

# Patriot Times

## BRADDOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL'S NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2018



### Principal's Message

Greetings Braddock families! My name is Molly Stewart and I am excited to be named Interim Principal at Braddock Middle School. It is an honor to join your community and I am eager to begin working with you, your children, and the entire staff at Braddock Middle School. This is my 22<sup>nd</sup> year in education. I've spent 21 of my years working in Allegany County Public Schools. Most recently, I was the principal at West Side Elementary School for 8 years and prior to West Side, the assistant principal at Mt. Savage Elementary/Middle School for 4 years. Throughout my career as a teacher, instructional coach, assistant principal, and principal, I have been connected to different aspects of student learning. I have made many connections to curriculum, instructional delivery, diverse styles of learning, as well as student needs and personalities. I am continually invigorated by setting our expectations

high, but amazed by witnessing what providing encouragement and support can accomplish. I recognize the power of a reassuring smile in creating a learning environment where students thrive! I understand and respect the importance of feeling confident that your child is in a positive, nurturing, learning environment.

Working together effectively begins with communication. Please feel comfortable emailing me at [molly.stewart@acpsmd.org](mailto:molly.stewart@acpsmd.org) with any concerns or questions. You are also welcome to call me at school or stop by to speak in person. I plan to be out and about in classrooms supporting the teaching and learning but will make every effort to meet with you in a timely fashion. Please know that I am strongly committed to positive, open communication between home and school. I look forward to continuing the trend of excellence at Braddock!

## Spring Adventures

### Dates and Details:

- 4/1—Easter/ April Fool's Day
- 4/2—No School
- 4/9—7th Grade to FSU
- 4/9-4/13—PARCC Grade 6
- 4/11—Report Cards
- 4/13—Advisory— HR Schedule
- 4/16-4/20—PARCC Grade 7
- 4/18—Band Adjudication Mt. Ridge
- 4/19—Dance 7-8:30 Cost: \$3 Snacks \$1
- 4/22—Earth Day
- 4/23-4/27—PARCC 8th Grade

The weather is finally getting warmer, and it is a great idea to spend your free time outside and enjoy the sunshine! There are a lot of interesting parks that are close by, and many other outdoor events going on in April.

The cherry blossom festival is held in Washington D.C, from March 20<sup>th</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>. The cherry trees are planted around the National Mall area. The festival celebrates Japanese culture, because the trees were a gift from Japan to the U.S. The festival signals the beginning of spring in Washington D.C.

Earth Day and Arbor Day are at the end of April, and celebrate the environment.

There are also many nearby parks that you can visit and have picnics in, to celebrate the start of spring!

Rocky Gap is a state park that includes a lake, hiking trails, and camping. It is less than 7 miles from Cumberland, and is a great getaway to nature. The C & O canal also offers many options. You can hike, bike or kayak along the canal. The Paw Paw Tunnel is a half mile tunnel on the C & O canal, and is an interesting stop to make. Another state park is Swallow Falls. There are many hiking trails in the park that lead to several breathtaking waterfalls.

Featured student writer-Sofia Kucher, 8th grade

### Field Day Volunteers

On Thursday, June 7, 2018, the faculty and staff of Braddock Middle School have planned an end of the year field day for students. Students will enjoy a fun-filled day celebrating the end of a successful school year. The day will consist of a movie in the auditorium, a dance in the gym, and recreational activities on the athletic fields.

In order to organize such an event, we will need the help of some volunteers. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Mr. Crislip or Mr. Clites at Braddock at 301-777-7990.

### Spring Choral Concert

The Spring Choral concert will be Monday, April 30 at 7 p.m. for family and friends. On Wednesday, May 2 at 8:30 a.m. a second concert for students and staff will be performed. There will be a \$1.00 admission for the evening concert.

The 8th Grade field trip to Kennywood Park in West Mifflin, Pa is scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, 2018. The price for the trip is \$55.00 per student or parent chaperone. Permission forms were sent home and are due by Wednesday, May 16, 2018.

General school rules will apply for students while on the field trip. In addition, please note the following: Attendance on this field trip will be determined by the 3-2-1 policy. During the fourth grading period, any eighth grader who receives three office detentions,

### 8th Grade Kennywood Trip

two referrals, or one suspension (in school or out of school) will not be permitted to attend the trip. This policy will begin the first day of the fourth marking period (March 29, 2018). All students will begin with a "clean slate" at that time.

Any student who is not in good academic standing will not be permitted to attend the trip. Any student with an 'F' in any subject as of May 21, 2018 is not permitted to attend the trip.

