

Baltimore County Council

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PTA Council of Baltimore County, Inc.

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www.bcptacouncil.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Maryland PTA: www.mdpta.org
National PTA: www.pta.org

The Maryland General Assembly is now in session. Many decisions made will impact the health, education, and well-being of our children. Maryland PTA and the Baltimore County PTA Council, which, at their cores are child advocacy organizations, will monitor legislation affecting children and public schools. Every year Maryland PTA has a Legislative Agenda. The 2017 agenda will soon be available via this link: http://www.mdpta.org/bridge_legislation.html

We'll also keep you informed about important legislation impacting our school system via our Constant Contact messages.

Emory Young ~ president@bcptacouncil.org 410-935-8927

PTA COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017

Cockeysville Middle School
Doors open at 7pm
Meeting and program 7:30 to 9pm

Free and open to the public. This event will be canceled if schools are closed.

PTAs which have paid this year's Council dues will be mailed 4 Voting Delegate Cards in mid-January. Cards entitle delegates to vote during the business portion of the meeting. Each card, signed by the local PTA president and the delegate, must be presented

***at registration with a valid 2016-17
PTA Membership Card from the same PTA.***

If you don't receive your cards, please contact Secretary Georgie Clevenger at: 410-363-6975 or secretary@bcptacouncil.org

Our Nominating Committee is seeking ...

PTA leaders to fill various board and committee positions. If you're interested in serving or know of an excellent candidate, please contact

**Nominating Committee Chair Frances Craig
at nominationne@bcptacouncil.org**

More voices help advocate for our students!

BCPS Annual Online Stakeholder Survey 2017 Available January 30th to March 3rd!

BCPS uses survey data to guide school improvement, staff training, office safety, and staff organization. Students in Grades 4-12, parents, community members, and staff may take the brief, anonymous survey at www.bcps.org (available in 16 languages).

If you are a BCPS parent and employee, or if you have children in more than one school, you can take the survey more than once to reflect these experiences.

PTA Council 2016-17 Calendar***Board of Directors' Meetings***

**Thursdays @ 7:30pm, Building E,
6901 Charles St.**

**January 5 ~ February 2 ~ March 2 ~ April 6
May 11 ~ June 1 ~ all meetings open to public**

General Meetings and Events

*PTAs in good standing
receive 4 voting delegate cards in advance
(PTA membership card needed to register)*

**January 26, 2017: Meeting & Program, 7pm,
Cockeysville MS**

**March 19, 2017: Reflections Ceremony, 2pm,
Cockeysville MS**

**March 30, 2017: Meeting & Program, 7pm, Loch
Raven HS**

**April 20, 2017: Meeting & Council Awards, 7pm,
Cockeysville MS**

June 8, 2017: Council Leadership Training, 7pm

**PTA COUNCIL
"OFFICE"****Mailing address:**

Cockeysville Middle School
10401 Greenside Drive
Cockeysville, MD, 21030

Interschool mail: indicate "Attn: PTA Council,
Cockeysville MS"

President: Emory Young president@bcptacouncil.org

Secretary: Georgie Clevenger secretary@bcptacouncil.org

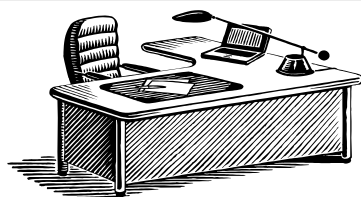
Treasurer: John Ryan treasurer@bcptacouncil.org

Committee Chairs: contact information on website

Website: www.bcptacouncil.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BCPTAC>

Twitter: Follow @BCPTA

**PTA/PTSA Leader's Calendar****JANUARY**

- Pay MD PTA and National PTA membership dues monthly
- Review Council Awards packet
- Review bylaws to determine date and process for selection of local PTA Nominating Committee
- Look for MD Personal Property Tax Return in the mail
- Attend PTA Council General Meeting, 1/26, Cockeysville MS, 7pm

FEBRUARY

- Pay MD PTA and National PTA membership dues
- Review Council Awards packet
- Federal 990 form due if extension was filed in November

PTA COUNCIL AWARDS

We will honor the people and programs that make local PTAs shine at our **annual Awards Celebration on Thursday, April 20, 2017.**

PTAs having paid Council dues can submit nomination forms, which will be sent soon or can be downloaded from our website:

<http://www.bcptacouncil.org/awards/top-program-awards/>

Available Awards: *Unit of Excellence Award; Special Recognition Award; Top Program Awards; Outstanding Educator of the Year*

All PTAs are encouraged to recognize their hardworking volunteers and educators and showcase their PTA programs that improve the lives of children in Baltimore County.

NOMINATIONS DUE MARCH 30th!

**For additional information, email
awards@bcptacouncil.org**

**The Maryland Department of the Environment
2017 Environmental Science Student Award and Internship Program**

High school juniors and seniors demonstrating leadership and participation in environmental projects in school or their community (recycling drives, school beautification projects, stream or litter cleanups, etc.) are encouraged to apply. Grand prize winner receives paid internship during summer 2017 (approximately valued at \$3,000); second-place winner receives \$500; third-place winner receives \$250.

Deadline for nominations is April 3, 2017; winners will be notified by April 30. Application forms and instructions are available on the Department's website and may be submitted by email to Nadine.Hailey@maryland.gov or by mail to: Maryland Department of the Environment, Office of Human Resources, 1800 Washington Boulevard, 5th Floor, Baltimore MD 21230, Attention: Nadine Hailey.

<http://www.mde.state.md.us/programs/Marylander/Pages/ESAward.aspx>

Baltimore County Health Department, Bureau of Behavioral Health

Prevention Partners Community Grant 2017

Grants provide support to groups conducting alcohol and drug-use prevention activities in their communities. Funding requests may range between \$500 and \$2,500.

<http://resources.baltimorecountymd.gov/Documents/Health/preventiongrantapp2016.pdf>
or contact Rhondalyn Gross 410-887-3828 rgross@baltimorecountymd.gov

National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week, January 23 to 29

<https://teens.drugabuse.gov/national-drug-alcohol-facts-week>

FACT: Every day, 2,500 teenagers nationwide use a prescription drug to get high for the first time.

Who's in Your Medicine Cabinet? Don't let your loved one be a victim!

Safely dispose of unused and expired medications 24 hours/day, 7 days/week, 365 days/year at any Baltimore County Police precinct drug dropbox. Call 410-887-3828 for details.

- ⇒ Prescription medication should not be stored in a medicine cabinet.
- ⇒ Don't leave prescription medications out in the open where children or pets could accidentally ingest them.
- ⇒ Use a secure lock box. They can be purchased online, at some pharmacies and department stores.
- ⇒ Use the trash. Take medication out of original container and pour into a sealable plastic bag. Crush and add water to dissolve. Mix with coffee grounds, cat litter, or sawdust. Seal bag and place in trash.

OTHER COUNTY NEWS: FREE SPAY AND NEUTER CLINICS

Baltimore County residents may qualify for a free spay/neuter program.
Visit www.baltimorecountymd.gov/spayneuter for more information or call 410.887.2938