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Important Dates:

- February 21-25: District Closed: Mid Winter Recess
- February 1-28: Black History Month

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NEW Twitter Account for Balmville

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@balmvilleschool

Dear Parents/Guardians,



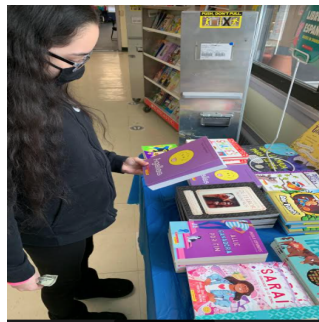
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Our district is encouraging our students to read 100 books for this year. So far, we have had a lot of our students that read 100, 200 books. We are recommending that all of our students read at home and at school. Here are some tips to encourage reading at home.

1. Read regularly and for pleasure
2. Talk to your children about what they have read.
3. Make a dedicated reading space and read for pleasure.

We would like to thank our PTA for creating our book fair. The students had fun buying their books. Here are some pictures.

Please note Board Policy # 8414.6R: Parents/Guardians who drop off or pick up their children at school should do so quickly and at the area designated for drop off or pick up. Parents should turn off the vehicle engine while waiting to drop off or pick up a student, or when parked.



Resources for Families

- Free rides from United Way
- FCC's Affordable Connectivity



"I'm trying to get back on my feet. I have to get to this appointment tomorrow."

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region offers **Poughkeepsie and Newburgh** residents **free transportation** to appointments for **COVID vaccines & boosters, employment, education, medical appointments, food & so much more.**

For more information and to apply go to **www.uwdor.org/freerides** or scan QR code below.



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FCC's AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM - INTERNET SUBSIDY FOR QUALIFYING FAMILIES

- [The Affordable Care Program \(ACP\)](#) was created to help households struggling to pay for internet service.
- All families approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) in the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, or 2021-2022 school year are eligible for this program.
- ACP provides a monthly discount for broadband service of up to \$30/month, or up to \$75/month for households on qualifying Tribal lands.
- For more information and resources to share with families, please visit the [FCC's ACP Website](#). Materials are available in [multiple languages](#).
- Please share this message with guidance counselors, school-home coordinators, and outreach staff.
- The NYS Library is also hosting an ACP "Train-the-Trainer" program, which will provide turnkey information on how to help others apply for this program. Information and Registration can be found on the [New York State Library's website](#).