



## Thomas Johnson Elementary Middle School

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### RE: 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Co-Ed Basketball Team

Dear Parents of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students,

Through the New Fit Kids organization, Thomas Johnson Elementary Middle School will participate in a co-ed elementary basketball league. Students must be in either 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade to try out for the team. Both boys and girls are eligible.

There is a 12 player limit to the team roster. If more than 12 players try out, we will need to make cuts. Tryouts will be held on Tuesday, January 21 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. If your child makes the team, there will be an \$80 participation fee. If this cost is prohibitive for your child, please contact Mr. Dendinger at [jdendinger@bcps.k12.md.us](mailto:jdendinger@bcps.k12.md.us) to be considered for a scholarship.

Games will generally be held on Mondays at 4 p.m. Some games will be played at home and others will be played at away locations. Practices will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays from 2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. beginning immediately after tryouts. The season will run through mid-March, 2020. Due to school being closed on Friday, January 24, an additional practice will be held on Thursday, January 23 at 2:30 p.m.

The coaches will be Mr. Kenny Kulesz and Mr. Jackson Fisher. Mr. Kulesz and Mr. Fisher are volunteers and parents of Thomas Johnson students. Mr. Hughes will assist with coaching later in the season.

Please be advised of the following:

- We will need to make cuts to the team if more than 12 students try out.
- Students must be picked up promptly at 3:45 p.m., walk home, or they must report to another after school program. Parents should pick up students outside in front of the school at the main entrance. Parents should not enter the school building to find their children. Failure to not be picked up on time could result in removal from the program.
- The cost is \$80. Scholarships may be available based on interest and need. Payment should be made after the tryout but before the first game. Checks should be made to Thomas Johnson Elementary Middle School.
- The lead coaches for this elementary basketball team are volunteers and part of our school community.
- Contact James Dendinger for any questions about the elementary basketball team at [jdendinger@bcps.k12.md.us](mailto:jdendinger@bcps.k12.md.us).



Please return completed permission form to the main office prior to tryouts on Tuesday, January 21.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: (Name and Phone Number): \_\_\_\_\_

After basketball practices (check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my child in front of school at 3:45 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child is enrolled in Fitness Fun & Games and will report to FF&G after practice.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child is enrolled at the Ella Baily Rec Center and will report to the Rec Center after practice.

\_\_\_\_\_ I give my child permission to walk home at 3:45 p.m.

By signing below, I give my child permission to participate in the elementary basketball program at TJEMS.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



