Sixth Grade Science students wrote an article about Pinewood Derby cars for the school newsletter.

**Beltsville Academy shines a light on Outstanding Educators**

By Mrs. Suzette Bell-Beard

The great philosopher Aristotle once said, "The one exclusive sign of thorough knowledge is the power of teaching". As we celebrate another year of Black History, we want to salute two outstanding African American teachers who are pioneers in their fields. Their passion for teaching is reflected in their effectiveness and their abilities to transform the lives of children from the Kindergarten to the Middle School Levels. These classrooms here at Beltsville Academy hold teachers who possess the knowledge and skills to engage every student in their lessons, who know how to help all students achieve high goals, and who display a high competency in curriculum and standards. These are but some of the many qualities of these outstanding educators: educators who know how to create an outstanding learning experience for students to carry with them throughout their lives.

Meet Ms. Asenath Blackwell

Ms. Blackwell attended Winston Salem and George Mason Universities respectively, where she earned both a Bachelors and Master of Science Degree in Education. She has been a member of the noble teaching profession for 7 years serving at Beltsville Academy for the whole of that time.

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Ms. Asenath Blackwell

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On the Agenda

Beltsville Community Center Pinewood Derby Race

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The Rev. Joseph M. Constant to Join St. John’s Episcopal Church in Beltsville, MD As Their Next Rector

The Rev. Joseph M. Constant has accepted the position of Rector at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Beltsville, MD. His tenure begins on Mar. 22. Joseph comes to St. John’s after serving as priest-in-charge at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Washington, DC.

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**Central Maryland Chorale hosts Spring Fling and Silent Auction**

The members of the Central Maryland Chorale, directed by Monica Otal, invite you to join them for their annual Spring Fling and Silent Auction on Sat., Mar. 7, at 7pm, at the Glenmont United Methodist Church, 12001 Georgia Avenue, in Silver Spring. Enjoy delicious hors d’oeuvres and desserts while you browse items and services up for auction. Delight in operetta choruses and duets from Gilbert and Sullivan, Franz Lehar, Johann Strauss, and others. Our special guests are sopranos Kimberly Christie and tenor David Merrill. Tickets are $25. For tickets and information, call 240.478.7952 or see www.centralmarylandchorale.com.

**Community Easter Egg Hunt**

The First Baptist Church of Beltsville (4700 Odell Rd.) will hold a community Easter Egg Hunt on Sat. Apr. 4 from 10 am - 11:30 for ages 2-12yrs. Join them for games, cupcakes, candy and to celebrate the real reason for Easter: Jesus! They hope to see you there!
Neighbors in the News

Gathering of Mini Cooper Enthusiasts

Jacob Young, Pastor of Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltsville, is a Mini Cooper Maniac. He has a 2009 Mini Cooper S Hatchback. His car has 166,000 miles on it. Although he is 6’ 2” tall, he likes the smallness of his Mini, even though it is inconvenient. He learned how to fix his car himself, and has been taking care of it ever since.

Jacob is a new resident of Beltsville, so he is looking for fellow Mini Cooper Maniacs in the Beltsville area, including Laurel, Calverton, College Park, Greenbelt, etc. The first gathering will be held at 1 pm on Sun., Mar. 22 in the parking lot of Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville. Each Mini Cooper owner will be asked to park in the parking lot, display his/her Mini Cooper, and introduce the car to the participants. Owners will be able to share useful information about Mini Coopers, such as Do It Yourself info and how to purchase car parts economically. Also at the meeting, Mini Cooper Maniacs will discuss getting together again, possibly with the goal of driving together as a group.

It is Jacob’s hope to see the passion, brotherhood, sisterhood, and solidarity of Mini Cooper Lovers in this community through this event! If you are interested in participating, please RSVP Jacob by phone through the church office, 301.937.7114, or by email at Jacob.Young@eumcbeltsville.com.

Library Seeks Board Of Trustees Applicants

Hyattsville, MD – Are you interested in helping shape the future of the Library here in Prince George’s County? The Board of Library Trustees of the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGCMSL) is seeking applications from County residents to fill a vacancy on the Library Board’s policy-making body responsible for the governance of the Library.

PGCMSL is a crucial part of our community’s economic and social fabric. As a library board member, you can help ensure that our library system continues to provide needed services to everyone in the community.

Applications and additional information are available in all branches of the County Library System, the Administrative Offices and on the Library website, www.pgcmls.info. This position is opened until filled. Completed applications may be returned to our Administrative Offices, located at 6532 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782. For more information, contact the Chief Executive Officer’s Office at 301.699.3500, ext. 242.
to show reverence to God and promote scouting. This year Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Brownies gathered at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church on Feb. 1 for the 10 a.m. Mass and celebrated Scout Sunday. During the ceremony Monsignor Karl Chimaik (an Eagle Scout), Pastor of St. Joseph’s, presented the Light of Christ award to Cub Scouts Matthew French and Jake Thomas in recognition of their completion of their religious emblems. Scout Sunday at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church was observed on Sun., Feb. 8 by Boy Scout Troop 1033’s. Scouts participated in the church service by presenting the flags. Scout Sunday patches were given to all the scouts and leaders in attendance at both churches.

**Boy Scout Lawn and Garden Fund Raiser**

*By Gary Bauchan, Assistant Scoutmaster*

Spring must be right around the corner as Troop 1033 will hold their 29th Annual Spring Lawn and Garden Fund Raiser on Sat., Mar. 28. Look for order forms in your doorways the week-end of Feb. 28 & March 1. The scouts are selling top quality mulch, potting mix, top soil, Leaf-Gro and pavers. Again this year, Behnke’s Nursery products will be sold. There are several advantages to purchasing from the Boy Scouts including: First — We deliver to your home, saving you time, energy, gasoline and keeping your car clean; Second — We provide competitive prices because of the substantial discount given to us by Behnke’s Nursery. We can offer the products at a competitive price; and Third — 33% of your purchase can be deducted from your taxes as a gift to the Boy Scout Troop. The deadline for placing your order is Fri. Mar. 20. Our goal this year is to send every scout in our troop to summer camp. A week long Boy Scout camp is what most boys remember their entire life and we want each boy to have that opportunity this year. Your support will allow this to happen. In addition, this year’s fundraiser will provide for other activities including overnight camping trips where the scouts will go hiking, biking, kayaking, canoeing, and swimming. Please note that all efforts to organize and operate this sale are 100% volunteered by supporters of Scouting in Beltsville. See our web page at www.bsasbeltsville.net for additional information.
Securing Windows

Microsoft stopped supporting Windows XP for most users almost a year ago. This means that most security updates that are applied to Windows 7 and 8 are not being provided for Windows XP. I developed these recommendations to aid users who were not ready to upgrade their version of Windows. If they are followed, the risk of malware being installed onto the computer is greatly reduced but not entirely eliminated. These suggestions will reduce the risk for Windows Vista, 7 and 8.1 as well.

Install a Current Anti-Virus Product

The most important step is to make sure you have a current anti-virus product installed. In Jan., we discussed several products that could be installed and used for free. I suggest installing a recent copy of Avast Anti-Virus or AVG Free Anti-Virus. These products currently support all versions of Windows from XP through 8.1.

Remove Administration Rights from your Primary Account

Most Windows home computers by default have a single primary account with full administrative privileges. This has proven to be a weakness. In order to fix this we need to create a new user account. On Windows XP use:

2. Enter a name for the new user, I often choose the name Manager for this account.
3. Select Computer Administrator for the account type and select the Create Account Button.
4. On the User Account Windows select Change Account and then select the new account just created, (Manager in my example).
5. Select Create Password and enter an easily remembered password twice.
6. Enter a reminder in case you forget the password in the future and select the Create Password.

Now you have a new administrative account that is password protected. Next we need to remove administrative rights from the primary account. First, let’s logoff the current account and login with the new account. From the Start menu select logoff and logoff the current user. The computer should show you a logon screen. Logon to the new user account (Manager) and enter the password. Once you are logged in go to Start > Control Panel > User Accounts and select your primary user account.

1. Select change account type.
2. Select Limited Account and select the Change Account Type button.

You may now log out of the manager account and back into your primary account. Your primary account is now secure. Most software that tries to install itself will require you to provide the account and password of the admin account giving you a chance to stop an unintended installation before it starts. Do not use the Manager account for day-to-day activities. These steps are similar for Windows Vista, 7, 8 and 8.1.

Disable Internet Explorer

The next step is to replace Internet Explorer with Chrome or Firefox. Internet Explorer for your older computer is no longer being updated and has known security issues. Firefox can be downloaded and installed from https://www.mozilla.org and Chrome can be downloaded and installed from https://www.google.com/chrome.

Each of these browsers will ask if you want to make the browser the default browser. If you have already installed the browsers you can use the settings to select the browser as your default browser. At this point we do not actually need to uninstall Internet Explorer and doing so might break other things in Windows. What you should do is remove any short-cuts to Internet Explorer by deleting them. This will prevent accidental use of Internet Explorer from habit.

Done for Now

We are done with this for now and if you followed the steps your Windows computer will be less vulnerable to malware attacks.

Riderwood Goes Red for Women

African-American History Club leads American Heart Association’s awareness campaign at retirement community

SILVER SPRING, MD—As a retired nurse educator from the University of District of Columbia, Barbara Baskerville knows that health awareness saves lives.

“Being informed about your health is a powerful tool,” stated Ms. Baskerville, a resident of Riderwood retirement community in Silver Spring who served twenty-one years as a nurse in the U.S. Army, both in active duty and the reserves. She is currently a member of the Resident Advisory Council, serving as its Liaison to the Medical Center.

That is why she enlisted the support of her fellow members of Riderwood’s resident-led African-American History Club to spearhead the American Heart Association’s Go Red for Women campaign. As the African American History Club’s awareness community on February 6th to commemorate the American Heart Association’s national campaign, Go Red for Women.

During their red attire, the group hosted a presentation on heart health, including talking with a physician about risk factors and setting heart health goals. Members received “red dress” pins and committed to sharing information about the topic with others.

“Heart disease has traditionally been viewed as an ‘older man’s disease,’ but that couldn’t be further from reality,” noted Ms. Baskerville. “The American Heart Association notes that cardiovascular disease claims the lives of 500,000 women in the United States annually, so education is vital. Further, since heart disease does not care how you look on the outside, the women of the African American History Club is that all residents and staff will engage in heart healthy endeavors. We were pleased to be a part of the national Go Red for Women Day.”

Dr. Eugenio Machado, MD,
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Rosapepe’s Report to Beltsville

Reminder: Join us in Annapolis on March 2

Delegates Barbara Frush, Ben Barnes, Joseline Peña-Melnyk and I work hard to keep in touch with Beltsville residents and help you understand what MD’s government is doing and how it can help you. We attend the Beltsville Civic Association and other community meetings, visit local churches and schools, and host “mobile office hours” at local grocery stores. Now we’d like you to visit us in Annapolis at our annual reception for 21st District residents.

It’s Mon. Mar. 2 from 6 - 8 pm in rooms 170 & 180 of the Lowe House Building, near the State House. We’ll have food, fellowship, and info on legislative issues that are a concern to our communities. RSVP online at www.21stdistrictdelegation.com or call 301.858.3141 for more info. Also, buses will be available from College Park and Laurel. Contact our office for info as well. Share this invitation with friends and neighbors. We look forward to seeing you!

State budget proposal would cut $181,800 per Prince George’s school

The proposed state budget cuts local school funding across the state. We’re concerned about the impact these cuts could have on our schools in Beltsville. It would cut each Prince George’s school by an average of $181,800. The delegates and I are working with our colleagues to restore these education budget cuts.

Recognizing students’ foreign language skills

To recognize high school seniors who have demonstrated a high level of proficiency in English and at least one other language, I have introduced a bill to create the MD Seal of Bi-literacy. With the ever-expanding global economy, MD businesses are in need of bi-literate individuals who can help them compete in the global marketplace. Recognizing students with these language skills will give MD businesses an edge, promote employment of our recent graduates, and help college admission counselors select the most qualified candidates for their international studies and other programs.

Making our streets more friendly to bicyclists and pedestrians

Between 2003 and 2012, 5,799 people total were killed in traffic-related crashes in MD, 1,067 of them while walking. Such preventable, needless tragedies indicate a need for renewed focus on safety for everyone utilizing MD’s roadways. As driving continues to decline in MD, and walking, cycling, and transit usage rises, there is an urgent need to address the safety of all MD travelers.

20 years ago, when I represented Beltsville in the House of Delegates I sponsored the state law creating Bicycle Pedestrian Priority Areas (BPPAs) in MD. The bill was intended to 1) allow the designation of such areas (which need both state and local designation if the area includes a state highway), 2) promote plans to increase safety and access for bicycle and pedestrian traffic after an area is designated, and 3) targeting funds to implement the recommended improvements. Montgomery County for far is the only county to designate BPPAs. They designated White Flint as the first in the state, and added over two dozen more as part of their Bus Rapid Transit plan. So far SHA has confirmed the White Flint BPPA, but not any of the others.

The original BPPA bill required SHA to write guidelines to be adopted as policy for these areas, which has still not happened 20 years later. SHA has commissioned draft guidelines, but they have not been released or adopted. This year, I have introduced a bill to strengthen the BPPA effort by setting guidelines for SHA to adopt a policy regarding how BPPA’s will be treated differently from other areas in the state, including design guidelines, and to confirm BPPA’s that include state highways and have been designated by counties.

Contact us
Please let us know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if we can be of help to you. Just email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com or call 301 858 3141.

The Beltsville Young At Heart Club

The new Vice President, JoAnne Garrison was sworn in at the Feb. 5 meeting. She immediately filled in for the president who had to leave on family business that day. This was the last day to sign up for the Valentine Luncheon taking place at the next meeting. Shirley Denell is our trip chairperson. There is a trip planned on April 15 to the Riverside Dinner Theater to see 9 to 5 the musical in Fredericksburg, VA. If you are interested please get in touch with Shirley right away at 301 937 5342, the seats are filling fast. The price is $87.00 per person for the show, lunch and transportation Members are reminded to help clean up their tables after eating. Remember that no matter how small a gesture of friendship is always appreciated.

Club News

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department would like to announce the installation of their Officers for the year 2015. Congratulations to President Peggy Zembron, Vice President Pam Casagranda, Recording Secretary Diana Conley, Treasurer Angela Whitman, Corresponding Secretary Cathy Alexander, Chaplain Lois Hetz and Historian Nancy Moore. A celebration dinner was held at the Ledo Pizza in College Park on December 18, 2014 with the members, their families and friends in attendance. Everyone had a good time.

Many thanks to Ledo Pizza and their staff for having us. We look forward to another wonderful year.

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Elvis Is Alive and Appearing In Beltsville

By Ivy Christoffers

Would you admit to being an Elvis affectionado? Is your rec room full of Elvis memorabilia? You are not alone, there are millions just like you. Would you enjoy a trip down “memory lane” with your passion? You can do exactly this on April 18 at The American Legion Post #217 (9218 Baltimore Ave.) in College Park. Johnny Seaton, who many feel is an Elvis clone, will be on hand meeting, greeting and entertaining as only he can do. The small fee of $20 will guarantee you a night of magical memories. You may want to enjoy an Italian dinner before the show. It will be served from 5:30 pm until 6:30, the performance begins at 7. Come out and see “the King” once again. He always puts a smile on my face and makes my heart sing.

Are you having a birthday, wedding reception, corporate meeting, or anything that requires a large meeting area in the future? You should explore the possibility of holding your event at The College Park American Legion Post. It is centrally located and very easy to access. We offer many amenities, even an excellent chef to provide catering for your event. Call 301.441.2783 for more info. The Friday night dances have been bringing in quite a few friends to enjoy fun and fellowship. It certainly helps that the legion has great bands playing for your dancing pleasure. The Saturday night “Blog’s Park Alumni” dances are another opportunity to enjoy a night of inexpensive entertainment. The Legion is very busy with plans to hold the 5th Annual Veterans Creative Arts Festival which will be on Sun. Apr. 26 at The Performing Arts Center in Bowie. This is an event you don’t want to miss. It showcases the accomplishments of our disabled veterans through art therapy. There will be an art exhibit beginning at 1 pm and a live performance beginning at 2. Tickets ($10) are available by calling 301.595.5225. Bring your family and friends to support these long suffering heroes who have found a new lease on life through art therapy.

If you are qualified to join the American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary or The Sons of The American Legion, they want to hear from you. It is the largest patriotic organization in the world with something for everyone. There are so many benefits to belonging that it would take too long to list them all. The greatest of these is knowing you are supporting our veterans, our active military, our youth and our community. What a great feeling. May God continue to bless America, the home of the free because of the brave.
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past 3 years. When asked how she excels at her craft, she responds: “I excel at my craft because I try to make my classroom fun by allowing the students to make choices. I also give the students what they seem to need at the moment so they can confidently apply skills. For example, if they are in need of a hug I give hugs, if they are in need of extra attention we have little talks so they feel special. I keep it playful and light so when they need to work hard and focus, they can.”

One of her greatest assets as a Kindergarten teacher is her ability to raise test scores. Her students have experienced tremendous success since she has been a teacher at Beltsville Academy. She tried to be really modest with her response when asked how she manages to accomplish such a feat considering the diverse needs of our population. “I help raise scores by allowing students to “show off” their abilities and give the opportunity for them to learn from each other. After all, they speak the same language!” she responded. She also stated “I am my biggest critic and often stand in my own way because I want to do so much more. I realize that while I have a lot to offer, I also have a lot to learn. I overcome my challenge of not doing enough by continuing to seek more information so that I do make improvements.” Her students become very sad when she has to be absent from school due to professional duties. In the words of a kindergarten teacher, “I didn’t like school today because I had a sub. Mrs. Blackwell had a workshop.” I thought that was so funny, but as we all know our babies are usually brutally honest.

When asked what advice would she give to teachers who are new to the profession she responds with a smile; “I would advise newcomers to make sure they talk to seasoned professionals and couple it with your fresh education so that your students benefit from the best of both worlds. Keeping up with trends is important, but knowing what worked well in the past may help you when you need a variety of ideas to reach one teacher.” She enjoys the Beltsville Academy experience because of the support that is offered.

Meet Mrs. Cynthia Loving

Mr. Loving has been working at Beltsville Academy for the past 15 years and has served this school in numerous ways. When asked, “What are some of your greatest accomplishments here at this school?” She gracefully responds “My greatest accomplishments include my role in the several leadership positions: Grade Level Chair (1st, 2nd, and 6th grades), UMDS Mentor Teacher, RELA Depart-

ment Chair, Professional Development Leadership Team. I am also proud to witness the academic and social growth of the students.”

She stays on the cutting edge of Teaching by being a lifelong learner and remaining flexible. She keeps an open mind to new trends in the field of education and is always seeking new initiatives and best practices to facilitate challenging academic growth. She specializes in getting to know her students, meet them at their levels and provide rigorous instruction to promote educational growth. These have been key to her ongoing growth as an educator.

Mrs. Loving has a strategic management plan which is always effectively implemented. Her rules are greatly impacted by the students as they help to establish and maintain them. She creates a safe environment for them where successes are celebrated and support is paramount. She also gets the parents involved, as this is a crucial element. When asked, “How do you help students to grow and raise scores?” She responds pointedly, “I instruct my students using the County provided Curriculum Framework Progress Guide. The ongoing use of data and monitoring allows me to monitor and adjust the needs of the students. They are encouraged to take ownership of their grades. Students are encouraged to review their grades on School-Max. Positive feedback is ongoing; students record assessment scores in their agenda books. The use of encouraging words and positive praise is ongoing, while providing a safe and nurturing environment that is conducive to learning.”

She faces her challenges by seeking direction and support from administration and colleagues and encourages new members of the profession to Beltsville to seek support and be inquisitive as the staff is only dedicated to the success of all students. She proudly states that Beltsville is an outstanding place to work simply because everyone is committed to Excellence in Education and a high standard is maintained throughout the building as it relates to student achievement. The Administration and Staff support each other as the school always and must maintain a rigorous environment. Beltsville Academy continues to soar because of these great human beings who have sought to dedicate their service to molding the Past and creating our Nation’s Future.

Beltsville Pk-8 Academy Celebrate Accomplishment

By Mary Beth Bauernschub, Beltsville Academy School Librarian

They did it! What did they do? They made 3,503 bookmarks in less than a month for Students Rebuild, Save the Children, and Rebuild, Save the Children, and Rebuild, Save the Children. They did it! What did they do? They made 3,503 bookmarks in less than a month for Students Rebuild, Save the Children, and Rebuild, Save the Children.

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Global Nomads Group. For every bookmark they made and sent to Students Rebuild in Seattle, the Bezos Family Foundation will donate $1 to Save the Children’s Literacy Boost program. This means that the Beltsville Academy students’ bookmarks raised $3,503 to help improve youth reading and writing skills in the countries of Peru, Mali, and Nepal.

Sponsored by school librarian, Mary Beth Bauernschub, and supported by the staff, all grade levels at the PK-8 school participated. The original goal was to make 3,000 bookmarks in a month. The students were excited that they exceeded the goal by 503 and that their bookmarks will be used by people around the world.

From the Hilltop:
High Point News

High Point High School was full of action during the month of Feb. as the annual Blue and Gold Talent Show, Global Explosion: International Celebration, and an African-American History Assembly kept the school buzzing with activity.

High Point’s Blue and Gold Talent Show showcased students’ range of talents including playing instruments, singing melodic songs, and performing poignant dances. The annual international celebration, Global Explosion, continued the festivities with performances that celebrated the many countries and cultures representing High Point’s diverse community. Lastly, the month culminated with an educational and inspirational African-American History Assembly in honor of Black History Month.

High Point’s athletes had a successful month as track star Johnathan Avila became an Indoor Track Regional Champion in both the 1600 and 3200 meter runs, which also qualified him for the state level competition. Hangaarom Linteso placed third at regionals in the 800 meter run and qualified for the state competition as well. Senior Nnamdi Oguayo participat-ed in the nation-wide signing day as he committed to Washington University on a football scholarship. Senior Leke Ajenifuja signed with Bowie State University with a full-ride scholarship.

Students began the registration process for next year’s classes by attending a Curriculum Fair, which highlighted High Point’s elective opportunities and Advanced Placement course options. On February 10th. Photo by Beltsville News staff photographer Marijah McKenzie.

High Point’s Varsity Eagles fought hard against Parkdale on Feb. 10th. Photo by Beltsville News staff photographer Marijah McKenzie.

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“Beware the ides of March” was written over 400 years ago but it is very true in this era. Many of our worst snow storms came in Mar., from what I can remember, but it is very true in this era. Many are supposed to be good for you but how come athletes are over the hill at 31?”

Thought of the month: If sports are supposed to be good for you how come athletes are over the hill at 31?

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Beltsville Midkiff
May your steps return from all corners of the globe, under the guidance of the star that points to home. Happy Birthday to all the Beltsville Midkiff residents!

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Emmanuel UMC to Hold Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt
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