

# creative city

**Monday Mailer #22 February 12, 2018**

## The Climate and Attendance Committee NEEDS You!

Our climate committee meets monthly and discusses how to make Creative City a place where kids want to be and how to facilitate parents getting their child to school on time. Some of the items specifically discussed at the last meeting were:

1. Analyzing the percentage of students who are tardy/absent on a monthly basis
2. Creating an email address that parents can send excused notes or reasons why their student is absent (ex. studentabsences@creativecity.org)
3. Work on creating a tardy policy that will go school wide. What would be considered chronically tardy?
4. Survey the chronically absent students for reasons why they are out.
5. Calling families that need extra support.

If you would like to contribute to this committee with discussion and ideas please come to our next meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> or contact Ms. Gordy for more details at [awgordy@bcps.k12.md.us](mailto:awgordy@bcps.k12.md.us).



## New Faces at School!

We are pleased to announce that we have hired **Ms. Andrea McMillan** to join us as a "floating substitute" / instructional support staff member. Ms. McMillan comes to us with diverse experience, having worked in Baltimore City schools in student support roles and also as a recess coach with PlayWorks. Ms. McMillan will be our go-to substitute for short-term needs throughout the school, and will support instruction where needed most on days when no substitutes are needed.

We are also excited that **Ms. Yolonda Griffin** will be continuing with us, after serving as a substitute teacher during Ms. Rooney's maternity leave. Ms. Griffin will now transition to being a full-time instructional support staff member who will work across the first grade team.

Lastly, please make sure you get to know **Ms. Tenia Thompson**, if you have not already. Ms. Thompson has been an occasional substitute in our building for several months, and is now transitioning to serve as the long-term substitute teacher in Mrs. Smith's room during her maternity leave.

We are glad to have them all on our team!

## Cub Scouts!

Cub Scout Troop 357 Lions Den (Kindergarten Boys) is recruiting new members. The meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month from 5pm-6pm here at Creative City. Parents must attend and participate. (It's really fun!) Contact Veronica White, Den Leader/ Lion Guide at [evangaline@msn.com](mailto:evangaline@msn.com) or 410 868 5435.

## Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for parent volunteers for Literacy Night on March 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm-8:00pm!  
Please contact Ms. Sikich at [tmsikich@bcps.k12.md.us](mailto:tmsikich@bcps.k12.md.us).

## Have a little one at home? Want some extra enrichment?

Park Heights Renaissance presents: HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) HIPPY partners with parents to prepare their children for success in school. Let HIPPY support you as your child's FIRST and MOST important teacher!

1. Free weekly sessions with your Home Visitor
2. Free, Fun Family Learning Activities!
3. Free Fun, Monthly Family Events!
4. Free Materials and Books!
5. Free Family support through referral to other agencies.
6. Program run from September to June each year.

Contact Shanae Bennett at [sbennett@phrmd.org](mailto:sbennett@phrmd.org) or (443)-979-2514 for more details!

## A Look at the Next Two Weeks

11	12 Book Mobile <b>10am-12pm</b> Equity Workgroup <b>5:00pm</b> Teaching and Learning Committee <b>6:00pm</b>	13 SVA Meeting <b>6:00pm</b>	14 Early Dismissal <b>12:45pm</b>  <b>Happy Valentine's Day!</b>	15 Outreach Meeting <b>6:00pm</b>	16 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Professional Development For Teachers	17 Third Saturday Clean-up <b>8:30am</b>
18	19 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> President's Day	20	21 Early Dismissal <b>12:45pm</b>	22	23	24

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