



Meet The Author

This month parents and students will have the opportunity to meet Mr. Leon Bailey, Author of *Leon Bailey—The Dream*. Mr. Bailey will be sharing his story about being the first African American to wrestle on the US Navy Wrestling Team; something unheard of in the 1960s. Even though he faced numerous obstacles, he never allowed anything to discourage his dreams of boxing and wrestling. During his enlistment he became the first African American to win an individual title at the AAU New England Six-State Championships in 1964. Despite his race, Mr. Bailey's talents were recognized by Commander Josiah Henson, Navy Wrestling Coach and former Olympian, and when Commander Henson was reassigned, Leon Bailey became the Team Coach. Yet another first. Please come and hear his story and purchase an autographed book only for \$10.

Oh Paparazzi!

Parents we need your assistance. We know that you all love to take pictures of your children when they participate in school activities. If you have pictures from any school events, please share them with us. Send them to rpurnell@bcps.k12.md.us. We're looking for great pictures to add to the NACA App and the website. *Thanks in advance!*

American Education Week

NACA will have several activities going on during American Education Week (AEW). We'll start off the week with a **Kick-off Pep Rally** with presentations by teachers and scholars. Then Tue. will be **Parent Visit Day** from 8-9:30 a.m. where parents are invited to come and interact in the classroom with students. Then on Wed. we will hold our **PCM/Family Literacy Night** with special guest author, Leon Bailey. Next, on Thur. we have **Partners in Education Recognition Day** from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Also on this day, we will have students on live radio speaking about the importance of a good education. Tune in to **AM 1010** at 10:50 a.m. to hear our scholars speak. We will wrap up the week with **Greetings and Readings** on Friday from 9-11 a.m. (K-2nd) where volunteers are welcome to come and read stories to our scholars in their classrooms. If you are interested in being a reader, please see Mrs. Purnell. Also, Mr. Leon Bailey will be back to speak with our 3-5th graders about his book. They can also purchase an autographed book for \$10.



Conference Time

On Mon., Nov. 7th school is closed for students for parent/teacher conferences and professional development.



Teachers will be available for conferences from 11:00—2:00 p.m. Parents, please see your child's teacher to reserve a conference time. Any walk-in appointments will be taken at the discretion of the teacher based on pre-scheduled conference.



Shout Outs!

- *We thank all those who participated in the **Walk for A Cure** last month. Your dedication and support are greatly appreciated.
- *Thanks to Mrs. Blye for running another successful **Book Fair**. We also thank Mrs. Alexander for her assistance.
- *Thanks for all the donations we received for the **Fall Ball** and to **Mr. Kilo Byrd, D.J.** Because of all of you the event was a success.
- *A **BIG** shout out to the students and parents who participated in the **Claire's Gourmet Fundraiser**. Although there were very few participants, *your efforts will not go unrewarded.*
- * Thanks to students **Alisa Davis** and **Coby McCellan** who served as **Student Ambassadors** to greet distinguished guest who visited our school.