

This Week at Bridges!

Week 4 is BALTIMORE WEEK

July 16 - July 20

About Baltimore Week:

Baltimore Week is a celebration of the city we call home, and provides opportunities for students to see, experience, and appreciate some of the wonderful things it has to offer.

This week's Baltimore Field Trips:

Grade 4: National Aquarium - 7/17/12

Grade 5: St. Joseph's Medical Center - 7/19/12

Grade 6: Rocky Point State Park - 7/17/12

Grade 7: Rocky Point State Park - 7/17/12

Grade 8: Towson University - 7/17/12, M&T Bank Stadium - 7/19/12

Grade 9: Etiquette Luncheon at the Maryland Club - 7/19/12

This week's Baltimore Assemblies and All-Program Activity

Assemblies

Monday

Grades 4-6: Math Bee

Grades 7-9: Math Bee

Wednesday

Elementary School Spelling Bee - Middle School Spelling Bee

Friday

Weekly student award winners and House Cup update!

Wednesday All-Program Activity: Bridges Field Day

Fill in the blanks on a separate sheet of paper and turn in to your Head Counselor for 10 House Cup Points!

Baltimore Week is _____. We will visit the _____.

At this place we will _____. One interesting fact about the _____

is _____. I hope to learn _____.



National Aquarium – observing over 16,500 specimens representing 660 species right in our backyard.

Grade 4: July 17, 2012

Did you know that ...

- The award-winning facility measures 115,000 square feet and holds more than 1 million gallons of water?
- Weighing in at over 180 metric tons, the blue whale is one of the largest animals known to have existed?
- During the Fall and Winter, the Aquarium occasionally offers a promotion known as “Fridays after Five,” in which admission is discounted to \$8 after 5pm on Fridays?
- The largest type of sea turtle is called the leatherback? (It can weigh up to 1,500 pounds!)
- The unique building design was imagined by Peter Chermayeff and took three years to construct?



A member from the Aquarium staff shows a student his exhibit.

St. Joe's Medical Center – shadowing doctors, nurses, and technicians and participating in some hands on workshops!

Grade 5: July 19, 2012

Did you know that ...

- St. Joe's has over 1,100 physicians on staff representing over 50 different medical specialties?
- St. Joe's Specializes in stereotactic radio-surgery treatment? This refers to a highly sophisticated, extremely precise and non-invasive medical procedure that uses radiation to treat brain tumors.
- The hospital was founded over 150 years ago?
- The ancient Egyptians and Greeks reportedly acquired specific molds and plants to treat infections?
- The first natural antibiotic, Penicillin, was discovered in 1928 by Alexander Fleming?



A fifth grader gets a sonogram from a doctor on duty!

Rocky Point State Park - Enjoying the outdoors on Maryland's own peninsula and the Chesapeake Bay.

Grades 6 & 7: July 17, 2012

Did you know that ...

- Since 1969, the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks has owned and operated this park?
- Rocky Point State Park is located at the mouth of Back and Middle Rivers?
- The park boasts some of the nicest views of the Chesapeake Bay and one of the nicest beaches?
- You can relax on the beach, play volleyball, swim, fish off the pier, load your own boat into the water, enjoy the playground, or even learn to sail at their sailing center?
- Many species of birds can be seen at the park including eagles, ospreys and great blue heron.



A nice day at Rocky Point State Park.

Towson University – touring the campus, taking classes, having a tasty picnic lunch with ice cream, and participating in team activities.

Grade 8: July 17, 2012

Did you know that ...

- At Towson University, almost half of the students receive some form of need-based financial aid?
- Towson University was founded in 1866 and today offers over 100 different degree programs?
- Despite the fact that Towson is the second largest university in Maryland, the average class size is just 20 students?
- Before the Tiger mascot was adopted in 1962, Towson sports teams were known as the “Towson College Knights?”



Students use a Towson University classroom for their morning academics.

M&T Bank Stadium – Home of the Baltimore Ravens. Grade 8: July 19, 2012

Did you know that ...

- The stadium first officially opened in 1998 under the name PSINet Stadium, and became M&T Bank Stadium in 2003?
- The stadium can fit over 71,000 spectators?
- Originally, the Ravens had three mascots named after the famous author, “Edgar”, “Allan”, and “Poe”?
- On January 15, 2012, the largest crowd ever at the stadium of 71,547 watched the Ravens defeat the Houston Texans in a Divisional playoff game?



The group poses behind one of the end-zones at M&T Bank Stadium.

The Maryland Club - An etiquette luncheon with members from RBC Wealth Management.

Grade 9: July 19, 2012

Did you know that ...

- The Maryland Club was founded in 1857?
- Many members of the Maryland Club helped to found the Johns Hopkins University, Hospital, and School of Medicine?
- The Maryland Club experienced a disastrous fire in 1995, but in a year was back up and running with complete restorations?
- RBC Wealth Management helped to pilot the Bridges Weekend Mentoring program in the fall of 2009.
- RBC, which stands for Royal Bank of Canada, is Canada’s largest bank and among the top 10 largest banks globally.



Ninth graders receive a tour through the Maryland Club with a member from RBC Wealth Management.