



## Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Let's all cheer, another school year is here!

It's school time again and feelings of excitement, uncertainty and maybe even a little sorrow that summer is over may come over us. But we can't deny that school is back in session. On the first day of school some students may feel nervous or a little scared because of all the new things: new teachers, new friends, and maybe even a new school. However, this anxiety to these "new" things only last a short while, and soon everyone will be into the routine of learning, teaching and having fun with old and new friends.

A lot of work was done over the summer break in preparation for this new school year; we had youth workers from the Mayor's Youth Works Program and the Y of Central Maryland's New Horizon II Program. These youth helped to clean up the school and get classrooms ready for instruction. They worked tirelessly to get the job done we would like to thank them all for their support.

Many great opportunities are in store for students this school year. As we forge on towards continued

success as a National Blue Ribbon School and a Community School we have formed several partnerships with other organizations and individuals in order to provide teachers, students and their families with the support that they would need to assist in that process. We can look forward to new and continued resources i.e. increased parent involvement, a mentoring program, Dance, Dance Revolution in classrooms, new teachers, continued education opportunities for adults, tutors for students, the Y BOOST program, Hikes, line dancing and physical fitness through the EFFORT program and lots more.

As we move forward this school year we would like to send out a call to all parents who are interested in volunteering some of their time at the school to help with various task please feel free to come in and sign up to dedicate your 2 hours of power.

### Community News

**The PIGTOWN FESTIVAL is here!**

**The Pigtown Festival will be held on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at Carroll Park from 11am – 4pm.**

**Come join the festivities and see what your neighborhood has to offer you and how you can best serve your community.**

**Citizens of Pigtown Community Assoc.** Please contact them at 410-982-5519 for further information on membership, volunteering and donation opportunities.



**Washington Village Pigtown Neighborhood Planning Council (WPNPC)** WPNPC is offering an array of services to community members, these include but are not limited to career counseling, employment readiness training, job skills training and job placement. They also offer adult education classes in Pre- GED and GED programs. Also ask about their youth engagement programs. Please feel free to contact their office for more details about services and volunteering opportunities at 410-385-8494.

### Parent info!

Parents are reminded to get all your forms, i.e. FARMS and other pertinent surveys etc., in on time so your child can have all the services needed.

You can now sign up to receive the GWES newsletter via mail. Please ask for the sign up sheet at the front office.

Are you a parent who lives in SW Baltimore City? A fellow mom just started a new listserv for parents who live in SW Baltimore City (Ridgely's Delight and west) to share information related to raising children in our neighborhoods. If you are interested in joining this e-group, please go to the following website and click on "join this group."  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SWBaltCityKids/> Please include your name, neighborhood and ages of your kids in your request. For more information, please email Sharicca at [sms205@hotmail.com](mailto:sms205@hotmail.com).

### Back-to-School Night

**GWES will be hosting our Back to school night on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the school from 6-7:30pm. Come out and learn about all the new and exciting things happening at your child's school.**

*Please refer to the calendar for other important dates and events.*

### Our Community

#### Partners

- The Y of Central Maryland, Urban Services
- Paul's Place
- St Jerome's Head Start
- Open Gates
- WPNPC
- UMB
- Enoch Pratt Free Library
- EFNEP
- SWCOS
- SBLC
- SAIC
- New City Developers
- Tri-Churches Housing Inc.
- Sports Legends Museum
- Citizens of Pigtown Community Assoc.
- Ridgely's Delight

**"The whole art of teaching is the only art of awakening the natural curiosity of young minds...."**  
Anatole France



Please contact Marc La Veau at 443-388-0292/410-396-1445 or email me at [marclaveau@ymaryland.org](mailto:marclaveau@ymaryland.org) if you are interested in placing an article, AD or event in our Newsletter.

## Spotlight on! A Blast from the Past

Just a look back at some exciting things that we did last year.  
Let the pictures speak for themselves!



**We had fun!**



**We gave away Books!**



**We received services!**



**We educated!**



**We went on trips!**

**We got opportunities to explore!**



**We competed!**



**We did line dancing!**



**We played chess!**



**We got fit!**



**We hosted visitors!**



**We had interns!**



**We had workshops!**



**We served!**



**We enjoyed the opera!**



**We held groups!**



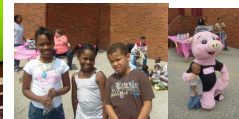
**We achieved!**



**We had volunteers!**



**We were awarded!**



**We named the Pigtown Pig!**



**We learner!**

<b>September</b>	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	Labor Day Schools Closed	Coordinating Council Mtg. 3pm - 4:30pm Friends of Carroll Park Mtg. 7pm	Directors Roundtable Mtg. 12pm Ridgeley's Delight Assoc. Mtg. 7pm	<b>Back-to- School Night</b> 6:00 - 7:30 PM		<b>Pigtown Festival</b> 11am - 4pm		
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
	Faculty Meeting 2:45 - 3:45 PM	Citizens of Pigtown Mtg. 7pm	Green Thumb Project Kick Off 2:30 - 3:30pm	Barre Circle Mtg. 6:30pm				
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
School Safety Team Begins  Y BOOST Program Begins M-F 2:30 - 5:30pm	EFFORT Program Begins 6:15 - 7:15 PM		Southern District Police Community Mtg. 7pm	EFFORT Program 5 - 6 PM				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
WPNPC Public Safety Mtg. 6:00pm - 7:30pm				Book Festival Mt Vernon				
29	30							
S.I.T. Meeting 2:45-3:45pm								

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