the community acting to improve quality of life issues.

We meet every third Tuesday of the each month at 7:30 p.m. from September through June at 4801 Sipple Ave The First Church of God. We discuss many important issues that affect our community, issues like crime, housing, recreation and education; these are very serious issues that our community must address. If students are to be successful in Baltimore City, then the community must be responsible beyond the usual manner of expectations and actions.

Check out our new web site: [WWW.fia21206.org](http://www.fia21206.org), Membership is \$5.00 a year and gives you a voice vote in all decisions presented for vote.

Next Meeting May 20<sup>th</sup>, see you there!

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Frankford Improvement Association, Inc  
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## Your Community Resources

### Belair-Edison's New Life Family Asset Center

Residents of east and northeast Baltimore can visit the NLFAC after work and before dinner to obtain help applying for food stamps, medical assistance, emergency grants, help w/BGE bills, etc.

The NLFAC, located at 4400 Parkside Drive (at Mannesota), is open on the FIRST and THIRD Wednesday of the month from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Other services offered onsite include daycare, computer training and workforce development programs.

Special thanks to the MD State Dept of Human Resources, Baltimore Office of Housing, Morgan State University, New Life United Methodist Church and Belair-Edison Healthy Community Coalition for working together to empower Baltimore's families.

### Saturday Academy for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys!

Paul Robeson Academic International School of Excellence (PRAISE) is hosting an open house for boys going to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 5pm to 9pm at 2437 Maryland Avenue in Baltimore Maryland. In order to be considered for enrollment, you must attend this mandatory open house. Please RSVP at 410-467-1605 with Scott or Kristan.

PRAISE addresses the systemic challenges that affect African American males through a year-long Saturday enrichment process for (40) middle school boys. The model features a full Saturday of academic remediation, language immersion, sports, tutoring, and social & emotional learning modules.



## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade News - Class of 2008

- **Closing Ceremony** - Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lake Clifton/Eastern High School Campus
- **Class Dues** - \$35.00 per student due Monday, May 5, 2008
- **Class Trip** - Pine Valley Swim and Tennis Club, Monday, June 2, 2008
- **Closing Ceremony rehearsal dates** - 6/4 from 8:30 - 12:30 p.m. -6/5 from 8:30 - 12:30 p.m., 6/6 from 1:00 - 2:35 p.m. All rehearsal dates are mandatory
- **Tickets for Closing Ceremony** will be issued on June 6, 2008 after rehearsal. The number of invitation tickets per student depends upon the total number of students participating in the Closing Ceremony. This year, as a result of a smaller class, we anticipate each student receiving 4 tickets.



**Congratulations to all students and their families for acceptance into the citywide high school of their choice!**

**Reminder:** Participation in the Closing Ceremony is a privilege and not mandated by BCPSS Policies and Procedures. Students who meet the BCPSS Promotional Policy, who have less than 3 disciplinary infractions, referrals and/or suspensions will be allowed to participate in the Closing Ceremony.

## Wanted

Looking for anyone 16 years or older who would like to get their GED. Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) has offered to partner with Northeast Middle School to teach classes here at our school FREE to all participants. If you are interested please call your Community School Coordinator @ 443-388-0294.

Your Community School

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## Important numbers

- ☎ First Call for Help: 1-800-492-0618 or 410-685-0525
- ☎ Maryland Youth Crisis Hotline: 1-800-422-0009
- ☎ Crisis Hotline: 410-752-2272
- ☎ Dept. of Social Services: 443-423-6300
- ☎ Baltimore Gas & Electric: 410-685-0123
- ☎ Eviction Prevention: 410-878-8550
- ☎ Free Legal Help: 410-547-6537
- ☎ AIDS Hotline: 410-845-AIDS
- ☎ Drug Hotline: 410-685-DRUG
- ☎ Baltimore Police Department: 443-984-7348
- ☎ Frankford Improvement Association: 410-325-1165

June 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Mandatory rehearsal for graduates 8-11am	5 Mandatory rehearsal for graduates 8-11am	6 Mandatory rehearsal for graduates 1:30-3:30 pm	7 Father-son Breakfast 9:30 am - 12:00pm
8	9 Parent & Grandparent Celebration 9-11am	10 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Commencement	11 PRAISE Open House 5-9pm	12	13 Last Day of School Summer Learning Kickoff 1:30 - 2:30	14 Flag Day
15	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth Commemoration	20	21 ACS African Am. Men's Health Conference Latino Fest @ Patterson Park
22	23	24	25	26	27 African American Heritage Fest. Camden Yards	28 African American Heritage Fest. Camden Yards
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