



# BALMVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS LETTER

February 2026

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



### Dear Balmville Families,

We are pleased to share an overview of our School Comprehensive Education Plan (SCEP), which outlines our key strategies for continuous improvement and student success. These aligned strategies reflect our commitment to meeting the academic and social-emotional needs of every learner:

#### SCEP Key Strategy #1 : Increasing Writing for All Students:



We are strengthening writing instruction across all grades using a research-based approach that helps students build clear sentences, organize ideas, and grow confidence as writers. Lessons will be engaging, hands-on, and supportive of all learners, including English Language Learners. Students will have more opportunities to practice writing in meaningful and enjoyable ways.



#### SCEP Key Strategy #2: Strengthening Students' Use and Understanding of Math Language:

We are improving how math strategies and language are taught so students can explain their thinking, solve problems flexibly, and feel confident in math. Teachers will use consistent strategies across grade levels, paired with fun and engaging practice, to build strong math foundations.

#### SCEP Non-Instructional Key Strategy #1: Enhancing Staff Capacity, Belonging, and Behavioral Clarity:

We are expanding successful programs that improve attendance, strengthen student connections, and clarify expectations. Through character education, Responsive Classroom practices, and positive behavior supports, we aim to ensure every child feels known, supported, and accountable in a safe and caring environment

Our SCEP reflects a thoughtful and focused approach to continuous improvement—one that strengthens instruction, supports the whole child, and builds collective capacity among our staff. By refining writing instruction across grades K–5, deepening students' use of mathematical language, and ensuring consistent, research-based practices that promote belonging and clear expectations, we are creating conditions for meaningful learning and long-term success. We appreciate your continued partnership and support as we implement these strategies to best serve our students.

With appreciation,

Dr. Karrie Rahaman-Bunce  
Principal

Ms. Amanda Greene  
Assistant Principal

## GOLDIEBACK GLOWS



### PREK - 5 CHARACTER TRAIT ASSEMBLIES

FEBRUARY 6TH

9:45-11:35 AM

Students will be recognized for the December and January character traits during multiple grade level assemblies



### RHYTHM, ROOTS AND READING:SOUNDS OF BLACK HISTORY

FEBRUARY 26TH

5:30-7:00PM

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY  
AND CULTURE



### Winter Break

No School

February 16, 17, and  
18th

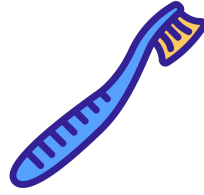


## The Colgate Van is Back!

The colgate van will be visiting Balmville on March 10th. Students will learn about dental hygiene as well as a free dental screening. To sign your child up, please follow the instructions below!

[Colgate BSBF E-consent](#)

Available in both **English and Spanish**



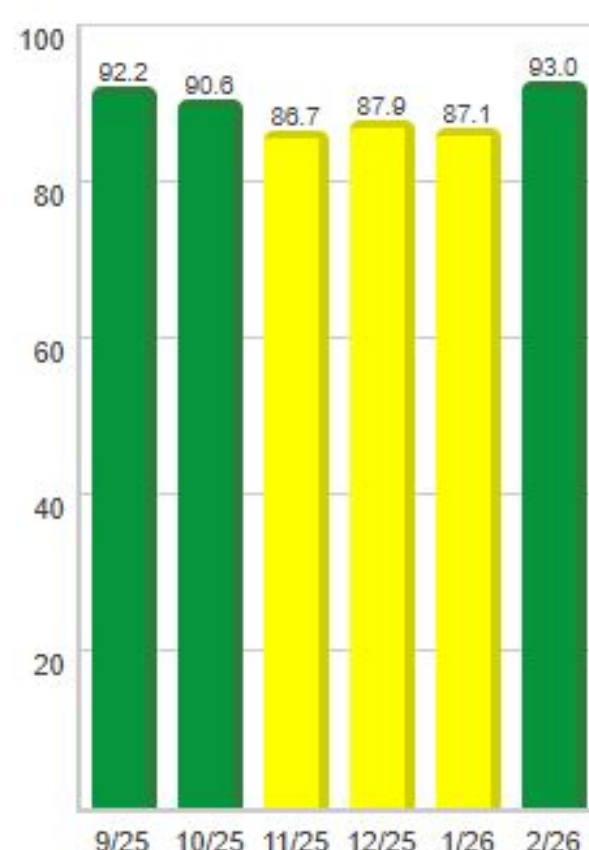
### Guide for Parents: How to Complete the E-Consent Form

1. Click on the link above to open the consent form.
2. Select your preferred language (English or Spanish).
3. Click the blue arrow after each question to move forward and fill in the form.
4. Submit once complete—that's it!

## Celebrating Attendance at Balmville! 🎉

We are so proud of our Balmville families for their strong commitment to attendance! Being at school every day helps students build routines, stay connected, and make the most of their learning. Thank you for partnering with us to support your child's success—we're excited to keep working together toward **100% attendance!**

Balmville Elementary Media & Com. Center



## PTA PEEK-A-VIEW

### LOVE BUG BOOGIE

### PAL-ENTINES DANCE

FEBRUARY 6TH

6:00-8:00PM



## Balmville Believes in Me T-Shirts



The PTA is selling  
***Balmville Believes In Me***  
**t-shirts!**  
**Shirts are available in the following sizes:**

Kids XS  
Kids Small  
Kids Medium  
Kids Large  
Kids XL  
Adult Small  
Adult Medium  
Adult Large  
Adult XL  
Adult 2XL  
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\*Contact the main office for prices