

## Baltimore Book Bank Builds Home Libraries



Book Bank Director of Operations Mark Feiring and Hampstead Hill Academy Director of Community Outreach Geri Swann

part of a new Book Bank program that provides charter schools in the Baltimore area with free literacy resources. Children are given books to take home and keep.

Students in Hampstead Hill teacher Marybeth Smith's class were very excited to receive their books and were heard exclaiming, *Ooohhhh, Magic Treehouse, yeah!; These books are great!; and I love getting books!*

We would like to thank Book Bank Director of Operations Mark Feiring for providing this wonderful opportunity for our students.



Collington Square School of the Arts teacher Anthony O'Bannon with the students he coached as part of the Spring 2013 BCP/USTA Tennis League.

In December the Baltimore Reads Book Bank began delivering hundreds of books each month to students at Hampstead Hill Academy and Wolfe Street Academy. This is

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## Are You Smarter than a BCP 5th Grader?

On April 25th, students Candice Bond, Anna Violet Doherty, Gisele Easton, and Eric Vasquez outsmarted Baltimore City Schools CEO **Andres Alonso**, Economist **Anirban Basu**, Actress/Dancer/Story Teller **Maria Broom** and Baltimore City **Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake** at the 2013 *Are You Smarter than a BCP 5th Grader?* fundraising gala.

Over 130 friends of BCP attended the event at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum, which included a dynamic quiz show MC'd by Actor/Writer Bob Heck; gourmet food by Class Act Catering; a silent auction; and live music by the Giggmohr Brothers.

View a video of the Quiz Show at:  
<http://bitly.com/bcpsmarter2013>



(Top row l to r) Candice Bond, Anna Violet Doherty, Bob Heck, Eric Vasquez, Gisele Easton (Bottom row l to r) Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Andres Alonso, Maria Broom, Anirban Basu

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## Muriel Berkeley Delivers Keynote at BCP Conference

The following is an excerpt from Dr. Muriel Berkeley's keynote address at BCP's Winter 2013 Professional Development Conference:

"Bob Marley said - actually he probably sang - when the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will be at peace. Find an effective teacher and you will have found someone full of love, because it is not possible to teach effectively without great love.

I came here today to thank each of you for being you and to challenge you. My generation of teachers have been too polite, too passive. We have not fought hard enough for teachers to have the voice in society that we need them to have.

My generation of teachers allowed our nation to turn to business expertise for solutions to our national educational challenges. Corporate leaders, however, have not had adequate experience as teachers. Those with power over

education policy need to listen to experienced, effective teachers. There is no substitute for experience.

So, my challenge to you is learn everything you can about effective instructional practice. [Direct Instruction] is part of that. For the most part, DI scripts only exist



BCP Founder Muriel Berkeley



## Muriel Berkeley Delivers Keynote at BCP Conference (continued from page 1)

for teaching elementary math, reading and writing skills. Help figure out the most effective ways to teach content, geography, history, science.

What are the most effective ways to help young people develop art, dance, drama, music skills and appreciation?

What are the most effective ways to help children and adolescents focus on physical fitness?

What are the most effective ways to coach sports?

Read the works of people like Daniel Willingham at the University of

Virginia

Read *Theory of Instruction* in which Zig Engelmann and Doug Carnine explain what is taken into consideration when DI scripts are written.

And, may we never forget, that when a student does not learn, the teacher has something yet to learn as well.

I remember being in a classroom at Collington Square after school one day with then principal Harold Eason... we chatted and started picking up balled pieces of paper from the floor...

students had been passing notes. We started reading the notes and Mr. Eason was overjoyed, because these notes were written in complete sentences for the most part and the spelling was correct for the most part.

Thank you for being teachers. Use the power of love to help the world find peace. And, if you are interested in continuing a conversation about finding a way for teachers' voices to be heard in discussions of education policy, email me at [bcpinfo@baltimorecp.org](mailto:bcpinfo@baltimorecp.org)."

View a video of the keynote at: [bitly.com/keynotewinter13](http://bitly.com/keynotewinter13)

## Legg Mason Hosts City Springs Athletic Complex Fundraiser

On March 28th Legg Mason hosted a fundraiser at the Legg Mason Tower in Harbor East to support the construction of an athletic complex at City Springs Elementary/Middle School.

Featured speakers included U.S. Congressman Elijah E. Cummings, Coach for America Founder Joe Ehrmann, Legg Mason CEO Joe Sullivan, and City Springs students Ronald Windgate and Breyana Wade. WMAR-

TV sports anchor Keith Mills served as MC. Attendees also enjoyed a performance by the City Springs Steppers.

Legg Mason provided \$5,000 in underwriting for the event and an additional \$10,000 grant to support the athletic complex.

The facility will include a multipurpose turf field for football, baseball, soccer and lacrosse, as well as a running track, lights, concession building, and a security fence with key card access.

Legg Mason has been a faithful

partner with BCP for over eight years. The company recently provided a \$10,000 grant to support after-school programs at Collington Square School of the Arts and Wolfe Street Academy.

Each year, Legg Mason provides a \$7,000 grant to support the Audubon Explorers Program for students at Hampstead Hill Academy.

We would like to thank Legg Mason for supporting our schools. We would also like to thank Auburn Bell, Kelly Spilman, and Mark Fetting for making this event possible.



U.S. Congressman Elijah E. Cummings



Legg Mason CEO Joe Sullivan



Coach for America Founder Joe Ehrmann

## BCP Featured in Three Segments on Channel 2

BCP, City Springs Elementary/Middle School and Wolfe Street Academy were featured in three recent segments by Education Reporter Sherrie Johnson on ABC2/WMAR-TV...

**Baltimore Curriculum Project helps four schools in East Baltimore**  
<http://bitly.com/13xn3nN>



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**City Springs Elementary/Middle School uses technology in the classroom:** <http://bitly.com/cssipad>



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**Baltimore City students at Wolfe Street Academy receive hands on radio experience:**  
<http://bitly.com/abc32013>



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Students in Zachary Carey's science class at City Springs Elementary/Middle School learn about prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells as part of an iPad pilot made possible by a \$108,000 grant from The Abell Foundation. iPads were purchased for all seventh and eighth grade students.

## Terrence Cody Supports Wolfe Street Food Backpack Program

Thanks to Baltimore Ravens DT Terrence Cody's *Sacks 4 Kids* Program, the Dreambuilders Foundation, and the Maryland Food Bank, 100 Wolfe Street Academy students have been receiving bags of food to take home for the weekend each week since January.

Terrence Cody's *Hope for the Holidays Party* at The Greene Turtle in Owings Mills, MD on December

10th raised \$8,000 to support the food backpack program.

These funds provided thirteen weeks of food and the Maryland Food Bank provided an additional six weeks of food in order to finish the school year.

We would like to thank Terrence Cody, Ryan Altizer, and the Food Bank for supporting our students.



Wolfe Street Principal Mark Gaither and Terrence Cody

## Guess who came to Wolfe Street Academy?

By Students Lucia Given & Edwin Rivera

You will never guess how many famous people David Dudley has met!

In December, David Dudley, features editor of AARP magazine came to speak to 4th and 5th grade students. He visited the Wolfe Street Academy after school program. Mr. Dudley came to give a speech to the classes, but kids asked him a lot of questions. They asked so many questions that he spent most of his time answering them. The classes learned a lot about Mr. Dudley, and his job as an editor and writer.

David Dudley is 44 years old. He

was born in Los Angeles, California and grew up in New York. Now he lives in Baltimore with his wife and his daughter.

He used to write for a newspaper but now he is an editor for AARP magazine. He has to spend a lot of time checking what other people write to make sure it is good. He wanted to be an author but he started writing for newspapers and magazines because he thought he wouldn't make enough money writing books.

Mr. Dudley loves to read. His favorite book is *Moby Dick*, a story about a whale. Mr. Dudley thinks he

has met about 75 famous people. He writes stories about them sometimes for a magazine. He met Jane Goodall, the famous animal scientist. He said she is very nice. He has met Johnny Cash. He is a famous country singer. He has not met the Bee Gees.

Mr. Dudley told us that he has fun writing and feels proud. When we asked him if he loves his job, he said yes. It is a lot of hard work writing and sometimes fun to do.

The students thought "it was cool" to get to meet him and ask questions. Maybe someday one of the students might want to be an author.