



WELCOME TO BALL'S BLUFF PTA AND

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Welcome to the Ball's Bluff PTA for the 2018-2019 school year! We invite you to join the BBES PTBoard to stay up to date with all the programs for the school year. These programs include fun events, assemblies, volunteer opportunities, school directory and fundraisers. To register for a new account or confirm your registration, visit:

BBES.PTBOARD.COM

TO REGISTER FOR A NEW ACCOUNT OR CONFIRM YOUR ACCOUNT FOR THE NEW YEAR:

1. Go to <https://bbes.ptboard.com>
2. Click CREATE NEW ACCOUNT
3. Enter you information and our School Code: **DDB6RN**, and Sign Up
4. Be sure to enter your information in the Student Directory
5. You will receive a confirmation email.

WHAT YOU WILL FIND ON PTBOARD:

- Announcements – find out what's happening at BBES.
- Volunteer Signup – check here for opportunities before, during and after school.
- Calendar – stay up to date with all of the BBES and PTA activities.
- Form & Payment – go here to pay for PTA program items.
- Student Directory – sign up here and stay in touch with BBES families.
- Doc & Photo – you will find forms and/or photos you may need.

Any questions, contact ballsbluffpta@gmail.com.

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Ball's Bluff Elementary School Information Resources and Tools

School Website

The BBES website is: www.lcps.org/ballsbluff. This is the official Loudoun County website and is managed by the school. It is a great source of information and resources within the school.

Dr. Carper's Weekly Update

Dr. Carper sends out a Connect Ed voice message and email every Sunday evening with an update. Please contact the office if you are not receiving this Connect Ed message.

Social Media

There is both a Ball's Bluff Elementary School Facebook page and a Ball's Bluff Elementary PTA Facebook page. Be sure to follow to stay in touch about what is going on in the school. There is also a Ball's Bluff Twitter account: @BallsBluffLCPS.



PTA

BBES participates in the National PTA (www.pta.org), which is a national child advocacy organization. This organization functions within the school but is not part of BBES or Loudoun County Public Schools. Your BBES PTA provides numerous programs for the students and the school, including teacher grants, after school programs, and assemblies.



PTA Membership

By joining the BBES PTA you are supporting teachers, staff and students within the school. You are also agreeing with the PTA activities brought to your school. You are not obligated to do anything upon joining PTA. There are volunteer opportunities available to everyone, however there is nothing specific to joining PTA. Of course, we hope you want to participate as much as you are able! Each year you must rejoin with dues of \$7.00 per person, paid directly the National PTA. Both Virginia and National PTA get a portion of the dues, with the remainder going to the BBES PTA. You can join at www.pta.org. Find instructions to join on bbes.ptboard.com/Announcements.

PTBoard

PTBoard (bbes.ptboard.com) is a free, online communications tool for you to stay informed of all the school and PTA related activities. You do not need to join PTA to utilize PTBoard. Here you will find a comprehensive calendar, volunteer sign-ups, donations, etc. If you register with PTBoard you will receive email reminders about upcoming events at BBES. You will also get a weekly 'Tiger Tracks' email with announcements for the upcoming week. This is to replace paper flyers coming home with PTA news each week. *It is easy to join: go to the website, enter a username, and enter the school code: **DDB6RN**.* If you signed up last year you are already signed up this year. This is NOT the same as joining PTA – it your resource to BBES school and PTA information!



New Parent Information

All new parents have questions! We have a "New Parent FAQ" page on PTBoard (see bottom of left sidebar). And feel free to ask a 'seasoned parent' or a PTA board member (all emails are on the school website and in PTBoard). We were all newbies once, and we would love to help!