

**The New Benjamin Foulois K-8 Performing Arts School
Newsletter – May 2009
“Keeping You in the Loop”**

Special Thanks!

The Board of Education would like to sincerely thank all of the parents who participated in the April 3rd Community Forum held at Thurgood Marshall Middle School. We genuinely valued your participation in the Benjamin Foulois principal selection process.

Welcome Aboard to the Newly Selected Principal

It is our pleasure to introduce **Dr. Patricia Payne**, newly appointed principal of The New Benjamin Foulois K-8 Performing Arts School! Dr. Payne is a highly skilled instructional leader who comes to us with a wealth of knowledge in providing a rigorous academic program for all students.



For the past 18 years, Dr. Payne has served the students and communities of Prince George’s County as a music specialist,

assistant principal and principal.

Highlights of her career include serving as a vocal music teacher, chorus director and drama coach. Dr. Payne is also a Comer School Development Program Facilitator. The *Comer Process* is based on the premise that academic learning rests on a foundation of solid development along six pathways critical to human development: the physical, psychological, language, social, ethical and cognitive pathways.

Dr. Payne will be hosting a formal “**Meet and Greet**” at the end of **May** after all students have been identified through the lottery and audition process. The time and location of the meet and greet will be identified on the PGCPSS New Schools Site.

Construction Update



Construction is in full swing! The second floor is **90%** complete. The teachers and students

are scheduled to move to the second floor classrooms on **May 4, 2009** for Phase II of the project. Phase II includes first floor classrooms and Media Center renovations. Construction on the current locker room near the gymnasium is also scheduled to begin on May 4th.

Enrollment

Three hundred nine (309) students will be enrolled from the combination of lottery and audition for the New Benjamin Foulois K-8 Performing Arts School. *Acceptance* lottery letters are scheduled to be mailed out the week of **May 4th**.

For those students who are accepted via lottery and are not currently attending a Prince George’s County Public Schools, you must register for enrollment at Thomas Pullen Arts School for the 2009-2010 school year. When construction is complete, your records will be forwarded to The New Benjamin Foulois K-8 Performing Arts School.