

Baltimore County Council



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PTA Council to Host “Education: A Team Effort”— A Countywide Educational Summit for Parents, Educators and the Community

On October 26, 2006, at New Town High School in Owings Mills, the PTA Council of Baltimore County will host a premiere training event for **all Baltimore County PTA members, parents and community leaders** to promote advocacy for the children of Baltimore County.

“Education: A Team Effort,” short for “Together Everyone Achieves More,” is designed to give parents and PTA members the tools to access information, evaluate the effectiveness of their children’s schools and advocate for their children.

“We want parents to be informed about what’s happening in terms of education and their children to give them the tools to help them become better advocates,” says Nancy L. Ostrow, first vice president of the PTA Council of Baltimore County and coordinator of the event. “Being well informed is a key component of parent involvement. This event continues the home/school partnership which is necessary to ensure the health, safety and academic success of every Baltimore County student.”

The event begins at 6:00 p.m. with a reception featuring lite fare and desserts provided by Eastern Technical High School Culinary Arts & Restaurant Management students, as well as exhibits by more than 60 organizations and associations, including various representatives from the Baltimore County Public Schools, Maryland State Department of Education, and Baltimore County government, as well as cultural arts groups, health & safety organizations and PTA Council committees.

Some exhibitors include:

AEMS :Arts Education in Maryland Alliance

Baltimore County Department of Health: Tobacco Use and Prevention

MedChi (Coalition for skin cancer prevention in Maryland)

Maryland Health Schools Coalition

SPEAK (Suicide Prevention Education Awareness for Kids)

MADD & SADD

Missing & Exploited Children’s Association of Maryland

Council for Exceptional Children

Junior Achievement of Central Maryland.

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Following a short Baltimore County PTA meeting, Mike Gimbel, director of the office of substance abuse education and prevention services for Sheppard Pratt Health System, will deliver a short address.

Two sessions of workshops follow for elementary, middle and high school parents on school and academic topics during the first session and PTA operations and programs during the second session.

A sampling of the sessions include:

Raising Drug-Free Kids – Michael Gimbel

School Indoor Air Quality – American Lung Association of Maryland and
Teresa Streb, Health & Safety Chair, PTA Council of Baltimore County

Safe Schools – BCPS Office of Student Support Services

School Budget Process – Barbara Burnopp, BCPS Chief Financial Officer

Understanding Assessments/MSA Elementary - Beth Straus, principal, New Town
Elementary, Pat Baltzley, director, Mathematics Prek-12 and Yvonne Barhight,
Supervisor, Elementary Language Arts

Understanding Assessments/HSA – Penelope Martin, principal, Deer Park Middle
Magnet, Diane Garbarino, principal, Owings Mills High, John Staley, coordinator,
Secondary Mathematics, Debbie Vickers, supervisor, Secondary English

PTA Advocacy/Legislation – Corinne Patt, VP of Legislation, Maryland PTA & Peg
Waters, federal legislation liaison, National PTA

The ABC's of PTA Operations – panel of officers, PTA Council of Baltimore County

Membership – Rita Lowman, VP of Leadership, Maryland PTA

Reflections – Diana Flynn, cultural arts chair, PTA Council of Baltimore County

Parent Involvement- Sam Macer, parent & family involvement chair, PTA Council of
Baltimore County

The cost per person is \$10. Advance registration is preferred via email at
bylaws@bcptacouncil.org.

The Baltimore County PTA Council is a key link between local PTAs and the Maryland and National PTAs. It was organized in 1950 under the authority of the Maryland PTA for the purpose of conference, leadership training and coordination of the efforts of local PTAs within Baltimore County. The PTA Council, which celebrated its 55th anniversary last October, serves more than 45,000 members in 158 local PTAs.

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Linda.Esterson@verizon.net with your intention to attend. Thank you.**

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